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SENATOR J. W. BAILEY

BAILEY'S STATESMANSHIP

(From The News and Courier.)

Last Saturday night a citizen of North Carolina, a United States Senator, Mr. Bailey, addressed the New England society of Charleston and said that as long as he was a Senator not one inch of the power of the State of North Carolina would be yielded to the Federal government.

He said that the rights of American citizens, to life, to own property, to pursue happiness, were in the Federal constitution because they are "inalienable," that they are God-given rights, that the "founding fathers" wrote the Constitution not for a generation but for a thousand years, for all generations.

He said that the South between 1861 and 1865 lost a war but that fifteen years later the Supreme Court declared in the "civil rights" decision that the rights of the States within the Union had not been impaired, that the South won on that issue in the war.

It was a remarkable address. No Congressman of South Carolina has delivered one like it in forty years. Why, Mr. Bailey even alluded with approval to "John Calhoun," a Senator, who we believe everyone will agree, has been repudiated by the modern politicians and statesmen of South Carolina. Beyond that, he rejected the new theory of "economic liberty," by which government would become a warmer and fatter of citizens, the "liberty" displacing the old-time liberty of a man to be his own master.

The speech was so strange in its declarations, unqualified, straightforward, that one recalled Democrats like Lamar and Ben Hill and Wade Hampton.

More amazing than the opinions and principles that this Senator declared was the disclosure that there is an American, a Southern Senator, familiar with the Constitution, with the history of it, with the history of the struggle of the people, the English and Scottish forbears of Americans, to save inalienable rights from the encroachments and the tyranny of kings and bureaucrats. Here was a Southern Senator who has read books, who knows something more than the quiddities of "parliamentary law," who has studied and has scholarly attainments.

North Carolina has sent to Washington a gentleman who would not be out of place in the Senate were it the most august deliberative body in the world. We infer from Mr. Bailey's address that he could not be bought, not even by the offer or the prospect of a seat on the Supreme bench or in some well paid commission if at any time the North Carolinians should refuse to reelect him. Anyway, he surely is not offering himself to the high bidder.

The statesmanship of J. W. Bailey is built on a rock.

In the spring of 1933, Allard A. Battle of Edgecombe County planted 225 Red Cedar seedlings. This winter, he had for sale 223 Christmas trees four to six feet high.

QUESTION AND ANSWERS

On Effect of Courts Ruling on A A A Activities

Washington, Jan. 6.—The Supreme Court AAA decision, its ramifications, effects and background, is discussed in the following questions and answers:

Question: What, in brief, was the decision? Answer: The Supreme Court declared unconstitutional the entire Agricultural Adjustment Act and the basic theory upon which it rested.

Q. What other New Deal farm legislation appeared to have been invalidated by the AAA ruling? A. Bankhead Cotton Act, Kerr-Smith Tobacco Act, Jones-Costigan Sugar Act, and Potato Control law.

Q. How were these measures affected? A. In the course of the AAA opinion, the court stated definitely that the other measures were unconstitutional, and indicated it would so rule when specific cases involving those laws were acted upon.

Q. Upon what premise was the decision based? A. That the AAA was an invasion of states' rights; that the plan was not in itself voluntary; that control of crop production by even voluntary agreement and payment of bounties exceeded the limits placed upon the power of the federal government.

Q. How were processing taxes affected? A. The court ruled that the federal government has no power to enact such levies.

Processing Taxes

Q. What were the processing taxes? A. Wheat, 30 cents a bushel; rye, 30 cents a bushel; cotton, 4.2 cents per pound; corn, 5 cents a bushel; hogs, \$2.25 per cwt.; tobacco, flue-cured, 1.89 cents per lb.; fire-cured, 2.14 cents per lb.; burley, 3.5 cents per lb.; dark-air-cured, 3.3 cents per lb.; sugar, 0.5 cents per lb.; peanuts, 1 cent per lb.; rice, 1 cent per lb.

