

# THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

Washington, Sept. 14.—Even when Congress is not in session many of its members are busy on official business. That applies particularly to members of committees and sub-committees engaged in investigations and the preparation of legislative measures for the next session of Congress.

One of the most interesting and unusual of these between-session investigations is that being con-

ducted in New Hampshire by Representatives Better and Wadsworth of New York, to find out what became of 34 ballots which were cast at the 1936 election for Congressman in the first New Hampshire District.

This is part of an effort to decide the first "dead heat" Congressional election in 110 years. Republican candidate Arthur B. Jenks and Democratic candidate Alphonse Roy were each credited with exactly the same number of votes, 51,679, on the original count. A recount was held, and Mr. Jenks was credited with 10 additional votes. He took his seat in Congress, but his right to it has been challenged by Mr. Better, who claims that 34 legitimate ballots cast for him were either lost or stolen while the recount was in progress.

The committee of two is taking the testimony of election officials and other witnesses to find out, if they can, where those 34 ballots went. On their report will depend whether Mr. Jenks retains his seat in Congress or whether Mr. Roy takes his place.

**Change in Cabinet Hinted**  
When the President agreed to a continuance of Federal loans on the cotton crop in exchange for a

promise by Congress that it would give early consideration at the next session to a new plan for Federal crop control, he gave all of the members of Congress, especially those from predominantly agricultural districts, work to do over the recess. What members want to know is how much and what kind of crop control their farmer constituents want or will stand for, if any.

Nobody knows exactly what the President has in mind, but well-informed Washington observers say that he no longer sees eye to eye with his Secretary of Agriculture on this subject. Mr. Wallace is said to be shying away from any new plunge into rigid production control.

The President wants to start where the AAA left off, with even more control. The rumor is that a serious rift has developed between the President and Mr. Wallace, who has been away from Washington most of the summer, and a cabinet change is hinted at.

Meantime the International Institute of Agriculture, in its annual meeting at its headquarters in Rome, has gone on record as opposing any artificial crop control, such as is practiced, it points out, in the totalitarian states of

Russia, Germany and Italy, and in the United States.

The welfare of the world depends upon increased production and more efficient distribution in order that the economic needs of all people shall be supplied, says the Institute.

**Edward F. McGrady Resigns**  
The resignation of Edward F. McGrady from the post of Assistant Secretary of Labor to become the counselor on labor relations of a big industrial corporation is regarded here with regret that the Administration has lost the services of one of its ablest harmonizers in the troubled field with which the Labor Department is concerned.

Mr. McGrady has been the "stabilizer" of the department in the difficulties arising from the activity of the C. I. O., and is credited with having brought Secretary Perkins around to a more impartial point of view on strike tactics than she held when she expressed the opinion that sit-down strikes were not illegal.

The Resettlement Administration, the pet project of Prof. Rex Tugwell for putting people back on the land, has gone out of existence. In its place has been set up the Farm Security Administration, under the Secretary of Agriculture, which will carry the Resettlement Administration's projects on the completion but will launch no more.

The new board will administer the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenancy Act, with the same personnel which has been engaged in resettlement work. The big job ahead of them includes, besides financing tenant farmers to become farm owners, a wide program of land utilization and conservation.

**International Situation Tense**  
Secretary of State Hull, according to Washington gossip, is bitterly disappointed that his dream of bringing the world back to sanity under the leadership of the United States, by means of reciprocal treaties to restore the free flow of trade, has had no effect in preventing the occurrence of one international crisis after another.

The far from peaceful international situation is giving the Administration much more serious concern than appears on the surface of official pronouncements. Memories hark back to the administration of Woodrow Wilson, under whom President Roosevelt served as Assistant Secretary of the Navy. Mr. Wilson had started a New Deal of his own.

He was driving ahead to broad reforms when the World War came along, halting his program at once, because the economic upheaval was felt in America for nearly three years before we got into the war. The world today is again on the brink of serious trouble. Whether this country becomes involved or not, any outbreak of general warfare, either in Europe or the Far East, would seriously affect American business and industry and reduce the public's receptivity to programs of reform.

War involving Japan to the extent of impairing her ability to buy American goods would cost us the sale of \$100,000,000 of cotton and about \$250,000,000 of other goods.

That is what is worrying the Administration.

## BURCH

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sneed and son, J. M., Jr., of Winston-Salem, and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sneed and son, Rufus Allen, enjoyed a picnic Sunday at Stuart, Virginia.

