

**The Darrow Report Code Changes Certain Reforms Were Needed Distribution of Wealth**

With the adjournment of Congress apparently set for the middle of June, the outlook is that President Roosevelt will get about all of the legislation which he really wants—and some that he doesn't care about—by that time.

Major measures which seem certain to be passed include the silver bill, which extends the President's power to remonetize silver but does not compel him to do anything about it; the bill authorizing the President to revise tariffs; the measure providing for industrial loans by R.F.C. and the Federal Reserve; the bill for Government regulation of wire and radio communications; the extension of the present bank deposit insurance plan; and, last but not least, the President's pet plan to stimulate home-building and employment in the building trades by providing a Government controlled guarantee fund to insure lenders on first mortgages from loss, and a similar guarantee against loss on loans made for home repairs and improvements under Government restrictions and approval.

The most exciting things in Washington, however, is not that Congress is going back home to run for re-election, though that is something which always evokes sighs of relief here. It is the controversy that has been started by the Darrow report on the workings of NRA.

The committee appointed at the insistence of Senator Nye of North Dakota to investigate and report on the question whether the code system set up under General Johnson was beneficial or otherwise to small businesses, was headed by Clarence Darrow, famous radical attorney.

Mr. Darrow has always been the outspoken champion of the "little man" and if not himself an avowed Socialist is looked upon as their hero by many of that group. It was hardly to be expected that a commission with him at its head would have any kind of words to say for "big business," but the harsh words he said about the NRA and its codes set the whole Administration by the ears. The Darrow report was withheld from publication for three weeks while General Johnson and Donald Richberg, counsel for the NRA, had time to write scathing replies, which are in the main denials of the Darrow charges that the codes favor monopolies. The two NRA officials became very personal in their remarks. They are peculiarly sensitive to criticism, and, like too many minor officials in Washington, too ready to call names if anyone says anything they don't like about the way they are doing their job.

There is a good deal of significance attached here, however, to the fact that after the Darrow report had been submitted and before it was published, General Johnson announced that there would be a broad change in the system under which the NRA operates. Many of the smaller lines of business will be exempted from the codes, and only the large concerns doing an interstate business will be continued under Government regulation.

There is still a good deal of shaking down and shaking out to be done before the Administration machine gets into smooth working order. Too many minor functionaries and a few of the minor important officials have not yet sobered up from their early intoxication with newly-acquired power.

There is still a great deal of official arrogance and insistence that nobody is honest except these few Administration officials. Giving them all credit for good intentions, there has been extreme carelessness and lack of a sense of responsibility in the methods which many of the newly-created bureaus have adopted.

Those faults are recognized and will be cured, by the dismissal of the worst offenders and the disciplining of the others. But there is no indication so far that partisanship will not control new appointments, rather than ability.

On the other hand, a great deal of good work has been done by the Administration and the outlook is (Please turn to page two)

"THE WATCHMAN CARRIES A SUMMARY OF ALL THE NEWS"

## ORDER FEDERAL N. C. GOLD SURVEY Forecast Heavy Vote Sat.

### Feasibility Of Smelter Plant To Be Studied

PWA May Approve Project If Survey Shows Value

REYNOLDS GETS ACTION

Whiting Certain Government Agency Will Find Abundance Of Metal In N. C.

The movement started in Charlotte by A. B. Whiting and others to establish a gold recovery plant has resulted in a decision by the United States Geological Survey to conduct a complete and minute survey of the Southern Appalachians to determine the extent of gold deposits and the feasibility of such plants.

When application was made by the Charlotte backers of the plan to the Public Works Administration for government aid, Senator Robert R. Reynolds of Asheville upon communicating with Mr. Whiting, became deeply interested, and urged that government aid be extended in establishing a gold recovery plant.

He laid the matter before W. C. Mendenhall, director of the Geological Survey, personally, who promised to take action that would approach governmental co-operation.

