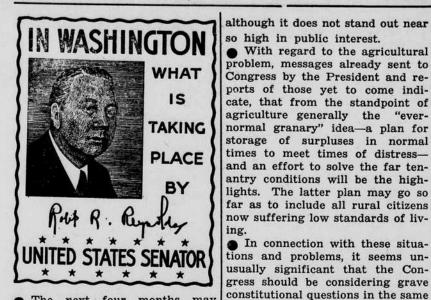
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 The next four months may prove to be one of the most eventful periods in the Seventy-fifth Congress. The legislation passed and the issues raised will certainly have a sweeping effect on the whole functions of the Federal Government. Few can predict anywhere near accurately what that effect will be.

• Will the President's Supreme Court plan pass through opposition which, to say the least, is formidable? Will reorganization of the executive branch of the Government, as recommended by the President, withstand objections raised, or will it survive? Will the new farm proposals solve agricultural ills in the way proponents claim? Will the President's ideas for relief funds prevail or will the bloc seeking larger amounts win out?

• Let me hasten to say that I cannot answer those questions. Weeks of committee studies, hearings, public sentiment and many other factors enter into the situation and must be considered before the answers are found. However, it may be said that the individual members of Congress, perhaps as never before, appreciate the grave significance of the questions and "behind the scenes"-in the quite of offices and committee roomsare giving all facts studied attention.

 At the moment the Supreme Court proposal is far and away ahead of all other issues from the standpoint of importance and public interest. Throughout our whole history any suggestion affecting the nation's highest tribunal has brought a barrage of public statements. Fortunately, the radio offers a new form of discussion and, with the press, gives our people ample means of hearing and reading both sides of the question.

 Whatever may be said, for or against the President's court plan, there should be kept in mind the fact that the Chief Executive was given a tremendous vote of confidence last November. The majority of our people tendered this vote of confidence. Therefore, any recommendation made by the President deserves to be weighed on its merits and given the acid test of "value to the public good," rather than be affected by snap judgment. The people, with their views reflected in Congress, will be the final arbiter. It is an axiom in political economy that the masses will in the final analysis, find the correct answer to any question. For the moment, the proposal for reorganization of the executive branches of the Government is in the background. Directly, it may carry as much significance to our people as the Supreme Court plan,

THE ROANOKE RAPIDS HERALD

New Hanover Squad Nabs Two Caledonia Fugitives

Mt. Airy Convict Hit By | reported, but neither used his wear pon. **Buckshot; Fail To Use Guns; Take To Heels**

Airy and A. W. Pettit of Charleston, S. C., two of seven long-term convicts who escaped from Caledonia Prison Farm last Monday, kidnapped three hostages, and sped on a wild dash through Eastern North Carolina in a commandeered automobile.

year we begin observance of the

150th annivarsary of the constitu-

tion. It may be that the Seventy-

fifth Congress may leave its foot-

prints on the sands of time from

the standpoint of constitutional ac-

• Therefore, these problems should be considered without hys-

teria, without swayed public opin-

ion, and without political bias.

What is best for our people? How

can that best be attained? Those

are the real questions as Congress

comes from around the curves of

organization and preliminaries and

enters the the gruelling speedway

Miss Doris Grey of Garysburg,

N. C. spent the week-end with Miss

Helen Messer.

stretch of the next four months.

tion.

York was wounded in the back C. Davis Jones said the wound was not serious enough to necessitate ficials were freed unhurt about 7 hospital attention, and both men were lodged in the New Hanover deputies were assisted in the capture by E. L. Aiken, superintendent of the New Hanover prison camp.

Jones said his men fired into the air and into the ground when the tit today. fugitives ran after being surprised while standing beside an automothat struck York.

Both York and Pettit were armed ing him.

Others Missing.

No trace was found of the other five convicts. The seven escaped by covering guards at the Caledonia hostages besides Willard, returned Wilmington, Feb. 20.-City and prison farm with a pistol, supcounty officers today hemmed in posedly smuggled to them, and had put them out of Willard's auand captured Clark York of Mount forcing two camp officials to ac- tomobile near Vass, in the Pinecompany them in a prison laundry truck. Before leaving the camp, however, they armed themselves with pistols from the prison arsenal.

A few miles away from the prison, they commandeered an automobie driven by Walter Willard, 19-year-old Raleigh youth, and by a single buckshot, but Sheriff compelled him to accompany them. The youth and the two camp ofp.m. Monday night near Pinehurst. Early Tuesday morning, Willard's County jail. Sheriff Jones and his automobile was found abandoned about two miles from High Point. Search for the fugitives centered in that vicinity but there was no definite report of their whereabouts until the capture of York and Pet-

Airy under a 45-year-sentence for first information. He said it would bile on a side road near the Wil- bank robbery and a 30-year sen-, be checked to determine whose it mington Country Club's g o l f tence for murder. Pettit, originally was. The men were Clark York course. It was a wild shot, he said, from Charleston, S. C., had a 45year sentence for bank robbery fac-

with .38-calibre pistols, the officers The others who escaped were: on officials said.

Robert S. Smith, Goldsboro, 15 yrs. for murder; Bill Payne, High Point, 40 years, robbery with firearms; Ralph Page, Drexel, life for murder; C. F. Yeager, Norfolk, Va., 10 years for larceny and safecracking; and J. W. Turner, Marion, 10 years for storebreaking.

Capt. I. D. Hinton, personnel of ficer of the Caledonia farm, and Steward W. L. Roberts, the two to their duties after the convicts hurst-Southern Pine community.

PITTS SAYS CONVICTS NOW

HAVE COME OUT OF HIDING Oscar Pitts, acting director of the prison division, predicted capture of five Caledonia convicts remaining at large following the apprehension of two of their fellow prison-breakers Saturday near Wilmington.

"It looks like they're traveling in pairs," he said, "and since they're on the move, and apparently not in hiding any longer, we'll get 'em sooner or later." The seven criminals "broke" from Caledonia Prison Farm Monday, Feb. 15.

Pitts said the car the men were using when they were caught was York was sent up from Mount from Lexington, according to his and A. W. Pettit, the latter being a well-known desperado in the southeastern part of the State, the pris-



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