

Along Old I. W. W. Lines
Labor And Its Vote
The Tree-Belt Plan

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Doughton Endorsed For Gov. Rowan Tax Rate Unchanged

The big worry in Washington while the President was away is the labor situation. The abortive attempt at a general strike on the Pacific waterfront, the shootings in the labor war in Minneapolis, the dozens, nearly a hundred, of smaller strikes in other parts of the country, are being interpreted here as warnings of more serious labor troubles as soon as the weather gets too cool to go fishing in comfort.

What the Administration is afraid of is that the labor situation will get out of the control of the more intelligent and conservative labor leaders, of it has not already got away from them. With all the grumbling among employers about the American Federation of Labor and its "craft" unions, there are few who do not prefer that method of labor organization to what is often called the "communitic" type of organization, in which all of the workers in any given industry, regardless of what organized in "one big union."

That type of union was the principle of the old Industrial Workers of the World, which was beginning to stir up a lot of labor trouble in the West just before the world war. The war put a quietus on the activities of the I. W. W., but in the threat of a general strike there is seen a revival of that idea of a "vertical" union, and it is frankly not to the liking of the men who are trying to keep the government machine running smoothly. (Nor do they like the attitude of the American Federation of Labor, in leaning toward the vertical union idea, as in its efforts to unionize the automobile industry.)

There is a lot of discontent among the leaders of organized labor, too, over what they regard as betrayal by the Administration. The Federation accepted "clause 7a" of the National Industrial Recovery Act as giving it a free license to go into any shop or factory and organize the workers into a union under Federation auspices. They have found that is not the case, and some of them are pretty sore.

There is talk about the need of putting restraints upon unreasonable labor groups and their demands, but Government officials hesitate to take any step which might alienate the labor vote. That is a much larger group, naturally, than the employers, and every worker's vote counts for just as much as that of his boss. But there is a good deal of fear, inspired by floods of letters and personal protests that are beginning to reach the ears of those high in Administration circles, that the public will begin to regard labor disorders as one of the direct fruits of the New Deal, and one not at all to the public's liking.

There are revisions of the NRA in process of formulation, and it is regarded as certain that there will be much simplification of codes, less one-man arbitrary power to "crack down" on industries which do not give up readily, and the abandonment of hundreds of the minor "service" codes like the one under which a New Jersey pants-presser was sent to prison because he pressed a suit for only 35 cents where the code called for a 40-cent price! The effort of the Government to reach into every human activity, in short, is gradually being abandoned. There isn't enough money to hire the necessary system of close espionage.

At the same time, gigantic plans, not yet fully disclosed, are being worked out for submission to the next Congress. They include everything that can be thought of in the control and development of national resources on a scale as wide as the nation itself. Just what is to be done with every acre of land and every drop of water is included in the plan. Part of it is a revision of the underlying scheme of the Agricultural Adjustment Act.

Instead of making crop reduction its main purpose, the A.A.A. is working toward crop adjustment, trying to find some formula whereby the majority of the farmers, who receive less than \$1,000 a year from the sale of their product (Continued on page four.)

Labor Pledges Support Should He Enter Race

R. R. Lawrence Is Re-Elected President By State Federation

TEETER HONORED

Congressman R. L. Doughton of Laurel Springs, chairman of the house ways and means committee, was "indorsed" for the governorship of North Carolina in a surprise move at the convention of the North Carolina State Federation of Labor in Asheville this week.

Mr. Doughton had just concluded an address praising the New Deal and demanding more equitable taxation, when R. R. Lawrence of Winston-Salem, federation president, suddenly demanded of the 250 delegates and visitors: "Everybody that's in favor of Mr. Doughton for the next governor of North Carolina stand up."

The ovation was great, practically everybody in the room stood, "I feel highly complimented," Mr. Doughton told reporters later, "but after 22 years in congress I'm not going to say anything about swapping jobs. I've got to get re-elected this fall."

North Carolina's union labor forces re-elected R. R. Lawrence, Winston-Salem printer, president of the State Federation.

Tuesday they head an address by Gov. J. C. B. Ehringhaus.

W. B. Plemmons of Asheville was re-elected first vice president and E. L. Sanders, Winston-Salem, secretary-treasurer.

A. J. Dumas, Charlotte, was named sergeant-at-arms, and R. W. Teeter, Salisbury, chaplain. Six vice presidents comprising the executive board named after a spirited election race: Claude L. Albea, Charlotte printer; W. E. Shuping, Greensboro machinist; C. Taylor, Durham plumber; C. A. Fink of Spencer; Paul Christopher of Shelby, president of the State Textile council, and C. E. Marion, High Point hosiery worker.

Local Mills Get C. C. C Orders

Expansion of the Civilian Conservation corps by 50,000 men in drought areas has brought additional business to North Carolina textile plants.

