

The Week in Washington

A RESUME OF GOVERNMENTAL HAPPENINGS IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Washington, Feb. 8.—While there are many questions to come before this congress on which there will be sharp differences between the administration forces and the already well-organized coalition opposition, there is a great mass of work ahead on which there will be little or no controversy.

To do all that must be done before this first session of the 76th congress adjourns probably will keep senators and representatives busy until well past midsummer, though some of the things which must be attended to call for action before then.

There is a great list of laws which expire by the limitations written into them, some of which must be renewed this spring if the purposes for which they were enacted are to be continued.

For example, the authority of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to make loans to states and municipalities to aid in financing projects under local laws expires on March 20, this year.

Since this is generally regarded as one of the soundest phases of government financing there is little doubt that the authority will be renewed for another year or more, but congress will have to act quickly.

At the end of June the Reconstruction Finance Corporation itself goes out of business unless congress renews its charter by that time.

On the same date the Federal Reserve system loses its authority to issue Federal Reserve notes against government bonds, unless congress acts.

Other Powers Expire

At the end of the federal fiscal year, which is June 30, other powers and authorities which expire by limitation include that of the F.H.A. to insure rehabilitation loans, and the guarantee by government of F.H.A. debentures; the authority of the U. S. Housing Administration to issue 500 millions of bonds; and the existence of the Federal Service Commodities Corporation.

Most important of all is the foregoing is the necessity for a session of congress to enact a new revenue law or reaffirm the present one so far as it refers to taxes on corporations; for the law passed last year specifies that the corporation income taxes for which it provided shall not apply to any corporate fiscal year ending after December 31, 1939.

The whole tax question is likely to take up a great deal of the time of congress. It will be easier to handle, in one respect, since for the first time in 60 years all of the federal tax laws have been codified, indexed, classified and printed in a single volume.

Record of Laws

The other day a bill which no member has ever read passed both houses of congress without an opposing vote.

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It was about the longest bill ever passed by congress, running more than 500 printed pages. It was the federal tax code, which now sets forth in legal form precisely what the tax laws are, so that members considering changes in the laws can refer to a particular page and section of the code and every other member will know just what it is all about.

Expert lawyers employed by congress and the treasury and the department of justice worked out the code and checked it and rechecked it, so it may be taken as a complete and accurate compendium of all legislation now in force on the subject of taxes.

The opposition forces in congress are showing their strength by opposing some of the President's appointments.

Battle Over Amle

The hottest battle so far between the two parties is over the President's appointment of Thomas R. Amle, former representative from the first Wisconsin district, as a member of the interstate commerce commission.

Mr. Amle served in congress as a member of the Progressive party. The Republicans carried Wisconsin last fall, and defeated Mr. Amle for senator. The vacancy on the interstate commerce commission is caused by the death of a Republican member of that bi-partisan board.

There is considerable resentment in congress over the selection of a Progressive to replace a Republican, but the fire was fanned into flames when the legislature of Wisconsin, by an almost unanimous vote, adopted a resolution protesting to the President against the Amle appointment, and requesting the Wisconsin senators to oppose his confirmation.

Charges that Mr. Amle is a communist sympathizer have been openly made on the floor of congress.

One of the widely-heralded measures which is not likely to get through this congress is the Patman anti-chain store law. Well-informed members of both houses are expressing doubt that it will even get out of committee.

YOUR \$\$ IF YOU WILL GO FAR READ THE ADS

SCHOOL LUNCH ROOMS PROVING VALUABLE HELP

By RUBY ELLIS

The seven WPA-sponsored school lunch rooms in Watauga county are doing much to improve the health and morale of underprivileged school children in the county, officials here say.

In addition to the seven WPA lunch rooms there is a NYA lunch room, which is also operated under the supervision of Mrs. Ruth Isaacs and Mrs. Alice Robbins.

Children entitled to free lunches are carefully selected and tickets are distributed to them so that their fellow students will not know that there is a distinction between those who are able to pay and those who are not.

The average lunch consists of a hot plate lunch, cocoa and dessert. This may be compared with the case of one child, whose lunch box revealed a small piece of cornbread and a small jar of blackberries.

