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ROOSEVELT SAYS BUSINESS ABUSES MUST BE HALTED

Urges Final Action On Farm Measure Before Congress

President Roosevelt, speaking Monday to Congress, said that both capital and labor should cooperate with the government in working out the welfare of the nation.

Saying "the misuse of the powers of capital" must be ended, the President gave notice that the capitalistic system might be destroyed through its own abuses.

The message, one of the longest of the administration, totaling about 4,000 words covered the whole field of major legislation for this session, as well as business policies and international affairs.

Chiefly because of national unity in ending mistakes of the past and meeting the necessities of today, we must carry on," Mr. Roosevelt said. "I do not propose to let the people down. I am sure the Congress of the United States will not let the people down."

Principally President Roosevelt asked for revival of the wage and hour bill, which was shelved during the special session; enactment of the government organization bill; final action of the "all-weather" farm bill now pending before a joint House-Senate Committee; continuation of the "none-shall-starve" relief policy; maintenance of necessary government functions unimpairing; expansion of purchasing power to a point at which taxes will produce adequate government revenue; modification of taxes without reduction of income.

For international affairs the President projected a policy of peace "in a world where stable civilization is actually threatened." "But he declared that in this day of unpendable treaty obligations "on part of others" this nation must be adequately strong in self defense."

Business practices which the President condemned were: tax avoidance through corporate and other methods, excessive capitalization, investment write-ups and security manipulations; price-rigging and collusive bidding in defiance of the spirit of the antitrust laws by methods that "baffle prosecution under the present statutes."

Mrs. W. E. Cobb Is Buried At Wilson

Wife Of Local Tobacco Warehouse Operator Dies At Nashville

Mrs. Mattie Suggs Cobb, wife of W. E. Cobb, operator of a local tobacco warehouse was buried, following funeral services at 2:30 o'clock from the Pinetops Presbyterian church with Rev. H. R. McFayden officiating.

Mrs. Cobb, whose home is in Pinetops, died at Asheville yesterday afternoon following an illness of several years' duration. She was a native of Edgecombe county.

Surviving are her husband, a son, W. E. Cobb, Jr., of Pinetops; a sister, Mrs. John L. Day of Wilson; three brothers, George T. Sugg of this city; Robert E. Sugg of Jacksonville, Fla.; and H. G. Sugg of Pinetops; a half sister, Miss Mary Little Sugg of Washington, D. C.; and a half-brother, F. L. Sugg of Pinetops.

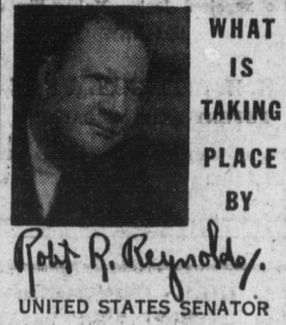
SHEEP HEREDS

The State Department of Agriculture sees an opportunity for the farmer of the state to go into the sheep raising business. Not necessarily to produce wool, but primarily to produce spring lambs. The state is well adapted to the raising of sheep, and is near the northern markets where the demand for spring lambs is fairly steady.

WAR LORD

Interviewed a few days ago by a correspondent Chiang Kai-Shek, Generalissimo of China, spoke with greatest confidence of China's ability to continue resistance to Japan. The War Lord seemed to be cheerful, and spoke of plans to put 50 or more divisions in the field by next spring. He has given up his civil rule, and is devoting his whole time to military affairs.

IN WASHINGTON



Paul R. Reynolds, UNITED STATES SENATOR

The storm signals are out for the current session of Congress. It is already evident that the legislative sailing will not be smooth. President Roosevelt has donned his "executive oilskins" and is prepared to actively and militantly direct the ship of state through its rocky Congressional voyage, a role in which he is at his best. All this means that the country can get ready for action and a strong effort to maintain the gains made during the period from the depression to the current recession in business.

Foremost on the legislative calendar will be an attempt to get at the cause of the existing recession, with its drop in sales, slump in the manufacture of automobiles and other factors leading to unemployment. Are government policies responsible? Has the undistributed profits and capital gains taxes caused the slump? Is a minority of powerful industrial and business groups carrying the opposition to Roosevelt policies too far? Answers to these and other questions will be sought early in the session.