The emergency conservation work department has announced that three North Carolina mills have been awarded contracts for equipment made necessary by the expansion.

The Cannon Mills company of Kannapolis, was awarded contracts to supply 50,000 huck towels for delivery at Chicago, and 31,250 Turkish towels for delivery at Chicago and 11,875 for delivery at San Francisco.

The Cannon company's price on huck towels was .1174 a unit, while for Turkish towels the contract bid .2824 for the Chicago shipment and 3.098 to deliver them at San Francisco.

Through S. B. Marks company of New York, the North Carolina Finishing mills at Yadkin, N. C., obtained a contract for bleaching and sewing 10,000 bleached cotton sheets for delivery at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, at a rate of .768 cents.

ALWAYS IN GEAR

My wife is very irritable; the least thing sets her off.
"You're lucky at that, mine's a self-starter."

Heads Department



PROF. H. A. FISHER.

Native Of Rowan Heads Math. Dept. At State College

Prof. Hilbert A. Fisher of North Carolina State college has been named head of the mathematics department at that institution to succeed Col. John W. Harrelson, now administrative dean of the college.

Prof. Fisher is a native of Faith, this county, and is a graduate of Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute, the United States Naval Academy, and the submarine school. He is a member of the college athletic council. He resigned as commander of a submarine in 1923 to become a member of the college faculty.

Victor Yost Heads Legion

Victor H. Yost was chosen commander of the Samuel C. Hart post of the American Legion for the coming year at the annual election of officers Tuesday night. He succeeds C. V. Roberts, who was named a member of the executive committee for a three-year term.

Other officers elected are: D. C. Dungan and R. N. Wingate, vice commanders; J. Lawrence Haynes, adjutant; F. P. Buck, finance officer; Fred H. Young, service officer; O. C. Bain, chaplain; Ed Allen, sergeant-at-arms with Gaither Weaver, assistant; W. H. Hardin, historian.

Delegates to the state convention at Greensboro are Victor Yost, J. Lawrence Haynes, S. H. Plexico, D. C. Dungan, Charles L. Coggins; alternates, C. V. Roberts, R. N. Wingate, Frank P. Buck, Donald Clement and W. H. Hardin. The new officers will be installed in October.

KNOWLEDGE

Stranger: "Farm products cost more than they did awhile back. How do you explain it?"
Farmer: "Well, when a farmer is supposed to know the botanical name of what he's raising and the entomological name of the bugs that eat it and the chemical name of the stuff that will kill the bugs—somebody's got to pay for all this knowledge, ain't they?"

BOUQUETS TO THE LIVING

Smith: "Why, old man, I thought you were dead."
Jones: "What led you to think I had passed away?"
Smith: "I overheard some people on the street speaking well of you."

MAYBE IT WAS WIMPY

Landlady: "What portion of the chicken would you like?"
"Oh, half of it will do, thank you."

Two Youths Held For Reeves Murder

Roland Earle Allen, 21, is in the Rowan county jail, and Lowell Massie is in the hospital at Lynchburg, Va., charged with the murder of Will Reeves, a prosperous farmer of Rowan county, on August 9.

Allen and Massie were shot down by Lynchburg officers as they fled a besieged cabin on Piney Creek. Massie was seriously injured. Allen's injuries are not considered very serious. He was brought here Wednesday night by Sheriff Krider and Deputy Sheriff Graham. Each accused the other of the actual slaying. Both admitted participating in the crime.

Allen and Massie have been sought by officers of this county since the night of August 9, following the killing of Will Reeves, prosperous farmer of Morgan township.

Two men who said they were convict guards went to the Reeves home and said they were seeking escaped prisoners. They asked to be allowed to search the house, and covered the first floor. A slight argument ensued, the two men went out the front door, and a few moments later, Reeves was killed by a pistol bullet, while he was standing inside the front door. The men fled.

The next day officers arrested Elmer Waggoner, of this county, as a material witness, it having been learned that a car answering the description of one owned by him had been seen near the Reeves home the night of the slaying. He said two men, Roland Earl Allen, a brother-in-law, and another known as "Jack" Massey had taken his car the afternoon before, returned about midnight and left immediately.

A widespread search had been conducted for the men since that time. Robbery was believed the motive of the crime, as Reeves was reputed to keep large sums of cash in an iron safe in his home.

NEWS BRIEFS

ALUMINUM STRIKE

The American Federation of Labor is battling the huge aluminum trust dominated by Andrew W. Mellon and his family in what appears to be a finish fight. With almost no disorder, the council of aluminum workers has brought to an abrupt standstill all activity at the Aluminum Company of America's four largest plants, employing 8,500 men.

