

This Week IN WASHINGTON

Washington, March 28—Moviegoers who saw the film "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" may have got the impression that sessions of Congress are apt to be dramatic and exciting affairs. As a matter of fact both the Senate and the House of Representatives usually put on a pretty dull show. Only once in a blue moon is there anything of emotional or dramatic interest in the debates in either House.

Senators and Members as a rule keep their tempers under pretty close control when they are out on the floor where the visitors in the galleries can see and hear them. After they adjourn, what they say to each other is something else again.

There came near to being an exhibition of fireworks when the Senate began to discuss the amendments offered by Senator Carl Hatch of New Mexico to his bill to keep Federal office holders out of politics, which became a law last year. Mr. Hatch proposed to extend the law to keep all State employees whose salaries are paid in whole or in part out of Federal funds, from taking part in any way or contributing to Federal election campaigns.

This proposal was aimed primarily at State Highway Departments, which administer highway funds provided in part by the Federal Government. In

Dept. Head



Pictured above is T. A. Redmond, foreman of Cloth Dyeing of the Chatham Manufacturing Co. Mr. Redmond has come to Elkin with his department, having been located in Winston-Salem prior to the removal of the plant to Elkin.—(Photo by C. C. Poindexter.)

many states, perhaps in most, the Highway Department has become a powerful arm of the dominant political machine.

Naturally, many Senators of both parties didn't like Mr. Hatch's new proposal. There was more sputtering and violent language heard on the Senate floor

than at any previous time this session. And when Senators gathered in the cloak room afterwards the things that some of them said to some of the others were almost unprintable.

The Democratic floor leader, Senator Barkley of Kentucky, who had backed up Senator Hatch, became so angry, when his party followers abused him, that he threatened to resign his position as the party's leader, but nobody called that bluff.

The Senate finally passed the new amendments intended to make politics pure, and tacked on another provision that nobody may legally contribute more than \$5,000 to any party campaign funds. If such a law could be enforced it would hit the resources of both parties about equally.

Dramatic Occurrence

The most dramatic occurrence in Washington lately occurred in the committee room of the Senate Military Affairs Committee. Lester P. Barlow, a well-known inventor, many of whose devices are used by the Army and Navy, explained to the Committee sitting behind closed doors the workings of a new bomb filled with a combination of liquid oxygen and carbon.

Everybody in the room was sworn to secrecy but according to Senator Nye, who said he had never seen a Senate Committee so thoroughly impressed, Inventor Barlow convinced the Senators that his new military weapon is the most devastating explosive ever devised.

The detonation of a single bomb dropped from an airplane would destroy all life and all buildings over a radius of many miles. The committee was so impressed that before it adjourned an oath of absolute secrecy was administered not only to the Senators but to the committee clerks in attendance, and the stenographers' notes of the inventor's statements were directed to be burned, to prevent a possible leak.

In another Senate committee room a dramatic episode occurred when a Negro Communist, Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., who is a graduate of Harvard Law School and an assistant editor of the Communist newspaper, The Daily Worker, delivered a fifteen minute tirade against the opponents of the anti-lynching bill. He abused Vice-President Garner and members of the Committee by name and narrowly escaped being thrown out of the Committee room physically. He was actually ordered out, with the comment

Becomes Candidate



Franklin Daniel Boone Harding, Yadkinville attorney, was named 8th District Republican candidate for Congress at a meeting of Republicans held at Lexington. Mr. Harding paid his filing fee of \$100 and is preparing to enter the fight. Mr. Harding is a son of the late Dr. T. R. Harding and Mrs. Harding. He is a graduate of Yadkinville high school and the University of North Carolina, A. B. 1925, and attended the University law school, and has practiced law in Yadkinville since 1929. He was once principal of Yadkinville high school. He is past master of Yadkin Masonic Lodge and a member of the Civitan Club; served three terms as Mayor of Yadkinville and is now prosecuting attorney of the Yadkin county criminal court. He is married and has one daughter, 3 years old; is a member of the Methodist church and teacher of the adult Sunday school class.

by Senator Van Nuys, author of the bill, that he had done his cause more harm than good.