Q. What is the present status of the almost \$1,000,000,000 already collected by the government in processing taxes? A. Processing tax payers may sue to recover their taxes. Best chance to recover obviously is held by those who preserved their legal rights by protesting when making their payments.

Q. What will happen to the \$200,000,000 in processing taxes which were impounded by the courts when processors refused to pay on the contention that the AAA was invalid? A. The exact status of unpaid taxes was not determined by today's ruling, although it probably will be defined in the rice millers' case still pending. The court may either rule that the taxes do not need to be paid, or that the processors must pay the taxes and then sue to recover them.

Q. How does the decision affect contracts under which the government agreed to pay bounties in return for crop reduction? A. The AAA immediately stopped bounty payments to farmers "until further instructions." It was not definitely established whether the government ultimately will have to pay some \$602,000,000 in bounty payments called for under contracts with farmers now in effect.

Fate of Taxes

Q. With collection of processing taxes stopped by the decision, where will the government get the money to continue bounty payments to farmers? A. New taxes will be necessary.

Q. What effect will this have on the budget? A. The ruling threw the budget situation into confusion. President Roosevelt's message today showed the budget to be in balance except for relief expenditures. He had counted, however on receipt of \$547,000,000 in processing taxes, which now cannot be collected. The budget, therefore will be thrown out of balance to that extent. The President warned in his message, however, that invalidation of the

HELL BENT FOR ELECTION — by A. B. Chapin



processing levies would mean imposition of new taxes.

Q. What will be the immediate effect of the decision on the farmer? A. Farmers probably will continue to receive from the government bounty payments reimbursing them for reductions made in crops until expiration of their present contracts with the government.

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Q. What is expected to be the immediate reaction of financial and commodity markets to the decision? A. Sponsors of AAA, of course, contend it will result in uncontrolled production of cotton, wheat and other crops, thus restoring over-production and surpluses it was designed to eliminate. If this be true, the markets naturally would turn weak.

Q. Will foreign countries be likely to continue increasing cotton acreage, as in the case of Brazil? A. The price reaction as a result of the opinion may have an influence on this factor, some economists think. If the price of American cotton breaks, it may prove unprofitable for foreign countries to press production in-

creases. If the price remains firm, they probably would find it still profitable to increase production.

Q. What can the New Deal do to repair the gap in its economic program caused by the ruling? A. Indications were that only by a constitutional amendment can anything even resembling AAA be placed back on the statute books. Department of Agriculture officials said before the ruling was handed down that they were prepared to put forward substitutes for AAA. Nature of these substitutes was not revealed, although one plan was understood to involve establishment of 48 state AAA units to be adopted and administered by the states themselves.

Lack of fuel wood in 12 eastern North Carolina counties has caused a serious situation which is receiving the attention of extension workers, farmers, bankers, and others.

From all outward indications the A. B. C. Store is meeting the approval of the people. All comment coming to us has been especially complimentary.

The effect of the ruling of the United States Supreme Court is taken in this section as a very serious set back to agricultural interests. While many were critical of the method employed in its operation most all agreed its general influence was for good. It is hoped a substitute may soon be found that may prove better. While the TIMES is a strong believer in constitutional government and strict adherence to the constitution it also feels that there should be a way for the government to give assistance to agriculture, the back bone of the country as much as to other business.

AIRPLANES FOR THE ARMY

The new Chief of Staff of the United States Army, General Malin Craig, has come out for a military air service "second to none." That is a program that will be welcomed by all who have felt a sense of shame that America, where aviation was born, has so steadily lagged behind the rest of the world in developing and utilizing the airplane for military purposes.

This country leads the world in commercial aviation. That leadership has been a growth of less than ten years. Before Lindbergh's historic flight across the Atlantic, America was being out-distanced by all the countries of Europe even in commercial flying. The development since then has been done by private initiative and private capital, with a great deal of valuable cooperation from the government, to be sure, but with very little financial assistance from Uncle Sam.

