

NEW ROOSEVELT PLAN HITS SNAG

Congress Has Its Own Ideas Concerning Reorganization

(Special to The Press-Maconian)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—President Roosevelt's second term began last Wednesday, January 20. He has come through the strain of his first term in better shape than even his friends believed possible, yet the heavy duties have worn him perceptibly and, as he stated himself in his appeal to Congress to authorize the enlargement of the Executive staff, "the President cannot adequately handle his responsibilities; he is overworked, it is humanly impossible for him to carry out his duty as Chief Executive because he is overwhelmed with minor details and needless contacts arising directly from the bad organization and equipment of the Government."

The plan of reorganization which the President's committee drew up and which he has urged upon Congress would give the Chief Executive a lot of additional help. There would be six assistants directly attached to the White House staff in addition to the secretaries now provided. As the Committee suggested, these should be men whose job would be to keep in touch with every administrative department and make recommendations to the President on administrative methods and personnel.

The plan calls for the addition of two Cabinet departments, Social Welfare and Public Works, and changing the name of the Department of the Interior to Department of Conservation. The hundred or more independent agencies, administrations, authorities, boards and commissions would be distributed among the twelve major departments.

An important part of the President's plan is to abolish the present Civil Service Commission and instead provide a single personnel officer or Civil Service Administrator with an unpaid advisory board of six public-spirited citizens, to assist in placing every Government position not concerned with the shaping of policies in the irremovable classified service.

The President's reorganization plan ran head-on into Congress' own ideas about reorganization, as soon as it was submitted. Senator Harry Byrd of Virginia is chairman of a committee which has had its own experts at work for nearly a year, and which has different ideas as to what needs to be done.

The boys on Capitol Hill, much as they would like to go along with the President, don't like a number of things about his plan. In the first place, they say, it would tend to concentrate too much power in the Executive, which is not the idea of Congress at all.

Moreover, the President's plan would abolish the position of Comptroller-General, which was created by Congress as a check upon Executive spending. And one thing the boys on the Hill, decidedly disapprove is the idea of sewing up all the government jobs so tight that a Congressman or a Senator can't even get a postmaster appointed.

The President was entirely frank in pointing out that his plan of reorganization considered efficiency first and economy only secondarily. Senator Byrd and a few others are equally frank in saying that it is time to think about economy. They will bring forward reorganization plans of their own.

No Effort Made to Influence Legislation

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tion that, either from articles published in your paper or from reports circulated in Macon county, some of the people of the county being led to believe that I, together with George B. Patton, county attorney for Macon county, made a trip to Raleigh to attempt to block or to promote certain legislation proposed by Representative R. A. Patton.

"The trip was made for the sole purpose of having a meeting with representatives of the parties who own the bonds of Macon county, in order that some settlement might be reached. We met with the rep-

representatives of the bondholders and finally reached a tentative agreement, which, if it goes through, will save the people of Macon county many thousands of dollars. I want it distinctly understood that this was our only business in Raleigh and that we had no axes to grind towards assisting or damaging any individual. We were then, and are now, interested only in the welfare of the citizens and taxpayers of Macon county.

"I am quite sure that what I have said above can be borne out by communicating either with Representative R. A. Patton or with Senator Kelly E. Bennett."

Franklin Troop To Observe Scout Week

Plans for observance of National Scout Week, February 1 to 7, by the Franklin Boy Scout troop were announced Wednesday by J. L. Hauser, scout master.

During the week, a display of scout craft will be exhibited in a show window of E. K. Cunningham and Company's store on Main street.

On Sunday, Feb. 7, a special service, to be attended by the scout troop in a body, will be conducted at the Franklin Methodist church by the Rev. Frank Bloxham, Episcopal minister and formerly scout master here. The public is invited to attend.

Friday night, February 5, will be parent night and the scouts will entertain their fathers and mothers at a banquet in the legion hall at 7:30 o'clock.

Protest Filed On Patton Bill

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the interest of the county at heart, and they have requested as you already know by telegram that action be taken to oppose this bill. The amount of 45 cents per day is an unreasonable sum as anyone would know, and it would be impossible for the county to operate a jail on this amount, which would necessitate keeping our prisoners in another county at considerable expense.

"For your information we might add that for the year 1936, the jail fees including turnkey fee was \$1,005.28, at the rate of 75 cents per day for each prisoner. This rate was set by the county commissioners.

"We, earnestly request that you do everything in your power to stop the passing of this bill, as we believe that it was not introduced for the purpose of benefiting the county, but for a personal feeling that Patton has against the present jailor. We also, feel that the passing of a law or laws should be on a higher plane than to gratify the personal spite of the representative who introduces it."

