

WASHINGTON NAVY RECRUITING OFFICE MOVED NEW LOCATION

The Navy Recruiting office of Washington, D. C., which is the recruiting office for Duplin, Sampson, Pender, Bladen, Columbus, Brunswick, and New Hanover counties, will be established in its new quarters in Room 210 Post Office Building, Wilmington, N. C., after July 26, 1937. All who are interested in contacting the Navy recruiter should write or apply at that address.

A NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR A REAL NATIONAL NEED

Of all the legislation before the Congress it would not be extravagant to say that none of it is so national in character nor as widely endorsed as the Wagner-Steagall Low-Rent Housing Bill. Congress has been busy with various phases of the farmer's problem, the problems of labor, and other social legislation, but, after all, such legislation while of national importance, is of particular concern to those engaged in agriculture or in industry.

The Wagner-Steagall Low-Rent Housing Bill, however, looks to the improvement of living conditions for both urban and rural citizens.

The slums of the industrial cities are obvious. They lend themselves conveniently to dramatization and visualization. But the bad housing in rural areas is scattered over the length and breadth of America. Much of it is off the main travelled highway on "back" or farm roads. The wretched hovels of company towns often are marked from the traveler's view by woods and beautiful scenery.

If but little has been said, seen, and done about rural housing, it is not through lack of sympathy on the part of urban dwellers and legislators; it was rather because of a lack of knowledge of the extent of the situation. Fortunately, the experienced municipal housing executives who drew up the Wagner-Steagall Bill, were aware of the fact that all of the one-third of the American people, whom the President described as "ill-housed" did not live in cities. These men and women knew their America. They wrote into the Wagner-Steagall Bill provisions which make it possible to attack and remedy bad rural housing as well as city slums.

The opening paragraph of the Wagner-Steagall Housing Bill reads: "There exist in urban and rural communities throughout the United States slums, blighted areas, or unsafe, unsanitary, or overcrowded dwellings."

Thus the sixth word of the proposed Bill recognizes rural need and from that point on bad rural housing and its remedy are never overlooked. Further on in the same section bad housing conditions "inimical to the general welfare of the nation" are referred to as "impairing industrial and agricultural productive efficiency."

Section 2 of the Wagner-Steagall Bill further elaborates the subject of rural housing: "The term 'consumers housing society' means any association, cooperative or corporate body, either urban or rural organized solely to promote and administer low-rent housing, whose members are persons of low income in need of such housing or apply at that address."

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Rev. F. L. GOODMAN
God Leads His People
August 1, 1937
Read Exodus Ch. 13-14

Every thing has been going fine until the Israelites look back and see the army of Egypt closing in on them. Do they know God? No, they begin to murmur and long for the graves of Egypt. Does Pharaoh know God? No, he still thinks that God is unable to lead the people out and overcome him.

But listen at Moses. "Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord." The mighty hand of God led Israel across on dry land by driving back the waters for a path. On the other side they turn and look back, having been saved, but they see the Egyptians coming across too so they begin to lose faith again. Pharaoh is still saying, "I am greater than your God." In the midst of the sea, the chariots broke down. God allowed the waters to return and the host of Pharaoh was drowned.

Egypt now recognizes that there is One greater than Pharaoh and that He is God. Israel now believes in God, and in His servant Moses, and we see them as they gather on the other shore and sing the songs of victory thru their God.

This is just an outline of these two chapters. Work out in detail for your own good. As you follow the history of Israel you will often wonder why it was so hard for them to have trust in God. Now ask yourself, "Is my trust in God beyond a waver?"

Note again Exodus 14:13. "Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord—for the Lord shall fight for you." Don't expect God to do it all, but realize that when you try, God is fighting with you.

Wells to Speak at Hallsville

Robert C. Wells young attorney of Kenansville will be the guest speaker at the meeting of the men at Hallsville Presbyterian church next Sunday night at 8:00.

CHOCOLATE

Mrs. H. D. Maxwell was a Kenansville visitor Monday. James Southerland and Rodney Harper went to Atlantic Beach Sunday. Robert Grady, editor of The Duplin Times is off on his vacation this week, and Hugh Maxwell is working in the office.

Several of the ladies from Chocolate attended the O. E. S. meeting in Kenansville Tuesday night.

Mrs. J. D. Williamson and sister, Mrs. Mabel Holt, Mrs. J. F. Williamson and children of Pink Hill visited at W. R. Goodings and at Maxwell's Mill Saturday afternoon.

