

Washington, Jan. 20.—The question everybody in Washington is asking everybody else is:

"What sort of a substitute for AAA is the administration going to turn out?"

Nobody knows the exact answer as yet, but a good many straws in the wind give some indications of what is being planned. The first straw was President Roosevelt's statement that he was not in favor of an export debenture plan, which would, as he put it, amount to making a present to Europe of the fertility of our soil. In other words, what is being sought for is a method of crop control based upon the necessity of land conservation.

The representatives of the farm organizations who were summoned to meet in Washington are united on the plan that the so-called marginal lands should be withdrawn from commercial production, through rental at equitable rates, of such land as may be necessary to promote conservation of soil fertility and to bring about a balance of domestic production at profitable prices.

Maybe Domestic Allotments

Instead of export bounties, it is regarded as probable that the administration will propose a domestic allotment system, based on bounties to farmers on the proportion of their crops consumed at home. This has been considered by Congress many times in the past but never as part of a comprehensive nation-wide plan.

The Supreme Court's decision in the AAA case did not negative processing taxes as such, but only the allotment of processing funds to a special class or group. It is held that processing taxes are entirely within the power of Congress, provided the money so collected goes into the general revenues, and that Congress has a right to appropriate, from general revenues, funds for the payment of bounties to farmers for soil conservation and other purposes.

This idea of soil conservation has been one of President Roosevelt's pets for a long time. On October 25 he indicated it as the basis of any long-term and permanent agricultural adjustment program, and pointed out that benefits could be made to encourage individual farmers to adopt sound farm management, crop rotation and soil conservation methods. He was talking then of the more or less distant future, but it would appear that the Supreme Court's decision may force the immediate adoption of such a plan.

Cotton And Rice Suits

The dismissal last week by the Supreme Court of the suit brought to declare the Bankhead Cotton Control act invalid had no relation to the merits of the case. It was dismissed on a technicality, as not having been brought before the court in a proper and legal manner.

In the case of the Louisiana rice millers who had obtained an injunction in the lower courts against the collection by the government of processing taxes, the Supreme Court ordered the return to the millers of about \$200,000,000 which they had deposited with the courts pending the decision, on the ground that the tax had not actually been collected.

The agitation for constitutional amendments to give the Federal Government greater powers is naturally more active than it has been before. Most of the union labor groups, some of the farmers' organizations, a very large proportion of the radical element, and the advocates of economic planning by the government, are expected to back one of the proposals for amendment, in the hope that the present session of Congress may submit them to the states. How far this movement will get at this session is rather doubtful. There is no desire on the part of the administration to make the Constitution an issue in the coming campaign. Certainly the President is not likely to advocate constitutional changes before election, which would tend to break down the rights of the states.

Revenues Wanted

The killing off of the processing taxes knocked a big hole in the Treasury budget estimates. These had been counted on for more than \$500,000,000 of revenue. It looks as though the Government would have to pay at least half that amount to farmers under existing contracts, so some new way must be found to raise money for this purpose. Also to pay the bonus. Under any of the bonus plans that are now under consideration at least

THE CAMERA'S THREE-YEAR-STORY

Has the Presidency Aged Mr. Roosevelt? Cameraman Submits Two Photographs, Showing Him Before and After



NEW YORK . . . "Have the cares of the President's office, during the last three eventful years, produced any marked change in the appearance of Mr. Roosevelt?" was the assignment handed a Washington news cameraman. Above are the two pictures he submitted, that of 1933 from the files taken shortly before inauguration and that of 1936, taken last week as the President nears his 54th birthday, January 30.

Watauga Vets to Receive \$167,057 in Bonus Money

Watauga County veterans of the World War are expected to receive \$167,057.64 in fifty-dollar government bonds as a result of the passage of the so-called bonus measure by the Senate Monday. Ashe County boys will receive the sum of \$251,545.31 and Wilkes \$292,369.60.

The Senate passed the two billion dollar proposal Monday by a vote of 74 to 16. Under the terms of the bill as passed the \$50 bonds, and as much cash as would be needed to take care of odd amounts would be made available at local post-offices to the three and a half million bonus holders. They could cash the bonds immediately or hold them as an investment at 3 per cent. simple annual interest for nine years. If redeemed the first year, no interest would be paid.

The house of representatives had already approved immediate payment of the bonus by \$56 to \$59, but without specifying the method by which payment would be made. The measure, revamped in this detail, was hurried back to the house for concurrence, which was expected Wednesday.

Even strong administration supporters admitted that should there be a presidential veto, it would be easily overridden. Information is that an influential Congressional group is contemplating an appeal to the President to let the new bonus bill become a law without either signing or vetoing the measure—as permitted by the constitution. Proponents of the proposal to pay the bonus certificates in new money indicated that their fight would be renewed when the appropriation effort for the Congressionally approved bill is started.