FORECLOSURE POSTPONE-MENT MEASURE RATIFIED

Representative Patton's bill to postpone foreclosure suits on tax sale certificates in Macon county for 90 days was ratified by the senate Friday and now is effective. Besides postponing foreclosure actions, the measure also directs that "no further payment shall be made x x x of any sheriff's fees, lawyer's fees, advertising or other expense in connection with the foreclosure of said tax sale certificates during 90 day period."

SOCIAL SECURITY TO COST MACON \$16,524

Macon county's share of the cost of maintaining social security in North Carolina would amount to \$16,524 a year, according to estimates of the state Emergency Relief Administration based on an administration bill submitted to the legislature Monday night. Under terms of this measure, the counties would be called upon to pay one-fourth of the cost of pensions to needy persons over 65 years of age and one-third of the cost of aid to dependent children. The state would pay a fourth of the old-age pension expenses, the federal government half. The state and the federal government would share alike with the counties, one-third, the cost of children's benefit.

BETTERMENT GROUP TO MEET

A meeting of the North Macon Betterment Association has been called for 7:30 Saturday night, at Cowee school. Plans for obtaining a bridge across Jenkin's Creek, other important road matters, and school problems are to be discussed, it was announced.

MACON PASSES RELIEF QUOTA

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gan \$39.75, collected by Miss Nannie Roper.

From Highlands came reports of contributions totaling \$55.

Donations ranging from 25 cents to \$3.82 were made by the primary grades of the Franklin school, totaling \$13.32.

The largest individual contribution, one of \$25, was from Lt. Robert Neumiller of CCC Camp N. C. F-20 at West's Mill. Five-dollar contributions were reported from R. I. Snyder, Macon County Supply company, Mrs. Katherine O'Neil, M. L. Dowdle and company, G. A. Brown, Scott Griffin Hotel, Sheriff A. B. Slagle, A. W. Agee, Dr. T. J. O'Neil, J. E. Perry, Ray Swanson, and the WPA crew and Frank Leach.

An incomplete list of other contributors follows:

Eloise Hopkins, Miss Mary Allman, M. B. Lee, Hardy Crook, Hayne A. Arthur, Gladys Sellers, Jack Wyman, R. W. Welch, Mrs. L. T. Sloan, Irene Sloan, C. T. Blaine, Broadus Pendergrass, Miss Mary Chriesman, David F. Herring, Miss Jennie Gilliam, Mrs. J. C. Wright, Miss Lassie Kelly, John B. Henry, Floyd Welch, Mrs. J. A. Flanagan, A. L. Leach, Charlie Rogers, Lon Dalton, Grover Jamison, Moses Blumenthal, Miss Sophie Albert, John Moore, Franklin Terrace, Mrs. Eloise Franks, Annie L. Baine, Ben McCollum, Mrs. Ben McCollum, Fred Montony, Dr. F. T. Smith, J. S. Conley, Rufus Snyder, Joe Ashear, Mrs. J. S. Conley, Dr. H. T. Horsley, Jesse Tessier, Alf Higdon, J. B. Lee, Charlie Russell, Rev. W. B. Underwood, Zeb Conley, Franklin Hardware Co., Emory Hunnicutt, R. C. Tillory, Mrs. Miza Crawford, C. L. Cartledge, Jimmie Houser, S. H. Lyle, Troy Horn, Ralph Womack, M. L. Dowdle, M. D. Billings, Mrs. Fred Sloan, Dr. J. H. Fouts, Jack Sanders, Roy Mashburn, Paul Kirk, Fred Gillespie, C. G. Moore, Fred Grant, Joe Dowdle, Bill Horsley, J. R. Bradley, Ralph West, O. G. Carpenter, Mrs. Barrington, Macon Theatre, Roy Cunningham, E. K. Cunningham Co., Mrs. Tessier, Mrs. Hayes Snyder, Jeff Brooks, J. S. Mitchell, J. J. Edwards, Lester Conley, Mrs. Geo. Anderson, Mrs. D. E. Bryant, R. S. Jones, Sam Mendenhall, John Archer, Jack Bruce, C. E. McFalls, Mrs. D. W. Blaine, Mrs. Fred Palmer, Mabel Parker, Mrs. H. O. Cozad, Margaret Cozad, G. A. Jones, Jim Brookshire, Mrs. John Fox, R. G. Carter, Henry D. West, Clint Burrell, Geo. Johnston, Harley Cabe, S. H. Lyle, Franklin Terrace, Carl Tisinger, J. E. Jennings, Pope Ellard, Mr. W. H. Graybeal, O. C. Corbin, Frank Ray, Amy Harrison, Sam Alexander, Lydia B. Carpenter, Mrs. C. L. Houk, Elizabeth Vinson, Mabyrl Moody, Mrs. C. F. Moody, G. L. Houk, Bettie Horsley, Howard Horsley, Mrs. Geo. Dean, The Franklin Press, J. E. Potts.

