

The Week in Washington

A RESUME OF GOVERNMENTAL HAPPENINGS IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

(Special to The Democrat)
 Washington, July 27.—With the President fishing for wahoos and rooster fish off the coast of Lower California, Washington political observers are trying to make a fair appraisal of the effects of his cross-continent speaking tour, while the economists in the government service are studying the business situation and putting forth forecasts of recovery with more optimism than has been prevalent here for a year or more.

The two things tie together. The political future of Roosevelt and his party is dependent to a considerable degree upon the extent of business recovery between now and the congressional elections.

The present signs indicate that ordinary citizens will not be feeling themselves quite so "hard up" by November as they have felt ever since last fall.

From the President's tour two political conclusions are being drawn in which the most experienced observers here concur: One is that there has been an amazing comeback in Mr. Roosevelt's personal popularity, at least in the sections of the country which he visited.

The other conclusion is that the President took the advice of the Democratic national chairman, Mr. Farley, and did not try to read out of the Democratic party every senator and representative who had voted

against any of his measures. The President did give personal endorsement to some of his loyal supporters, which was to have been expected, but did not go on the rampage against many who had been strongly against him. Nothing like a "purge" of the party can be read into the record of the President's speeches.

Garner's Views

Down in Texas Vice President Garner did a little talking, which has set political tongues wagging. He remarked, casually, that he did not seek a third term as vice president. This might mean anything or nothing.

If, as believed by many here, Mr. Garner has his eye on the White House in 1940, it might mean that he was putting himself forward as the head of the Democratic ticket. It seems definitely to mean that the vice president doesn't think the President should seek a third term, either.

But not the least impressive incident of Mr. Roosevelt's trip was the presentation to him at Pueblo, Colorado, of a petition signed by more than 4,000 wage-earners, demanding that he run for President again two years hence.

Whether this is the beginning of an organized "populist" movement for Mr. Roosevelt's renomination, or a spontaneous gesture by a small group of voters, is a question which is disturbing political Washington. If many more such petitions turn up, it will be looked upon as proof that someone acting on Mr. Roosevelt's behalf is stirring up the animals in the political zoo, and trying to start a backfire against their Garner movement, which is gaining considerable headway.

President's Popularity

Mr. Garner's ambition for the Presidency in 1932 is recalled by the

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recent publication of Mr. Farley's own account of the Chicago convention, where the Texan was inducted to withdraw in favor of Gov. Roosevelt and received the vice presidential nomination as a consolation prize.

In the light of several recent cross-section polls of voters indicating the rise in the President's popularity above the low point which it had reached last spring, estimates of gains in Republican membership at this year's elections are being revised downward.

A minimum of 35 additional seats for the opposition is conceded. The belief that there are 80 congressional districts in which the Republicans can win is not so widely held. There are 30 districts in which a switch of one vote in twenty would change the result from that of 1936. There are 38 more districts in which only a ten per cent shift would put a Republican in a Democrat's place. That a total Republican gain of 68 seats is an entirely reasonable expectation, is the consensus of shrewd political opinion here.

HOG PRICES UP

Hog prices may go up further this summer as supplies are seasonally reduced, but they are not likely to reach the high level of last summer, according to a report of the U. S. bureau of agricultural economics. For the 1938-39 marketing year, the 13 per cent increase in the 1938 spring pig crop and the prospective increase of 9 per cent in the number of sows to farrow this fall indicate a much larger market supply of swine than in 1937-38.

SET 1939 WHEAT GOAL

National wheat goal for 1939 has been set at 15,000,000 acres, the minimum provided for in the agricultural adjustment act of 1938. North Carolina will receive 363,117 acres. The allotment contemplates maintaining adequate supplies in this country for domestic consumption, for the usual export trade, and for adequate reserves equal to 30 per cent of a normal year's domestic consumption and exports.

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After returning home from the war he was made commander of the Statesville Post of the American Legion, and later district commander, and was state chairman of the Americanism committee for one year.

He worked for the Talahassee Power Co. at Badin for a year and then went to Raleigh as Chief of the Income Tax division for the Federal Government Under Gilliam Grissom, collector of internal revenue and

stayed there three years and went to the field as a deputy under David Blair, commissioner.

Mr. Adams returned to Statesville after serving for the government in the revenue department and started the practice of law again. He was elected Solicitor of the Recorders Court in Iredell county in 1928. In 1932 he was appointed postmaster at Statesville for four years, then resumed his law practice there as senior member of the law firm of Adams, Dearman and Winberry. He is a member of the Masonic order, and was the first president of the P. O. S. of A. of the Statesville Camp, and was past state councillor of the Junior Order of North Carolina.

He lives on a farm near Statesville and is a deacon in the First Presbyterian church.



Pictured above is Mr. Adams at work at his desk, when he was head of the North Carolina Income Tax Division at Raleigh.

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and it prices in comparison with the average voter is considered likely to give the Democratic party credit. Much weight is given here to the forecast of Leon Henderson, economic adviser to the Works Progress Administration.

Mr. Henderson was the first to point out the approach of the present business recession, a year before it happened. Now he announces that the nation is heading not for a boom but for sound recovery. He quotes facts and figures to back up his forecast, and couples it with a warning against letting customer prices rise as business gets better.

Another economic index which points to better times is the department of agriculture's mid-summer wheat forecast. The outlook on July 11, when the forecast was released, was for a wheat crop of 967 million bushels, the largest crop since 1915.

With the machinery of the AAA in full operation to protect farmers against loss by reason of this "bumper" crop in this country and equally large production in the rest of the world, this will mean many more millions of dollars in the pockets of farmers, which in turn is expected to mean greatly increased sales of all sorts of things the farmer buys, from automobiles, tractors and farm machinery down to clothing.

has been outstanding and actually reads like an Horatio Alger novel. Mr. Adams rose from the ranks of farmer boy to become one of the outstanding attorneys in Iredell county. He has always been found to be fair in all his dealings, and due to the fact that he is a self-made man, he understands the needs of all his fellowmen.

He was born in Wilkes county, but his family moved to Alexander when he was but four years old, and there Monroe became a plowboy and went to school at Vashit. While at Vashit he hauled apples in a covered wagon to Statesville, Salisbury, Concord and Charlotte when it took a week to make the trip, due to the roads that North Carolina had in those days. Later his family moved to Statesville where he attended school and worked in a Statesville cotton mill. Some few years later he went back to the farm to work for his grandfather at the rate of \$8.00 per month.

After working in a cotton mill and working on farms he went to Atha Chair Company, Statesville, and worked himself up to a foremanship. He had accumulated enough money to enter Lenoir-Rhyne College at Hickory where he attended school for three years. While at Lenoir-Rhyne College he traveled during the sum-

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