

Bailey Backs Move To Earmark Funds For PWA

President Opposes Increased Armies

Tells D. A. R. Limitation Is Goal Of U. S.

Will Continue Fight For International Disarmament

Washington—In a message to the Daughters of the American Revolution, President Roosevelt asserted that the United States would continue to press for an international arms reduction agreement and would not increase armaments unless forced to by other nations.

"If this were a disarming world," Mr. Roosevelt said, "it is obvious that our needs would be proportionately decreasing. I regret that today this is not the kind of a world. I regret it deeply."

"But here we confront the question of disarmament. On that issue our policy is clear. That policy has two elements in it. First, we propose to press, continually, for a limitation of armament by international agreement. Second, failing to get that, we will make no increase of our own armament unless other powers by increasing their armament make increase by us necessary to our national safety."

"If progress in armament limitation has been slow, progress in other areas has been rapid. We have stated the principle of good neighbor as the standard for the conduct of our foreign policy. We have begun the practice of that principle. Already that practice has ushered in a new era of good will between ourselves and the great nations of the Americas. One after another we are liquidating the causes of friction and misunderstanding between us."

"We have a disinterested, consistent, and successful foreign policy. In it we give no thought to a war of aggression on the part of the United States. We stand firmly by our solemn treaty obligation renouncing war as an instrument of national policy."

The President sent his letter to Mrs. William A. Becker, president-general, after he had been forced to cancel his scheduled address because of the death of his secretary, Louis McHenry Howe.

First Bonus Bonds Going Out June 15

Washington—It was given out officially at the treasury this week that the first of the bonus bonds for the world war veterans will be ready for mailing out on June 15.

A big force of extra clerks are going to be put on in order to expedite the work of getting the bonds in the hands of those entitled to them at the earliest possible date after June 15th.

Wright Building Changes Name

The office building, for a number of years, known as the Wright building and owned by the late George W. Wright, and directly across from the postoffice building has recently changed hands and is now known as the Professional building. This announcement is made for the benefit of the many inquiries as to the building in which Dr. Gaither Cauble has his offices, which are in room 204 Professional building.

Germany wants the whole watermelon, and is not content to let Italy have the Rhine.

JAIL-BIRD OF A DOG

Marion, S. C.—Dick, a big black bird dog was released from the county jail after being kept there since the dog quarantine was put on about three weeks ago. The dog is the property of Mrs. Mae Gosque, Sheriff of this county and Mrs. Gasque had him locked up, so he would not get shot in the dog round-up, which has been going on for the past three weeks. Dick was not tried. Marion's lady, sheriff made bond for the fine fellow, and now he is free to romp and play.

Farley Hopes Running High

Democratic Chieftan Sees Great Roosevelt Victory In Primary Elections

Washington—James A. Farley of the Democratic national committee interpreted the results of recent primary elections and the trend of registration figures as indicating a "tremendous Roosevelt sweep next November."

"Figures and facts tell the story and the conclusion is inevitable that President Roosevelt is stronger now than he was in 1932," the Democratic chairman and Postmaster General said in a formal statement.

Other political developments in the capitol included: Carl G. Bachman, chairman of Senator Borah's campaign committee, said in a statement that it seemed "very queer" that official returns from two districts in the Illinois Republican primary had not come in.

"The information that I have does not indicate that there is any good reason for the final official returns in these districts (the 14th and 20th) not to be open to the public at the present moment, and it appears to me that apparently there is something wrong," he said.

The Republican national committee professional advisory group was reported by Senate Republicans to be drafting material intended for use in a concerted Senate and House minority attack on the administration's tax and relief proposals.

Prof. Niles W. Carpenter of the University of Buffalo and others were reported by minority Senators to be working on the two subjects with the idea of forming a basis for alternative proposals when the two issues reach congressional floors.

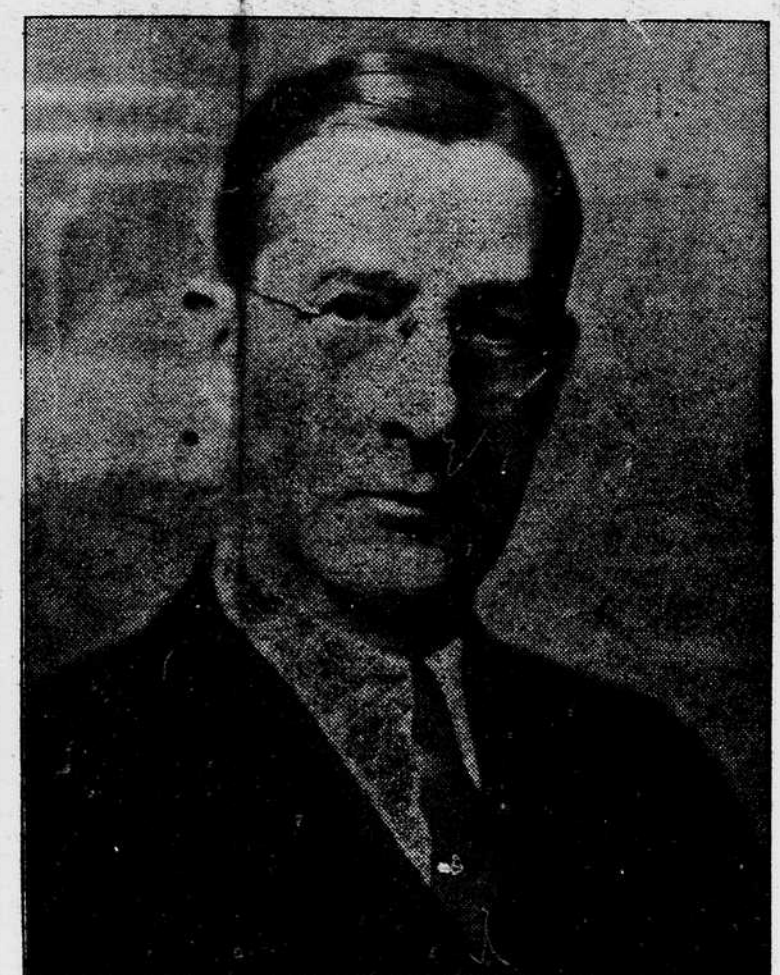
Representative Martin, Democrat of Massachusetts, described a private dinner given by Henry P. Fletcher, Republican national chairman, to members of the professional staff and a few congressmen as "it's just a private affair of not much significance." Martin was among the guests.