KENTUCKY CLOUDBURST

The muddy tide of a cloudburst swept away all the worldly possessions of hundreds of people, took two lives, and laid waste the fertile lowlands of two counties near Ashland, Ky., Friday. It was the most devastating flood ever recorded in that section of eastern Kentucky. Property damage will be counted in hundred of thousands of dollars.

GUILFORD COLLEGE PRESIDENT

Dr. Clyde A. Miller was formally installed as president of Guilford college Sunday morning at the annual education session of the North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends.

STATE GETS HUGE SUM

Through the Public Works Administration North Carolina has received \$9,559,900 for non-federal projects. Additional millions of dollars have gone into the state in the form of allotments to the federal government and its departments.

BETTER TIMES AHEAD

After his return from a six-weeks inspection tour, President Roosevelt was told by Jesse Jones, chairman of the RFC, that "things look pretty good." The President gave the go-ahead signal to the housing and stock exchange control commissions, two of the government's newest agencies.

TILLEY FAMILY GOES FREE

The five members of the Tilley family on trial for the murder of their foster child and sister, Leoda Childress, were found not guilty by a directed verdict from Judge John M. Oglesby on Saturday, August 11th. Luther Tilley who was being held on another murder charge growing out of the alleged killing of Andrew Elledge in 1927 was also acquitted on Monday.

Junior Golf Champ



SUNSET RIDGE, Ill. . . Shirley Ann Johnson (above) is the new Junior U. S. Women's Western golf champion for 1934. She defeated Hilda Livergood in a desperately fought final round.

Perfect Pistol Score



ALBANY, N. Y. . . Extensive checking up discloses that a world's pistol record was established when S. G. Stanwix (above), of Troop G, N. Y. State Troopers, scored 45 bullseyes in 45 shots on the U. S. Army range, using a 38 calibre.

To Defend Net Title



NEW YORK . . . Helen Jacobs (above), U. S. Women's Tennis Champion, though defeated in the English championship, is home to defend her national title at Forest Hills, N. Y. late this month.

Dimeless Candidate



WELCH, W. Va. . . "I haven't got a dime and will hitch-hike and thumb my way through the district but I'm out to get that nomination," says G. A. Bryant (above), newspaper man and peanut vender, candidate for Congress opposing John Kee.

WHAT SAY?

She (as they motored to the big city church): Aren't these chimes melodiously beautiful? Such harmony. So inspiring! They thrill me!
He: "You'll have to speak louder. Those confounded bells are making such a racket I can't hear a word you say."

53 Cents Levy Fourth Lowest In The State

Salary Increases Voted To Several County Officials

COMPLETE BUDGET

Rowan county's tax rate for 1934-35 was left unchanged at 53 cents per \$100 valuation at a final meeting of the board of commissioners Tuesday night when the new budget was completed. The estimated valuation is \$59,000,000.

Preliminary figures in the budget show about \$325,000 to be raised by ad valorem taxes, with the exception of \$39,000 from miscellaneous revenue.

The sheriff, clerk of the superior court, register of deeds, county auditor, county health officer received salary increases of \$100 each per year while the county judge's salary was boosted \$120 and that of the county prosecutor \$90 per year. The sheriff, county auditor and health officer will receive \$3,800 per annum each, with others graduated downward.

Rowan's tax rate is the fourth lowest in the state.

County officials are being highly commended for their excellent management of the county's business.

GOOD MORNING

SUMMER ODE

When the sun goes north in the summer time
And the wind blows soft from the west;
When the long, long days return again,
You will find—you will find it best
Not to worry nor to struggle any longer,
But be guided by a friend's behest;
Wear suspenders if your form demands it—
But for heaven's sake, don't wear a vest.

CLOSE OBSERVER

Hiram: "I think Peggy will make an ideal wife. Every time I go to her home I find her darnin' her father's socks."
Henry: "That caught me too—until I noticed it was always the same sock."

SUSPICIOUS

Mrs. Gadder: "I should have loved to go to Florida last winter and I would have gone except for one thing."
Mrs. Wigwag: "Your husband didn't want you to, I suppose?"
Mrs. Gadder: "That's just the trouble. He was so anxious for me to go that I was suspicious."

TO KEEP IT GOING

A dark minister noticed one Sunday that Brother Mose Harrison was rocking back and forth in his pew while the sermon was going on, instead of resting quiet as usual. After the service was over the minister asked Mose if he was sick. "No, I ain't sick," exclaimed Mose, "but dat good-fer-nuthin' Jim Botts sold me a watch for a half dollar an' unless I rocks back an' forth dataway dat watch stops."

EXTREME

Joan: "I am going to do my bit, dad, I'm getting a dressmaker to teach me how to cut out dresses."
Dad: "I don't want you to go so far as that. But I think you might cut out cigarettes and \$10 hats."