Boone Hi Quint In Fine Form; Undeclared

Coach J. E. Merritt's Boone High School basketball team has gotten off to a great start this season, chalking up three victories in as many games, and are fast becoming a serious contender for the conference honors in the Appalachian High School Association with only one of last year's regulars back.

The Boone basketballers are now tied with Cove Creek in the fight for conference honors. At the beginning of the basketball season Cove Creek was slated to run away with all the honors, but the Boone quintet is fast developing into shape and is expected to give

"The King Is Dead—Long Live The King"



King George V, 70-year-old British sovereign, who died Monday night following a four-day illness with bronchial catarrh, accompanied by heart weakness. The grandson of Queen Victoria had recently celebrated the silver anniversary of his reign. The world's most far-flung empire is now ruled by the former Prince of Wales, who shall be known as Edward VIII.

BIRTHDAY BALL TO BE A GALA AFFAIR

Appalachian Orchestra Will Furnish Rhythm For Dancers at Daniel Boone.

The Appalachian College Orchestra, properly known as Freddie Moore's Cara Lomes, has been engaged to furnish the syncoated inspiration when the third annual President's Birthday Ball takes the floor at the Daniel Boone Hotel Thursday evening, January 30. Mr. Tracy Council, committee chairman, states that he thinks it very fortunate that the Cara-Lomes could be secured for the outstanding event of the winter season. The local trumpeteers have been playing for many dances throughout this section of the state and the organization has rapidly extended itself outside its sphere of local usefulness. A state-wide reputation seems in prospect for the musical collegiates.

MISS BEACH DIES AT N. WILKESBORO

Popular Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Beach Succumbs To Long Illness.

Miss Marian Beach, nineteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Beach, of North Wilkesboro, died Sunday after an illness of many months with an incurable ailment. Her condition had been considered grave, however, only for the past few weeks.

Funeral services were conducted from the Lutheran Church in Boone Monday afternoon, Rev. Mr. Church of North Wilkesboro, and Rev. J. C. Canipe and Rev. J. A. Yount, of Boone participating in the impressive services. The floral offerings were beautiful and a large number of friends from this community as well as from the Wilkesboros gathered for the obsequies. Interment was in the local cemetery.

Surviving are the parents and one sister, Miss Annette Beach.

Deceased was born in York, South Carolina, but her home was in Winston-Salem during the most of her early childhood. In 1926 the family returned to the old home of Mr. Beach in Boone, where they lived for about four years, during which time the father was connected with the local newspaper. During their stay here, Miss Beach united with the Baptist Church and lived a life of deep religious activity. She took a leading part in the routine as well as special organization activities and was a principal figure in the young peoples' church work. Her high school days were mostly spent in North Wilkesboro, where she was an outstandingly brilliant student, and unusually popular with her associates.

Miss Beach leaves a host of friends in this community, who feel a deep sense of loss and sorrow.

TEXTILE MAGNATE HAS FATAL STROKE

David P. Rhodes Dies Tuesday; Father of Messdames C. L. Rhyne and C. M. Bingham.

David P. Rhodes, 64 years old, textile manufacturer and prominent citizen of Lincolnton died Tuesday afternoon after a stroke of paralysis suffered earlier in the day. A daughter of Mr. Rhodes, Mrs. C. L. Rhyne of Boone was immediately notified of the stroke, but death ensued while the family was en route from Boone.

Funeral services are to be conducted from the Emanuel Lutheran Church in Lincolnton this morning at 10:30.

The widow and six children survive, among them being Mrs. C. L. Rhyne of Boone, and Mrs. C. M. Bingham, of Lincolnton.

At the time of his death Mr. Rhodes was president and general manager of the Rhodes-Rhyne Manufacturing Company and of the Indian Creek Mills, both of Lincolnton. Until he sold his interests several weeks ago in the Rhodes Whitener Mills at Taylorsville, he was president and general manager of that plant also. Mr. Rhodes had been a manufacturer since 1889 and was a recognized leader in the textile industry.

Youth May Secure Work In This County

The Federal Government has approved a project whereby youths (boys and girls between the ages of 16 and 25) may have work at a small salary in every county including Watauga. The County Superintendent, W. H. Walker, has application blanks. All youths interested should see him not later than Tuesday, January 28. To be eligible for employment on this NYA project each youth must meet the following requirements:

1. Must be between the age of 16 and 25 and out of school.
2. Must be registered with the United States Employment Service.
3. His or her family must have received relief between May 1 and November 1, 1935.

Educator Dies



A. M. Norton, Appalachian College Professor, who succumbed to a sudden illness while going about his classroom duties Monday morning.

SKULL IS CRUSHED AS AXE IS LOOSED

Clyde Danner May Recover From Injuries Received While Cutting Wood.