In a communication to the senator, Director Mendenhall says that PWA has a small sum that may be used for gold recovery plants, but that before the geological agency can give its approval to any plan, that it has been decided to make a survey to learn the extent of gold deposits, and how far the government can go in co-operation. To this end, a survey has started and if government aid is justified by findings, the geological agency will be glad to make any recommendation that will promote the industry. It is also revealed by the director to Senator Reynolds that strong capitalists are also making surveys, which may result in decided developments of the gold industry in the Southern Appalachians.

### Big Bass Is Taken At Ritchie's Lake

A Piscatorial prize that would challenge the admiration of even such ardent anglers as Rich Hill or W. J. Rowland was captured late Saturday afternoon by a Mr. McQuirt, of Kannapolis.

Fishing in the waters of Ritchie's lake, Mr. McQuirt snared a black bass which tipped the scales at seven and three-fourths pounds. This is said to be the largest bass caught in this county in recent years.—Stanly News-Press.

Claimed Sunday is no longer a day of worship, but anyway a good many people in North Carolina are down on their knees changing their punctured tires.

### \$50.00 In Prizes Will Be Awarded Watchman Readers

With the cooperation of several public spirited merchants, the Carolina Watchman will award its readers \$50.00 in splendid prizes. With very little effort you can win one of these. All you have to do is to write a letter of not more than 100 words telling why you trade with firms on the contest pages.

Write your letter today—there is nothing to lose and everyone in Rowan county and surrounding territory has a chance to win. There are any number of reasons

### "Bob" Doughton Leads Fight For Silver Bill

Washington—In a common sense and masterly speech in the House Representative Robert L. Doughton of Laurel Springs chairman of the ways and means committee, closed the debate in support of the administration on the silver bill.

Mr. Doughton answered criticism of the bill that it led the country to a silver basis by saying "the enactment of this measure will constitute another step in the recovery program by providing an improved monetary system for this country. Its enactment will likewise open world markets for the products of American agriculture, industry, and labor. It will raise commodity prices and accelerate business. It will enable the debtors to meet their obligations."

### Educational Head



DES MOINES, Ia.—John W. Studebaker, superintendent of schools here, has been appointed U. S. Commissioner of Education for one year to succeed Dr. George F. Zook.

### Blue Eagle Wins Over Henry Ford

The blue eagle emerged with strengthened wings last week from a courtroom clash with an agent of the Ford Motor company.

Justice Daniel W. O'Donoghue, of the District of Columbia Supreme court, held Ford was thwarting the recovery act and that the government did not have to buy his products.

"It would seem unreasonable that the president should be compelled to contract with any company, no matter how wealthy or powerful, if that company is thwarting the recovery act and defying the government to enforce it," the court declared.

"It is not reasonable that the government should be required to deal with any company blocking this great act of national recovery."

They tell us not to blame the jinx for our misfortunes, but we all have to find someone or something to blame beside ourselves.

"It has been the consistent policy of this administration to further recovery through an expansion of our foreign markets, and the enactment of this measure is but another step to that end."

"The enactment of this measure will also pave the way for international cooperation in aid of general world recovery and the promotion of better means of exchange among the nations of the world, and will rebound to the benefit of this country, both in increased foreign trade and in the stabilization of the dollar in our country."

Explaining the measure Mr. Doughton declared "that it shall be the policy of this country to increase the proportion of silver to gold in its monetary stocks so

that it will constitute 25 per cent which is much lower than in former years.

"We are told by those opposing this measure that we are providing an unsound money, fiat or printing press money. If this be true, what kind of money did we have in 1900 under President McKinley when silver constituted 41.9 per cent our monetary stocks of gold and silver; and in 1905 under President Roosevelt when silver represented 33.6 per cent; and in 1910 under President Taft when it was 30.9 per cent. If our money was sound then, when the per centage of silver to gold was much greater than this measure proposes, how can it be termed unsound now?"