It is, of course, too early to anticipate the Congressional course. There will no doubt be sharp clashes of opinion on the faults and virtues of what has already been done. Lines may be more sharply drawn as between supporters of the President and the so-called conservatives than at any time since 1932. But there seems to be a united determination to see that the middle classes, small business men and the in-betweeners are not pinched in the fight for the protection of the little fellow against whatever evils may exist in the monopolistic and control-at-any-price conditions.

Some of the things that now stand out may be summarized as follows: THE GOVERNMENT—Indications that unemployment is greater than has been thought, with further drop in employment if the recession is not checked, may prevent any wholesale moves for economy. The Congress will be faced with demands of citizens for economy and demands for expenditures. As the result, individual members will find it necessary to study budget recommendations, revenue yields and learn more about national needs in the light of developments within the last sixty days before becoming definitely committed to more or less spending.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY—It is apparent that the capital industries, such as steel, utilities, rails, and others, are not moving ahead as is necessary for the national good. Tax revision, clarifying of federal policies, and charting of a definite course of government action may prove helpful. In addition, it is also apparent that purchasing power is not up to price levels. This situation was feared by many when prices began to move upward at a faster rate than the income of our people.

AGRICULTURE—Much of the gains made by agriculture through higher prices for farm commodities have been offset by higher taxes, higher prices for what the farmer buys, higher prices for farm equipment and so on. Thus it is essential that the Congress act as quickly as possible to assure the farmer what he may expect ahead.

THE WAGE-EARNER—It is to be hoped that all possible will be done to bring warring labor factions together. Continued friction is certain to be harmful to the great ranks of wage earners. A greatly modified wage and hour bill may be enacted by Congress. Something must be done to raise low wage levels and break the jam now caused by low income and high living costs. Unfortunately, all these things face

CRANMER ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

Veteran Southport Jurist's Plan To Retire Has Long Been Rumored

Wilmington, Dec. 31.—Judge E. H. Cranmer of Southport, resident Superior Court judge of the eighth judicial district, today announced he will retire when his term of office expires one year from today, December 31, 1938.

Judge Cranmer will be 68 years of age next February 22. When he retires, he will have served on the bench eighteen years and ten months. State law provides that when a Superior Court judge has reached the age of 65 and has served fifteen or more years, he may retire at two-thirds pay.

Upon retirement Judge Cranmer automatically becomes an emergency judge.

In a statement announcing his long-rumored intention to retire, Judge Cranmer expressed gratitude to the people "who have permitted me to serve them so long." He declared the loss of his "always agreeable" association with lawyers in the courts over which he presides will be one of his chief regrets. He said that in all his experience he had known of only one lawyer who tried to "put over a fast one." This, he said he believed, was "an error of the head and not of the heart."

Concluding, he said, "I dislike no person on earth and I have the best of good will for everyone. I hold nothing against any human being anywhere and I have nothing to settle with any person. I hope that for the remainder of my time on the bench I will be able to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with God."

W. M. Cavin Dies Of Illness

Funeral Services For ACL Employee Was Conducted From Home Wednesday

Funeral services for W. M. Cavin, who died early Tuesday at his home here, was conducted from the home at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning. Mr. Cavin, who was 68 years old, died at 1:40 o'clock of an illness which he had suffered for seven weeks. He had been troubled by occasional poor health since last summer.

Rev. Norman Johnson, pastor of the First Baptist church, and Dr. J. W. Kincheloe, pastor of the First Baptist church conducted the ceremonies from the home at 268 Tarboro street.

Formerly a resident of Statesville, Mr. Cavin was a member of an affiliated branch of the Presbyterian church.

He had been employed in the air brake department of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad for about 35 years, until his illness last November.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lula Borst Cavin, formerly of Petersburg, Va.; a brother, Wade Cavin of Troutmans; and a sister, Miss Meta Cavin of Statesville.

Pallbearers were L. E. Hart, W. S. Holman, C. N. Blankenship, J. W. Weisiger, W. S. Johnson, Harry Andrews, Ben Mooring and E. L. Tatum.

All The Wedded Ones Were Efrids

In a double wedding at St. Martin's Lutheran church in Stanly county, during the holiday season two couples were wedded and all of them were Efrids. Maggie Lee Efrid became the bride of Luther Brooks Efrid and Edith Christine Efrid was wedded to Benjamin Guy Efrid. One of the brides was a sister to the other Efrid bridegroom.