Miss Irene Handy of North Wilkesboro spent the week-end here with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Wilmoth, Miss Emma and Dick Woodruff spent Sunday near Mount Airy, visiting relatives and friends.

Roy Chappell returned to Charleston, S. C., Sunday following a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Chappell.

Mrs. Emmaline Cockerham is ill at her home, her many friends will regret to know.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Key of State Road spent the week-end at Fairview, the guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Gentry.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Layne and family of North Elkin and Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Layne and Miss Bessie Dodson of Burch, attended the state singing convention in Greensboro Sunday.

Miss Maude Anthony is spending this week at Pleasant Hill, the guest of her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Lyons and little daughter of Glade Valley, are spending several days the guests of Mrs. Lyon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glimmer Corder.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Carter and daughter and son, Florence and Judge, spent Sunday at State Road, with Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Gentry.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Sebastian of High Point announce the marriage of their daughter, Hazel, to Mr. C. Virgil Yow, Sunday, Sep-

tember 5. Miss Sebastian formerly lived here.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Greenwood of North Wilkesboro, were the guests of Mr. Greenwood's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Greenwood.

Mrs. Jim Hurt, who has been ill at her home at Boonville for sometime, is seriously ill at this time, her many friends will regret to know.

Mrs. Howard Chappell and daughter, returned Sunday from Harmony, where they visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Shore.

Little Richmond school will open Monday, September 20, with no change in the faculty. J. Lee Thompson of Dobson is principal of the school, Miss Bernice York, of East Bend, first grade; Miss Dovie Moore, second grade; Mrs. Lulá Woltz, Dobson, third grade; Miss Florence Wall, Zephyr, fourth and fifth grades, and Mr. Thompson, sixth and seventh grades. Clarence Greenwood will drive the school bus.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Hampton and J. T. Ring were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Coe at Rockford recently.

D. W. Sprinkle, Vannie Wood, Floyd Alberty, Grover Hall, C. E. Bray and A. C. Chaney, who have been spending several weeks in Canada, curing tobacco, are expected to return to their homes here the latter part of this week.

Rev. A. B. Hayes of Mountain View will fill his regular appointment at Little Richmond Baptist church Saturday evening and Sunday. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Miss Billy Mae Greenwood who has been ill for the past week is improving, her friends will be glad to know.

Miss Grace Handy has returned from Hayes, where she spent several days visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Reece and family of Union Cross spent the week-end here with Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Barber.

## Magnets

A class was studying magnetism. Teacher: "Robert, how many natural magnets are there?"

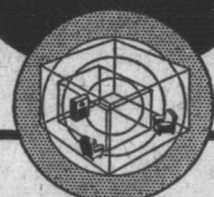
Student: "Two, sir."

Teacher (surprised): "And will you please name them?"

Student: "Blondes and brunettes, sir."

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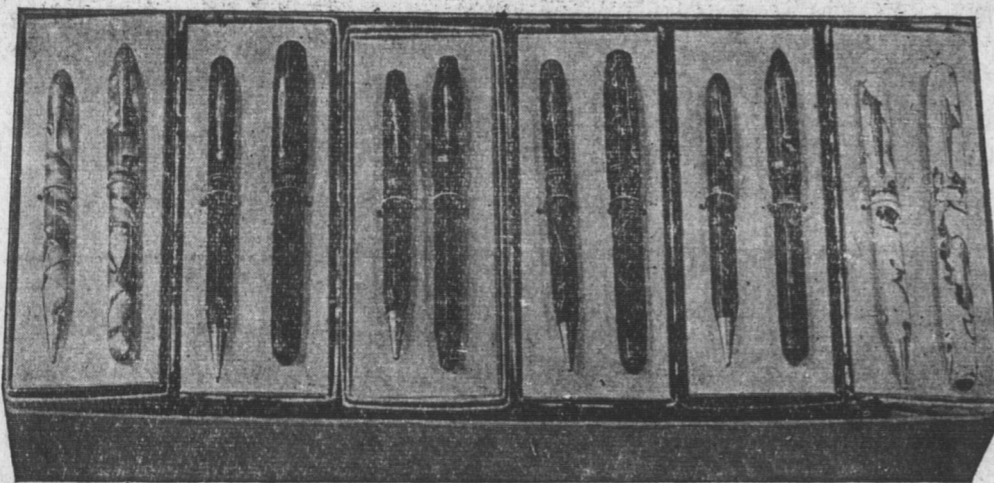
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