Among those visiting in the home of R. G. Maxwell and also, G. M. Maxwell Sunday afternoon were Miss Celia Maxwell and Pink Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Maxwell gave a weiner roast at Maxwell's Mill Saturday night, honoring their twin daughters, Rose and Violet on the occasion of their 13th birthdays. Roasted weiners, marshmallows and iced tea was served. Those present were J. A. Worley, Linda and Betty Edwards, Catherine Jones, Martha Belle Smith, Wanda Tyndall, Sammie Maxwell, Emleigh Maxwell, Graham Turner, Elbert Smith, Ashley Hill Aldridge, Mamie Ruth and Marie Smith, S. D. Turner, Coolidge and Virginia Turner, Jessie Frederic Stanley and brothers, Norman, Herman and Fletcher Stanley, Mrs. W. E. Gooding, Victoria Gooding, J. B. and J. T. Southerland, Martel Herring and sisters, Mary Virginia and Francis Herring. After all had enjoyed the weiners and other good eats they were invited up to the recreation hall, where they all enjoyed numerous games until 12 o'clock. The honorees received many nice and useful presents.

Adolph Patterson and wife and Miss Lillian Albertson and John Wm. Gooding attended the show at Kinston Saturday night.

H. D. Maxwell, Sr., made a business trip to Kinston Monday. The Grady-Outlaw Rounaion will be held at Outlaw's school house near the home of R. G. Maxwell on the last Friday in August. A large crowd is expected.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Smith, John Wm. Gooding and Miss Lillian Albertson went to Wallace and Rose Hill Sunday.

Mrs. H. D. Maxwell and children, Hugh, Rose and Violet, and Misses Wanda Tyndall and Victoria Gooding attended the show at Kinston Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Victoria Gooding is very feeble, gradually grows weaker.

Joe C. Maxwell celebrated his 84th birthday Sunday, July 18th. He had for his dinner guests, his

PIN HOOK

M. H. Henderson is seriously ill. The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Pierce died in the Baby Hospital at Wrightsville Beach Sunday morning.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Henderson is very ill. Linton Henderson made a business trip to Kinston, Monday.

Tobacco is keeping the farmers busy now, but the rush will soon be over.

IN WASHINGTON

WHAT IS TAKING PLACE BY
First A. Reynolds
UNITED STATES SENATOR

The legislative decks of Congress are being cleared for action. Speedy consideration will be given to important measures already in the Congressional hopper, many having already undergone the scrutiny of committees. Adjournment of what has been one of the three longest sessions of the last fifteen years may come as early as August 15, or it may be prolonged until September 1. Events of the next few days will have a bearing on the adjournment date.

Of the pending measures, two are of prime importance to North Carolina—the wage and hour bill and farm legislation. The former may vitally affect the working conditions of countless hundreds of industrial workers in the state and any new farm bill will, of course, exercise an influence on the income of the agricultural population.

WAGE AND HOUR BILL—As a result of careful consideration on the part of the Senate Committee on Education and Labor, the wage and hour bill to be given early attention, provides only basic standards for maximum hours, minimum wages and child labor. The administering board would be given some powers of adjustment, based on forty cents an hour and forty hours a week. Many highly controversial features of the bill, particularly as regards separate wage and hour standards in absence of union agreements are favorable to workers, have been eliminated. Of extreme importance to the South is the regional differentials in minimum wages permitted in the revised bill. The measure would apply to all establishments whose goods enter into interstate commerce or compete, in a substantial way, with goods moving into interstate commerce, regardless of the number of employees. Obviously, the great tobacco, cotton and rayon manufacturing plants in the state would be affected. And these plants and their employees may rest assured that members of Congress from the South are alive to the influence the wage and hour bill may have on the Southern states and are ready to see that the rights of all are safeguarded.

FARM LEGISLATION—The situation as regards new and much-needed farm legislation blows hot and cold. One day it looks as if the Congress will speedily enact new farm legislation before adjournment. The outlook for a heavy cotton surplus is a source of concern. On other days the outlook for immediate action is not encouraging.

In other words, there are two schools of thought on the subject. One favors quick steps to aid the farmers and to prepare for any emergency now while crops are good and prices are high. The other school of thought is opposed to temporary expedients and hurriedly drafted laws. It includes many Congressional veterans and leans toward the idea of extensive regional hearings to get at the roots of the problem on a permanent basis. There is some merit to this plan, when it is considered that steps must be taken to meet conditions ahead that can only be seen dimly now.

Reconciliation between many conflicting attitudes and ideas and attempts to solve the farm problem on the basis of economics and not politics are essential to an improvement of the status of agriculture and those who till the soil.

GUM BRANCH

Miss Irene Kennedy spent Saturday night with Miss Inez Houston.

Coy Sumner was the guest of Miss Effie Hall Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Kennedy and children spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. John Houston.

C. B. Kennedy and family visited Noah Kennedy Sunday afternoon.

Misses Hazel and Emeline Kennedy were the guests of Miss Dorothy Lee Sunday afternoon.

Misses Gertrude and Ruth Heath, Miss Irene Kennedy were the guests of Miss Inez and Ernie Houston Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Houston, Mr. and Mrs. John Lee and children, spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Phil Chesmore.

Rev. R. C. Kennedy will hold services at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Whaley Friday night. Everyone is invited to come.

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