Congress in an election year. Members will be faced with a desire to be with constituents and the call of duty in Congress. As a result, individual members will be forced to act according to their best belief of the right course, and let the chips fall where they may.

Japanese Children Dress the Part



At the children's festival in Japan many of the children who were taken to the temple were dressed as miniature generals and admirals. These youngsters were photographed at the Meiji shrine in Tokyo.

Are Our Old People Receiving Justice?

We notice from the press that Mrs. Bost has given out a statement "that it is hoped that none of the old age pensioners shall receive less than \$5 and that she thought the state average would be from \$7 to \$9."

With all the great resources and with all the bragging, a state that can spend \$250,000 for a little mere advertising publicity it would look like the state would dislike to have the above figures broadcasted throughout the country. We boast of our great farming and we boast of the great number of spindles that are being operated and yet we undertake to give our old people from \$5 to \$9 and even with this the national government is paying half. Surely some economy can and should be practiced in North Carolina by cutting out non-essentials in order that we may do more for our old people. Let us stop and consider. We know there are people going to and fro almost like hoppergrass spoken of in Governor Vanve's time and while we would hate to see a lot of these people lose their checks but we believe that more good, will come from giving it to the old people whom Mr. Roosevelt intended to receive it.

W. C. MANNING, EDITOR PASSES

We were indeed saddened to read of the death of Honorable W. C. Manning, editor and owner of the Williamston Enterprise. The state has lost one of its finest citizens and this great Eastern agricultural section one of its staunchest advocates. He spoke out always, with understanding and boldness on public questions regardless of what influences his speaking might have upon his advertising columns. He may well be characterized as "the Dean of the Editors of County News Papers of North Carolina." His paper, The Williamston Enterprise, is an institution in Martin County and is read by the entire citizenship. Besides being an able editor, he was interested in every undertaking in his church, his county, and his state that was for the upbuilding of our people.

Following is an appreciation of his character and life written by C. W. Bazemore which is not over stated and we concur fully in it.

A Gentle And Good Man Passes On

William C. Manning has passed away. Williamston, Martin County, and this State will miss this gentle, just and good man, who was known to so many people and whose life was so filled with deeds of accomplishment. Not only his native community but people far beyond the circle of folk who knew him and loved him best, were reached by the useful works of his busy years.

When a man ends this human pilgrimage and hundreds are saddened to hear of it, and the multitude—the rich and the poor and the old and the young, all come in silent tribute and deep regret to witness the final rites and homage paid to him in this life—such a man must have been a friend to many indeed. William C. Manning was such a man. He was rich in friends. He helped countless numbers of folk of both races, and of every walk of life, and he was loved and respected and esteemed by a great many people indeed.

Mr. Manning as I knew him was broad, human, gentle, just and strong. Like Mr. Greatheart in Pilgrim's Progress, he could pause to wipe away a child's tears, or stop to answer the voice of some weaker one in need, or when need should rise, he could gird himself with the strength of righteousness and fight mightily toward victory for what was just and true and good. We knew Mr. Manning for years, as counselor and good friend. He was a Christian scholar, a gentleman, an educator, a good father and husbandman, a fearless newspaper man, and a good citizen all the years of his life. Mr. Manning's enduring monument is the record of his life of usefulness and honor to his community and State. He has lived a good life and written his own epitaph in the hearts of his legions of friends.—C. W. Bazemore.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE SUITS THE PEOPLE

Congress convened in regular session on last Monday and was addressed in person by President Roosevelt. The message of the President was broadcast throughout the nation and practically throughout the world. It was one of the greatest speeches that had been delivered in Washington. It meets the full approval of our community save an infinitesimal minority. The North Carolina Delegation in Congress all spoke in high praise of his utterances save one. Can we guess who that one is? Why it is Senator Bailey, the (Please turn to page four)

SPRUILL SEES UNITED ACTION TO EMBARRASS THE PRESIDENT

LaGuardia Starts Second Term

New York, Jan. 1.—At two minutes past midnight, Fiorello H. LaGuardia took his second oath of office as Mayor of New York—the first "reform" mayor ever to beat Tammany twice in a row.

At almost the same time, in the Criminal Courts Building, Thomas E. Dewey, who racket-busted his way to prominence, took the oath as District Attorney of Manhattan.

As on January 1, 1934, LaGuardia was sworn in at the office of former Judge Samuel Seabury, his principal sponsor in his first successful campaign.