A number of underprivileged children were weighed before going on the free lunch list, and have been weighed at intervals since. The comparative figures show a steady gain in weight for all of them. Comparison of the "before-and-after" grades also shows a steady improvement in school work. This not only holds good with the underprivileged children, but shows up as well in tests of those who, although not underprivileged, eat hot lunches at the lunch rooms instead of bringing cold lunches with them.

In one of the schools, a teacher cited the case of two boys who attended school at irregular intervals only during the days before the lunch room was inaugurated, but had not missed a day since the beginning of the service.

The lunch rooms in the county are sponsored by the board of education, the community clubs and the parent-teacher associations. Twenty-seven people are employed in the project, including some student waiters who pay for their lunches by their services. The barter system, incidentally, is used by some children who cannot pay cash for their lunches but who can provide raw material.

GOING PLACES

American farms are now being equipped at the rate of 1000 a year, a far more rapid acceleration than was recorded in all the years prior to the depression. Nearly a million and a half farm homes are now using electricity.

day, the 12th, is the birthday anniversary of Abraham Lincoln. The last important date of the month is February 22, the birthday of the first President of the United States, George Washington.

VALLE CRUCIS HONOR ROLL

Following is the perfect attendance and honor roll of the Valle Crucis public school for the fifth month:

Perfect Attendance

First grade: Earl Spencer Townsend, Charlie Joe Cole, Katy Sue Farthing, Wilma Hicks, Joyce James, Reba Townsend.

Second grade: Maston Bentley, Howell Cook, Olan Yates, Frank James, Frances Townsend.

Third grade: Jack Danner, Kenneth Herman, Howard Love, Fred Lusk, Pansy Lusk, Dare Story, Henry Lawrence, Freddie Michael.

Fourth grade: Evelyn Clark, Wayne Clark, Truitt Coffey, Ruth Coleman, Ray Dollar, Edna Lee Hodges, Eude Hodges, Lucille Hodges, Mary Shull, Clyde Story, Jeanne Trater, Ray Townsend.

Fifth grade: Owen Brewer, Henry Cawley, Olan Yates, Wanda Yates, Russell Hodges, Edward Tester, Tom Townsend, Johnny Yates, Howard Yates.

Sixth grade: Gertrude Coffey, Katherine Harrell, Anne Lou James, Jeanne Shull, Louise Townsend, Ruby Reece, Edith Lawrence, Wilbur Brewer, Hildreth Davis, Fred Eggers, James Herman, Frank Mast, George Townsend.

Seventh grade: Fred Bentley, Carl Clark, William Herman, George Hollars, Henry Lawrence, H. W. Mast, Jr., Ernest Rowe, Henry Tester, Mary Hazel Farthing, Blanche Greene, Mary Lawrence, Una Love, Chloe Story, Margaret Taylor.

Honor Roll

First grade: Katy Sue Farthing, Dale Brewer, Beatrice Townsend, Earl Townsend, Jean Herman, Wilma Hicks, Alfred Townsend, Earl Teams.

Second grade: Maston Bentley, Howell Cook, Olan Yates, Frank James.

Third grade: Dorothy Townsend, Wanda Yates, Howard Love, Patsy Teams, Dare Story, Henry Lawrence, Floyd Townsend, Freddie Michael.

Fourth grade: Mary Shull, Evelyn Clark, Wayne Clark, Esther McGuire, Ruth Coleman, Clyde Story.

Fifth grade: Lena Maithe.

Sixth grade: Jeanne Shull, Ruby Reece, Frank Mast, Wilbur Brewer.

Seventh grade: Mary Hazel Farthing, H. W. Mast, Jr.

MONTH OF FEBRUARY HAS MANY 'RED LETTER' DAYS

A peek at the calendar shows that February has more "red letter days" than any other month in the year.

One of the most important of the special days was the second of the month, last Thursday, which was Groundhog Day. The prophets say that on that date, the weather for the whole of February and half of March is determined by the antics of the groundhog.

St. Valentine's Day, which falls on February 14, has an important place on the calendar, too. On this day, boys and girls and men and maids exchange greetings which on any other date might be considered too bold. Bashful beaus have no hesitation in saying it with hearts and flowers, because the only name they need give is "Your Valentine."

The other special occasions in February are birthdays. Edison was born on February 11, and the next

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