### Bank Resources In N. C. Show Increase

Assets Jump From \$175,655,727 to \$204,677,559 Between June 1933, and March 5, 1934

Raleigh—Resources in North Carolina banks had increased \$29,021,932.46, or from \$175,655,727.35 to \$204,677,659.81 in the eight months from June 30, 1933, to March 5, 1934, date of the last call of statement of condition, during which time all kinds of deposits increased from \$147,138,498.62 to \$174,270,859.71, Commissioner of Banks Gurney P. Hood reports.

Resources showed a slight increase, about \$1,500,000, in the two months from December 30 to March 5, in which regular deposits increased about \$2,225,000. At the time of call June 30, 1933, there were 204 banks and 76 branches, at December 30, there were 196 banks, including two cash depositories, and 42 branches, including one cash depository, and at March 5, 1934, there were 181 banks and 57 branches.

At the March 5 call, the state banks had increased the cash in vault and amount due from banks to \$13,485,830.84 from \$45,491,068.45 eight months before, had increased their stocks and bonds, largely U. S. and state bonds, to \$69,570,043.73 from \$41,483,848.52, while loans and discounts had decreased to \$68,565,991.89 from \$76,013,926.69 eight months before, while banking house and sight items decreased about \$1,500,000, to \$5,840,975.55, and other real estate decreased slightly, to \$3,155,450.44.

Total liabilities of the banks increased to \$176,258,184.48 from the \$148,938,022.50 of eight months before, while the capital stock increased to \$28,419,453.33 from \$26,717,704.85 in the same period.

Aggregate assets of state banks and trust companies have again gone above \$200,000,000, the figures at June 30 of the two preceding years having been below that figure. The high point was \$324,034,302.34 March 27, 1929.

### 260,000 Given Jobs In U. S. During April

Unemployment Mark Is 10,616,000 Federation of Labor Report Shows; Spring Work Helps Many.

The American Federation of Labor estimated that about 260,000 men and women went back to work in April, but that 10,616,000 workers remained without regular employment in private industry during the month.

Of those listed in the latter class the federation said, 369,000 had work on Public Works projects, 314,000 were in forestry camps and the remainder had no employment except that offered by the relief administration.

"In reviewing the progress made the federation said, 'we find that since NRA codes became effective,' the greatest employment gain was from July to September last year, when hours were shortened under the codes and unemployment was reduced from nearly 11,800,000 in July to 10,100,000 in September."

"From September to January, unemployment increased again, with the season, bringing the number out of work almost to the July peak—11,775,000 were without work in January.

peak in April, unemployment was still above the September level, with over 10,600,000 out of work. "We have not yet regained the winter losses and have made no progress since September in reducing the level of unemployed."

The federation estimated an increase of \$38,000 in the April payroll total. The percentage of union workers unemployed fell from 20.7 per cent to 19.9.

### Four Hurt In Accident

Four young people were slightly hurt Wednesday shortly before 4 o'clock in an automobile accident at the intersection of North Main and Henderson streets. Hugh Spencer Young was the driver of the car that contained as passengers Misses Margie Fraley, Ruth Eagle and Lucie Young. The four were taken to the Rowan general hospital, but none was seriously hurt.

Scotland has a quiet Sunday campaign.

### Olympic Champ Coming



MILAN, Italy . . . Luigi Beccali (above), Olympic 1,500 Meter Champion, will go to the U. S. in June to compete in the Princeton University meet.

### Salisbury High Graduates 198

Boys Outnumber Girls in Largest Class in History; Honors Awarded.

Commencement exercises for Salisbury high school were held Tuesday night with a packed house greeting the 198 graduates, largest class in history.

Four student speakers addressed the audience on aspects of community life, these speakers and their topics being, Clarence Kluttz, cultural life; William Coughenour, recreation and health; Pharis Broadway, religion; Rebecca Weant, education; James Dorsett, president of the student body, summarized the topics.