Clyde Danner, well known farmer of the Laurel Fork section, near Boone, is a patient at the Caldwell Hospital, Lenoir, with a crushed skull, suffered while cutting wood last Friday on his farm, and grave doubts are held as to the chances for his recovery. A large section of the skull was lifted from the brain by surgeons, and although Mr. Danner appears rational at times, physicians are unable to yet say whether or not he may recover.

The accident occurred as Mr. Danner and son, Carl, cut cordwood on a hillside, and information is that the injured man was below the son on the hillside. Carl struck at the timber with the axe, it is related, the implement slipped from his hand and went crashing down on the head of the parent. Mr. Danner was immediately rushed to Boone for treatment and from here was taken at once to Lenoir.

Officers Elected For Farm Loan Association

At a meeting of the Sugar Grove National Farm Loan Association held in Boone last Friday evening, the following officers were elected:

A. G. Miller, president; James T. Gross, vice-president; and C. D. Moore, Secy.-Treasurer. A loan committee was named, consisting of Rufus M. Ward, A. G. Miller and James T. Gross, with Dr. H. B. Perry and S. C. Eggers, alternate members. Mr. S. C. Eggers was elected assessor for the association.

A board of directors consisting of the following was elected at a meeting of the association held on the 14th: S. C. Eggers, H. B. Perry, James T. Gross, A. G. Miller, Rufus M. Ward.

Doughton Expects To Be Candidate for Reelection

Congressman R. L. Doughton, elected thirteen times to the national house of representatives, has indicated that he will be a candidate to succeed himself this year. He says:

"I suppose when the time comes I shall announce for re-election as heretofore, if the people want me, and I have heard nothing to the contrary. There is no need for a rush in this matter, and it will be taken care of when the time comes."

Only three house members have been in Congress longer than has Mr. Doughton. Adolph J. Saboth of the fifth Illinois district, now in his fifteenth term, and Speaker Joseph Byrns of Tennessee and Edward T. Taylor of Colorado, serving their fourteenth terms.

New Wholesale Oil

HEART ATTACK IS FATAL TO MEMBER COLLEGE FACULTY

Prof. A. M. Norton Succumbs Monday, As He Conducts His Usual Classes.

FUNERAL SERVICES ARE HELD TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Death of Mr. Norton Brings to Close Life Spent Almost Wholly in Educational Work. Had Been in Boone 11 Years.

A. M. Norton, Professor of English Literature, Appalachian State Teachers College, died suddenly at 11:30 Monday morning, while he was conducting one of his usual classes. Mr. Norton had been in poor health for nearly two years, but his physical condition recently had appeared much improved, and his demise came as a distinct shock to fellow workers, students and friends in the community and county. He was 61 years of age.

Professor Norton was a native of Macon county, a graduate of Duke University and had spent his entire life in educational work in North Carolina and other states. For four years he was dean of Carolina College, Maxton; for several years professor of English and History, Scarritt-Morrisville College, Missouri; and for three years president of Weaver College, near Asheville.

For eleven years Professor Norton had taught English Literature in Appalachian College, and was held in unusually high regard by the hundreds of students who passed through his classes.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon from the Boone Methodist Church by Dr. Ernest C. Widenhouse. For an hour and a half preceding the services the body laid in state at the Administration building of the college. All members of the college faculty, both men and women acted as honorary pallbearers.

Surviving are the widow, who was the former Miss Jennie T. Thompson, daughter of Rev. Mr. Thompson, noted Carolina Methodist divine, and three sons, Charles, teacher in the high school at Old Fort; Ervin and Allen, who are students in Boone. Two brothers, Charlie and P. M. Norton, and one sister, Mrs. J. M. Cade all of Franklin, Macon county, also survive.

Professor Norton was one of the most popular members of the faculty of Appalachian, and was held in the esteem of both fellow faculty workers and students. Likewise during the years of his pilgrimage in this city, he had won for himself the uniformly high regard of the people of the community. He was a leading figure in the religious life of the town, a consecrated and active member of the Methodist Church, and between his educational activity and his religious work, he found time to give considerable thought to public affairs, in which he always manifested keen concern.

Mr. Norton was able as a teacher, devout as a churchman, public-spirited in the broadest sense, affable and widely popular as a gentleman of the old school, and the loss occasioned by his demise is felt quite as keenly in the region roundabout as on the college campus, where more than a decade of the useful life was spent.

Mrs. Josie Sutherland Dies In Pennsylvania

Mrs. Josie Hardin Sutherland, niece of Mrs. W. R. Spainhour, of Boone, died at her home near Lincoln University, Pa., January 15, following a long period of impaired health. She was 49 years of age.

Funeral services were conducted at Limestone, Tenn., last Saturday. A brother of deceased, Mr. Jurdan Hardin of Hickory, accompanied Mrs. Spainhour to the obsequies. The husband and six children survive.

Mrs. Sutherland was a daughter of the late James H. Hardin well known in this many relatives.