

The Week in Washington

A RESUME OF GOVERNMENTAL HAPPENINGS IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Washington, Nov. 9.—With the reelection of President Roosevelt, the major question which now interests Washington is whether the New Deal policies will be continued or whether the administration and the new congress will take a more conservative attitude in public affairs. The general belief here is that the next four years consisting of Mr. Roosevelt's second term, will not be so filled with spectacular experiments in government as the period just passed.

Despite the sweeping victory of the Democrats, it is the belief here that Republican opposition in congress will be better organized and led than in the past two congresses and that there will be a swing toward the conservative side in the Democratic congressional leadership.

An interesting phase of the congressional situation is the rise to prominence in the Democratic party councils of the Texas group. Vice President Garner is the leader of this bloc, which is more powerful than most people realize. Seven other Texans in the lower house, including Representatives Rappaher, Connolly, Summers, Marvin Jones, Buchanan, Lanham, and Pflanz, wield among them a powerful influence. They have a close tie with the administration through another Texan, Jesse Jones, chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, who in many respects is the most powerful figure in the executive department. Texas has six committee chairmen in the house.

On the Republican side the stage is set for an active and aggressive opposition looking forward to the congressional elections of 1938 and the presidential election of 1940. The foremost Republican leaders are Representatives Soren Wadsworth, Hollister, Bolton, Martin and Treadway. In the senate, Senator McNary will continue to be the nominal leader by virtue of seniority, but as he is regarded by his associates as being distinctly pro-Roosevelt, the actual leadership will fall to Senator Vandenberg of Michigan, who seized the reins last winter and led the only effective opposition which has developed in the past three and a half years.

All the indications, therefore, point to intense political activity in capitol hill for the next two years.

There is some doubt whether Representative Bankhead of Alabama, the present speaker of the house, will be physically able to continue in that office. The principal candidates for the speakership in the event of Mr. Bankhead's retirement are Representatives O'Connor of Tammany, Rayburn of Texas, and McCormack of Massachusetts. The Tammany influence is expected to be stronger in the new house and the Tammany bloc will hold the balance of power on many issues.

Another thing which seems certain is that there will be more lobbies and more powerful ones trying to influence congress on behalf of special groups and minorities than at any previous time. The labor lobby will probably be the most powerful of these, having as its objective the Guffey coal bill, the six-hour day for railroad workers and the 30-hour week for all employees. Part of the labor program is to try to build up a strong labor party to play a part in the campaign of 1940.

The effort of the farm lobby will be to keep what it has got rather than to urge further benefits for farmers. The veterans lobby, however, having succeeded in getting the payment of the bonus over President Roosevelt's veto, has been encouraged to believe that it can get anything it wants. What it wants now is a general life pension for

Back from Jungle



NEW YORK . . . Mr. and Mrs. Martin Johnson have just returned from their most recent expedition into the wilds of Borneo. They brought many animals back with them. Mrs. Johnson is shown here with a pet ape.

WOODED HILLSIDES NOT SUITABLE FOR PASTURE

A cow can lose a pound of weight looking for a half pound of feed in a woodland pasture where the country is hilly or mountainous.

That statement may not be the whole truth, said Project Manager E. O. Jernigan of the Arcadia erosion control area in Davidson county, but it certainly drives home the fact that hilly woodland pastures supply very poor grazing for livestock.

Many of the forested areas include the steeper slopes and soils that are very susceptible to erosion, the chief reason for retiring the land from cultivation, said Jernigan. The grazing of such areas destroys the ground cover as well as the young trees.

When the litter on the forest floor is destroyed, he continues, the productive capacity of the soil decreases. Severely gullied areas are often found in over-grazed woodlands.

Continued grazing of woodlands prevents the establishment of young trees on the area, and when the older trees have been harvested there is nothing to replace them.

In developing a complete land-use program, the soil conservation service and the extension service co-operating, are encouraging the farmers to establish permanent pastures which will adequately supply the needs of livestock and to discontinue the ruinous practice of turning livestock into woodlands.

More than 475 acres of pasture which has been established or improved on the farms of co-operators in the Arcadia erosion control demonstration area and a total of 1,780 acres of woodland has been placed under management and protected from grazing.

If the farmer expects to grow timber for his own needs, or as a source of income, said Jernigan, he must make up his mind not to try to produce both timber and livestock on the same area.

veterans and the widows and orphans of veterans.

So far as Washington observers can see, any two or three cabinet changes are in prospect. It is the general belief that someone will replace Dan Roper as secretary of commerce, though there is no agreement as to who is most likely to get this post. There will be a new secretary of war to replace Harry Woodring. If Mr. Ickes wants to retain his job as head of the department of the interior he can do it. Mr. Ickes has built up a powerful political machine of his own and it would be politically inexpedient for the president to try to replace him if he wants to stay. It is the general belief that very much less will be heard about Tagwell, Frankfurter, Jerome Frank and other members of the "brain trust" during this second Roosevelt administration.

Washington has it that the man closest to the president now is Donald Richburg, former head of NRA, and that he is likely to receive an important cabinet portfolio.