But while we have forged ahead in commercial aviation, our military equipment of planes and trained personnel has continued to lag behind those of other nations. The Navy has been better cared for in this respect than has the Army.

Nobody wants the United States to get into another war. Yet there is always the chance that we may be forced into one, a chance that is perhaps not as remote as it seems, in the present-disturbed state of world affairs. It would be a pity if we had to go to war, as we did in 1917, with practically no military airplanes fit for service and up-to-date enough to be useful against the enemy's superior equipment.

More power to General Craig.

TESTIMONIAL TO REV. C. B. HOWARD

Many of those who were opposed to legalizing the sale of whiskey in Franklin County feel that some public recognition should be made of the brave, devoted and unselfish service rendered by Rev. Charles B. Howard to the dry cause in the recent campaign; and are planning to present to him at an early date some appropriate testimonial of the admiration and affection which he is held and the gratitude which is felt towards him.

There may be those who desire an opportunity to contribute toward the purchase of this testimonial, who have not had the opportunity to do so. They will find the subscription list in my office. This list will accompany the gift. G. M. Beam.

Water, Light Bills Sent Marked 'Paid'

Bennettsville, S. C., Jan. 1.—For the second straight year citizens of Bennettsville received their December water and light bills marked "paid" today.

The \$3,900 gift from the water and light commission was announced by Mayor T. C. Crosland, who said a \$20,000 surplus in the office of the commission would be applied to reduce taxes.

(The electric light consumers of Enfield would be very much pleased if this was done here.)—Enfield Progress.

Yes! And the consumers in Louisburg would welcome such action on the part of Town Commissioners.

MRS. M. T. DAVIS DEAD

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Davis, wife of M. T. Davis, died at her home near Red Bud Church Sunday. She was 56 years old and is survived by the following children: H. Dewey Davis, Clifford Davis, of Nashville, Mrs. A. C. Miller, of Shelby, Irene Wilson Davis, of Reidsville, Burdette Glenn Davis, Elizabeth, John and Ruth Davis, of Castalia, and two sisters Mrs. G. B. Smith and Mrs. Willis T. William, of Red Bud.

She was a faithful member of Red Bud Baptist Church and lived a beautiful christian life. She was loved and respected by all who knew her.

The funeral services were held Tuesday morning conducted by Rev. John Edwards, her pastor, and interment was made in the Gupton family cemetery. Quite a good number of relatives and friends attended and the floral tribute was especially pretty.

FUNERAL SERVICES ARE HELD FOR REV. S. J. BETTS

Raleigh, Jan. 7.—Funeral services were held today for the Rev. Sylvester J. Betts, 77, widely known state temperance leader and Baptist minister, who died last night at the home of his son, Dwight F. Betts.

Besides his son, here, survivors include a daughter, Mrs. L. P. White of Raleigh, and another son, Benjamin F. Betts of Fayetteville.

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Heavy Liquor Sales In Warren

Warrenton, Dec. 30.—Christmas eve sales for Warren County's three liquor stores were as follows: The Warrenton store headed the list and the one day sales amounted to \$1,058, the Norlina store was next with a total of \$583, and the Littleton store sold \$343 worth of liquor on Christmas eve. There are two liquor stores in Littleton, one is located on the Warren County side and the other on the Halifax County side.

It is reported that all three of the Warren County stores are doing a good business and there has been no disorder at or around any of the stores since they opened several months ago. Chief of Police Lee Wilson of Warrenton stated neither he nor his assistant officers, Roy Shearin and Kenneth Short had arrested a single person in Warrenton during the holidays for drunkenness or disorderly conduct. Chief Wilson and Sheriff W. J. Pinnell said conditions in Warrenton and Warren County are more peaceful than they were a year ago, according to their observation and reports reaching them.

The second annual convention of the North Carolina Dairy Products Association will be held at the Carolina Hotel, Pinhurst, January 9 and 10.

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