Most Interesting Topic

Outside of Presidential politics and plans for distributing more money where it will do the most good in the Presidential campaign, the most interesting topic which members of both Houses are concerned with is the proposal to amend the National Labor Relations Act to give employers as good a break as employees now get.

The issue is pretty sharply drawn between the Conservative Democrats, cooperating with the Republicans, and the New Dealers in Congress over the recommendations for radical changes in the Labor Relations laws and the methods of their administration.

This is the one measure now pending before Congress in which the full power of the Administration is being exerted. Mr. Roosevelt's aides and followers do not want the law changed. The outcome is still uncertain.

Economy Forgotten

Congress will shortly begin to give serious attention to new plans for helping the farmers. There is every indication that all the economy talk will be forgotten and that a great many more millions than the original budget provided will be appropriated for one form or another of Farm Relief.

Secretary Wallace's new scheme of raising four hundred and eighty millions by a complicated processing tax probably will not be the answer which Congress is seeking. There is a good chance of the passage of a law to enable tenant farmers to buy their farm with money lent to them by the Government on long-term, low-interest mortgages.

STATE ROAD

Mr. Eugene Wilkerson, who was Miss Opal Buxton before her marriage Friday, was honored when Mrs. W. O. Key entertained at a miscellaneous shower at her lovely home on Tuesday evening. Games and contests were played, with prizes going to Mrs. Doyle Key and Miss Hazel Carter.

Little Miss Helen Brookshire and Master Frank Key acted as bride and groom, bringing in the presents in an improvised Easter carriage. Refreshments were served to Mesdames J. E. Mosteller, Sam Parks, Paul Phillips, Melvin Mauldin, Bill Walters, Bob Walters, Alice Hicks, W. H. Combs, T. A. Gentry, W. M. Dickerson, John Brookshire, James Irvin, Emma Walters, Doyle Key, Misses Hazel Carter, Lucille Mauldin, Helen Dickerson and Dorothy Penfield.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Brannock and children, Ruth and Kent, of Independence, Va., visited Mrs. Brannock's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Combs, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Hanes and daughter, Anne, and Miss Pauline Dickerson, of Kings Mountain, visited Mr. and Mrs.

McKinley Dickerson for Easter holidays. They were accompanied home by Miss Helen Dickerson for an indefinite visit.

Mrs. Thurmond Douglass and Mrs. Leslie Reinhardt, members of the North Elkin school faculty, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clete Jenkins and family Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Gentry and little daughter, Joycelyn, of Lynchburg, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. Noah Ray and children, Allen and Betty, of Salisbury, were Easter guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Gentry.

Miss Mary Frances Combs of Elkin high school, and Miss Peggy Walters of North Elkin school, have been chosen to represent their grades in the county spelling contest to be held at Dobson Tuesday.

Mrs. Jane Martin of State Road, route, was the week-end guest of her son, Mr. G. F. Martin and family. Misses Clete Jenkins, Juanita

Carter and Joy Darnell, students of Mountain Park high school, and members of the Glee Club, expect to go to Winston-Salem with the club Saturday to participate in the glee club contest being held in the Reynolds high school there.

W. H. Combs made a business trip to Hickory Tuesday.

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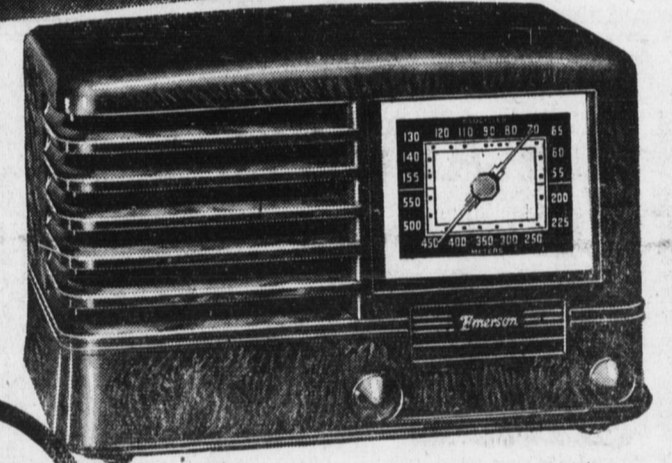
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