LEGION OFFERS FLOOD RELIEF

Emergency Squad Ready To Accept Call To Stricken Area

The Macon county post of the American Legion organized this week to raise funds for the relief of flood victims in the Ohio and Mississippi valleys and through its commander, Boise Hall, offered to send a fully equipped emergency relief squad of a dozen men to the stricken area.

Mr. Hall said a number of legionnaires had volunteered to go into the flood zone if their services are needed. A squad, including two or three doctors, he added, could be dispatched from Franklin on short notice.

To assist the Red Cross in collecting flood relief funds, Mr. Hall appointed a committee consisting of:

C. T. Bryson, chairman; Miss Lassie Kelly, J. Frank Ray, and A. R. Higdon, Franklin township; W. R. Waldrop, Cartoogechaye township; Harley Carnes, Burningtown township; Frank Leach, Smithbridge township; and Adolph Zoellner, Highlands township.

BRUCE BARTON SAYS



LET'S HAVE HUMOR, PLEASE

I once had some correspondence with the alumnae secretary of a woman's college, an estimable lady seeking to raise more money for her institution, which it well deserves.

Our letters developed quite an interesting exchange of ideas on education, until I made the mistake of sending this comment:

"I am a believer in women's colleges, and I think they receive much less than their rightful share of legacies and gifts. But I sometimes think they have pushed their scholastic standards too high, and are applying them too rigorously. Two of the most successful and attractive middle aged women of my acquaintance are college graduates. Yet, if the present standards had been in force in their day, both of them would have been thrown out of college at the end of their first semester. They were poor students, but they are great women."

I added rather facetiously: "After all, a majority of college girls are going to enter the profession of matrimony. My idea of a college program would be to teach them to look after their health, cultivate their sense of humor, and then add whatever amount of book learning they could absorb without spoiling their good looks."

This stopped the correspondence. The lady regarded me as lacking in seriousness, and wrote to me no more.

Yet I have the temerity to publish the comment, and to add this firm conviction: that the world does not need more knowledge as much as it needs more humor.

Do you remember the famous session of the Cabinet of which Abraham Lincoln presented the Emancipation Proclamation? He preceded it by reading one of the humorous essays of Artemus Ward. He laughed until the tears came and then, looking around at his associates and finding them all solemn, he exclaimed:

"Gentlemen, why don't you laugh? With the fearful strain that is upon me night and day if I did not laugh I should die; and you need this medicine as much as I."

BUSINESS HAS NO GRUMBLE

I was lunching with a group of high executives, and the discussion turned to economic problems. Presently out came the usual line—"Congress is a bunch of idiots. How can we hope for any sensible program when our laws are made by such men?"

I was annoyed. All my business

life I have listened to that sort of talk. I have known a good many Senators and Congressmen. My judgment is that they are fairly representative of the nation, neither better nor worse than the rest of us. They do not originate very much in the matter of national policy and legislation. They merely record in laws the sentiment that grows up around them. They respond to public opinion.

And what does Big Business do to create and guide an intelligent public opinion? Practically nothing. Big bankers and corporation officials regard this a policy of "dignified silence." As a matter of fact, it is laziness and cowardice.

Ours is a democracy. For a generation or more we have been luring our best brains into business.

The time is coming when those best brains must render some more positive service in the formation of a sound public opinion. It is not enough just to sit back and grumble about Congress.

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Births

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Alexander announce the birth of a daughter in Angel hospital, Wednesday night. It was reported that both mother and daughter are doing nicely. Mrs. Alexander, before her marriage, was Miss Ida Moore.

Classified Advertisements

WANTED—Clean, light cotton rags. Will pay five cents per pound. THE FRANKLIN PRESS

FOR SALE—Buick sedan in excellent condition—\$60.00 for quick sale.—N. Pennington, East Franklin.

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RELIABLE MAN WANTED to call on farmers in Macon County. Make up to \$12 a day. Write McNESS Co., Dept. B, Freeport, Illinois. Itp—J28

FOR SALE—Blood tested, pure bred Rhode Island Red young hens and cockerels.—Mrs. J. C. Barrington, Franklin, N. C. Itp

FOUND—Wedding ring. Owner may have same by describing and paying for this ad.—Cleobelle Moore, Box 414, Franklin, N. C. Itp

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