Stahle Linn, chairman of the school board, presented the diploma to the graduating class, composed of 111 boys and 87 girls.

Winners of honor were announced by Principal J. H. Knox as follows: William Franklin Crowell, science medal; Rena Elizabeth Morgan, mathematics medal; Walter Wagoner, Rotary essay medal; James Dorsett, Rotary cup for most unselfish service.

Carl Hartman was recognized as having a perfect attendance record for his 11 years in school.

### Teachers Get Relief Checks

Raleigh—Salaries of 1,531 teachers in 13 counties and three towns, amounting to \$100,015.50, had been sent out by the state relief office up to Saturday night and the balance of these salaries, for the eight month of the school term, will go to the teachers this week. Dr. A. T. Allen, state superintendent of public instruction announces.

This is the first dispensing of vouchers for the eighth month salary out of the \$500,000 granted this state from the emergency relief funds for education, and the checks should be going out all this week from the relief offices here. As soon as the record is made as to the teachers receiving these checks, then the State School commission will send those to other teachers who have not been paid for the last month of the term.

### NEW DEFINITION OF CWA APPLIES TO COW

Portersville, Calif.—In an effort to thwart the decline in his business which forced him to sell his automobile, Henry Rose, truck farmer, has instituted a "CWA" of his own.

In his case, CWA stands for "Cow Works All-time." Minus any other means of bringing his produce to market, Rose built a light two-wheel cart and trained one of his Holstein cows to draw it.

### County, District State Candidates Will Be Selected

Only Three Congressmen In State Are Without Opposition

DOUGHTON IS UNOPPOSED

Warm Fights In Offing For The Differe't County Offices.

The stage is all set for the primaries in the county district and state to be held Saturday.

A complete list of the various state, county and district candidates was carried in The Watchman last week.

Prediction of a large vote in North Carolina's primary Saturday despite the fact that there is only one state-wide office at stake came from the State Board of Elections as candidates in the district and local fights entered the last laps of their campaigns.

Because of the unusual interest in the district and local battles, the board estimated Saturday's vote would equal if not surpass the number of ballots cast in each of the two 1932 primaries when senatorial and gubernatorial nominations brought out 380,000 and 350,000 votes, respectively.

Warm fights for Democratic congressional nominations in eight of the state's 11 districts, judicial contests in five districts and six solicitors.

Conflicts in addition to close battles in many of the state's 100 counties for legislative and local offices are expected to draw voters to the polls by the thousands if fair weather prevails.

The only state-wide office being contested is that of utilities commissioner, with Stanley Winborne, the incumbent, being opposed by E. C. Macon of Asheville, in the Democratic primary.

Only one Republican nomination will be at stake, the solicitorship of the seventeenth judicial district, John R. Jones, the state's only Republican solicitor, is being opposed for renomination by F. J. McDuffie. All other Republican candidates who were named in conventions and are without opposition, will be automatically nominated under the state's primary law.

Each of the state's 10 present congressmen is seeking renomination, and Lindsay Warren of the first district, Walter Lambeth of the eighth, and R. L. Doughton of the ninth, will be named without opposition.

A five-cornered battle is being waged for the Democratic nomination in the fourth district, where a vacancy exists because of the recent death of Representative Edward W. Pou. His son, George Ross Pou, former Sta'e's prison superintendent, is one of the quintet of candidates.

### Local Man Badly Injured In Accident

U. S. Jordan, carpenter was critically injured Wednesday afternoon when the automobile in which he and his daughter, Grace were riding collided with another car occupied by a group of negroes here for the May 30 celebration. Jordan was unconscious at Rowan general hospital with serious head injuries.

The negroes fled, but one was arrested later. Grace Jordan received wounds about the head and a fractured rib, and is also in the hospital.

Europe is said to resound with the tramp of armed men, but in this country they holler so loud on the baseball stands that we can't hear the armed men tramp.