NORTH CAROLINA GOOD PLACE TO RAISE HOGS

North Carolina is well adapted to hog production, according to Earl H. Hostetter, professor of animal husbandry at State College.

The state has many advantages, he says, and three are particularly outstanding: temperate climate, nearness to market, and a good supply of protein supplements.

In the temperate climate, each sow can farrow two litters of pigs each year without her owner having to provide expensive housing during these critical periods.

However, some housing is necessary, Hostetter said, to protect them from the cold and rain in February and March and from the heat in August and September, the two best farrowing periods.

From practically any place in eastern North Carolina, he continues, hogs can be shipped to Richmond or Baltimore in 36 hours or less, and this is a distinct advantage.

Producers living farther away from the markets have to pay more transportation charges, and the hogs undergo heavier shrinkage in transit. Eastern markets also pay higher prices than those in Chicago.

Corn is the cheapest and most satisfactory carbonaceous feed for fattening hogs, and plenty of corn is available in this state. Last year, more than one-fourth of North Carolina's crop land was in corn.

To get the best results in feeding, some nitrogenous or high protein feed must be fed with the corn. And here again North Carolina has an advantage in being able to secure fish meal, cottonseed meal, peanut meal, and soybean oil meal produced in the state.

ONE HONEST ELECTION

Editor Democrat:

I have been here a long time, away up toward four score years, and I have seen quite a number of elections pass by; a few times the Republicans were successful, and when this took place it was always an honest election, but when the Democrats were successful they always claim that it is fraud. I have decided that I would love to see a few good Republicans elected once more so they could carry it down in history that there has been one fair and honest election.

AN OLD TIME MOSSY-BACK DEMOCRAT.

BLACK LOCUST AIDS IN EROSION CONTROL

That black locust has become a large factor in the control of soil erosion is evidenced by the favorable results obtained from plantings made by the Soil Conservation Service, according to Reuben Margolis, forester of the Huntersville demonstration area at Charlotte.

Last year the service planted over sixty thousand black locust seedlings in gullies, and on galled and badly eroded spots in this area. This year farmers cooperating in the soil erosion control program are expected to plant 100,000 more seedlings.

Besides checking erosion, black locust is a soil enricher, Margolis pointed out. A legume by virtue of the nitrogen fixing nodules on its spreading root system, it will grow and thrive on poor, dry and eroded soil.

Generally where other species will not grow in gullies or on eroded hillsides, black locust checks soil washing. On better soils the black locust yields fence posts in 10 to 20 years. On eroded soils a few more years are required.

Where no other vegetation will develop, black locust offers a source of useful materials to the farmer from land otherwise considered worthless.

In the Carolina Piedmont vicinity many individuals confuse black locust with honey locust. They are two entirely different trees. The wood of the black locust is far more valuable, durable and useful than that of honey locust.

FARM QUESTION

Question: How long should a hog be off feed before killing?

Answer: No feed should be given the animal for at least 24 hours before it is killed. During that time, however, the animal should have access to plenty of water. This gives the hog time to get rid of the contents of the stomach and intestines which makes it easier to get a good blood. The meat also cures better when the small blood vessels are free from food products. Never over-heat or excite the animal before killing as this produces a feverish condition which prevents proper bleeding and causes the meat to sour white in cure.

Watauga Falls News

Miss Dixie Burleson, of Plumtree, is spending some time with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Billings.

We are glad to note that Dr. W. J. Love, who has been seriously ill at the Grace hospital, is now improving.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. Chnt Wyatt has been taking treatment at the Grace hospital, Batner Elk.

The condition of Mrs. W. J. Farthing, who has been ill for some time, is unchanged.

Mrs. Dewey Ward and Mrs. E. M. Preshell have recovered from serious attacks of tonsillitis.

Misses Juanita Shepherd and Carrie Harmon spent the weekend with homefolks from the A. S. T. C.

Members of the 4-H baby beef club are grooming their animals for exhibition at the Asheville fat cattle show on Wednesday, November 18.

Randolph farmers are discovering that it pays to have a definite rotation of crops and many have worked out such rotations to start this winter.

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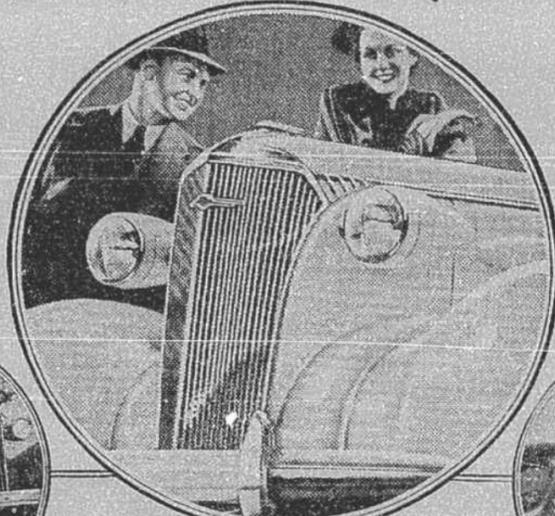
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