And, as in 1934, the oath was administered by Justice Philip McCook, for many years a political ally of the mayor.

Dewey's induction, belief and without flourish, was of equal significance to political historians. It marked the first time in some 20 years that the office has not been directly associated with Tammany Hall.

Burney Announces For Judicial Post

Wilmington Solicitor Seeks Eighth District Seat Which Cranmer Will Resign

Wilmington, Jan. 1.—Solicitor John J. Burney of the Eighth Judicial District today announced his candidacy for the district judgeship to succeed Judge E. H. Cranmer of Southport, who yesterday announced his intention of retiring when his term expires at the end of this year.

Burney, a resident of Wilmington, has been solicitor for three years. He is a former Wilmington city attorney, and has been prominent in American Legion, fraternal and civic affairs.

Presbyterians Will Seek Mission Funds

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 1.—The Southern Presbyterian church will launch tomorrow a campaign to raise \$225,000 for its foreign mission work, \$100,000 of which will be used to finance "extraordinary conditions" resulting from Sino-Japanese hostilities.

Dr. C. Darby, Fulton, executive secretary of the church's foreign mission committee, said "if one had deliberately planned a war in China to interfere most directly with the China missions of the Presbyterian church in the United States, he could not have accomplished this more thoroughly than has been done by the warring forces in the Far East."

In addition to the \$100,000 emergency fund, the committee expects to raise the annual fund of \$125,000. The campaign will close February 6.

Quebec Order Raises Pay of 670,000 Folks

Montreal, Dec. 29.—An order-in-council by the Quebec government increasing the earnings of 670,000 industrial workers, including 155,000 women, in the province of Quebec will go into effect January 1, 1938, George Cromp, vice chairman of the Fair Wage Board announced on December 28.

The order, it is understood, will affect the wages of every industrial employe earning \$20 a week or less. Increases range from five to 10 per cent and will raise payrolls by \$2,600,000, annually.

President of State Bankers Association Declares Roosevelt Little Man's Friend

"I think the recession is caused by a concerted action of big business and the newspapers to embarrass the President," was the emphatic statement of F. P. Spruill, president of the Peoples Bank here, and president of the North Carolina Bankers Association, in a talk last night before the Current Topics Club.

Spontaneous applause from the club greeted his remark, "I am for the President and the government agencies that helped me carry on for my depositors," referring to the banking cataclysm of late 1932 and 1933 when the speaker credited President Roosevelt with saving the banks by closing them and restoring confidence.

Of the current business "recession," Mr. Spruill repeated his statement made at a recent meeting of the Bankers Association: "I don't know anything about it." He added, "And I have the fine consolation that I know as much about it as anybody else."

Explaining at the outset that his comments were his personal opinions, not necessarily opinions of his bank or the North Carolina Bankers Association. Banker Spruill rapped severely bankers, business men and political figures who have blamed the Federal administration for the lull in business conditions.

"President Roosevelt has been a Godsend to the little man," Mr. Spruill declared. He expressed his personal gratitude to the President who, he stated, "has given relief to the farmer, has given relief to industry, and has lifted a burden from the banks that I can never forget."

Of banks in the state now, the Bankers Association president commented, "North Carolina today has banks and banking facilities better than I have seen in 35 years of experience."

Mr. Spruill commended the work of the government agencies which promote crop loans to farmers. "The banks are doing something now, in making crop loans, that they never would have thought of 10 years ago," he observed. That is possible now, he said, because New Deal government agencies accustomed the farmers to giving liens in return for crop loans.

President Roosevelt should not be criticised for using the power he has been given by Congress and the electorate, Mr. Spruill stated in reply to criticisms of the administration's interference in business.

The speaker, a local banker for three and a half decades and former chairman of the Nash County Commissioners, reviewed Rocky Mount's experience with panics and depressions since the beginning of the century, remarking: "Rocky Mount is fortunate that it has never had a failure of a locally owned and operated bank."

Negro's Family Is Honored In Wilmington

Wilmington, Dec. 31.—Mary McCoy, Negress, her husband and the 13 surviving children of the 23 born to them in the last 21 years, were guests of honor tonight at a program for Negro people held at the city's living Christmas tree at Hilton.

The family, which would have been one of the world's largest if all the children had survived, were transported to the tree in a city truck.

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