In his statement, Farley said that "final and complete registration returns from California show 1,676,667 Democrats and 1,156,696 Republicans." While "in 1932 the Republicans had a majority of (Continued on page five)

Head of Patrol Rotary Speaker

Capt. Charles D. Farmer, of Raleigh, head of the State highway patrol, spoke to the Rotary club here Tuesday on "Safety." He urged drivers to use more care, advocated that pedestrians exercise caution and not create additional hazards, and said that auto fatalities in this State are showing a decrease. He further said the State-wide radio system authorized by the last Legislature, but not yet in operation, will increase the efficiency of the patrol 100 per cent.

TO SEEK RE-ELECTION



Senator Josiah W. Bailey, now completing his sixth year in the Senate, has filed notice of his candidacy for renomination in the Democratic primary, June 6th.

Hoey Hits At False Promises

Wilson Exemptions of the necessities of life from the sales tax and remedying levying and collecting it "to remove some of its discriminations and irritations" were proposed here by Clyde R. Hoey, candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination.

"I want your votes," Hoey told Wilson county citizens, "but I don't want any office enough to make a false promise in order to get your votes. For that reason, I will not promise complete elimination of the sales tax at this time."

"I do, however, believe that in addition to taking the sales tax off the necessities of life, we can and should remedy the method of levying and collecting it in order to remove some of its discriminations and irritations."

"If I am elected governor, I intend to ask the merchants of the State to select a committee to confer with the budget commission and myself before the Legislature meets and work out a more equitable and satisfactory plan."

"I have never favored the sales tax. I had nothing to do with its adoption. I have refused to recognize it as a permanent tax policy of the State. I have said all along that it should be removed from the necessities and that it should be repealed entirely when the State's revenue will permit—either because of increased returns from sources now utilized, or from new sources that may be made available, or from both."

State Ended March With Balance Of \$22,000,000

Raleigh—The State of North Carolina had \$23,405,904.93 in its treasury on March 31, including \$2,243,795.60 against which warrants had been drawn but not cashed, to leave a balance of more than \$21,000,000.

The monthly fiscal statement released today showed the general fund with a balance of \$4,429,684.29 on March 31, compared with only \$2,745.42 on hand the first of last month. Heavy income tax payments aided in bringing in \$7,609,791.54 in March and disbursements were \$3,182,852.67.

For the first time, the monthly statement segregated highway funds from other special funds. The highway fund had a balance of \$13,444,994.70 as March ended, receipts being \$1,976,932.74 and disbursements \$2,739,896.21. All other special funds had a balance of \$2,447,418.50.

The State had a funded debt of \$167,789,000 on March 31. During the fiscal year the general fund, which started with a \$2,310,000 overdraft, had received

ASKS PERMIT TO REGULATE BEES

Washington—Police Chief Ernest W. Brown is seeking authority to regulate the life of bees. He said: "Headquarters receives numerous complaints during the summer months of annoyance caused by bees. Residents who live near where bees are kept state that the bees are around their flowers in the yards to such an extent that they often cannot enjoy their gardens."

AAA Benefits Are Extended

Revised Plan Intended to Grant Aid to More Farmers Throughout Nation

Washington—Changes intended to grant soil conservation benefits to more farmers were made in the farm program by the AAA.

The AAA said work on rates of payments for four regions was "progressing rapidly" and the schedules should be completed within a few days. Rates for the north central region were announced several days ago.

A primary modification of regulations made today would permit partial payments to producers who may not have the minimum agencies in soil conserving crops necessary to qualify for full payments.

Previously, it was announced that farmers, to be eligible for payments, must have, in 1936, at least 15 per cent as much crop land in soil conserving as in soil depleting crops. In the case of cotton, tobacco, peanuts, and flax, the minimum was 20 per cent.

Under the new regulation, the AAA will make deductions from farmers' payments for each acre by which they fail to meet the requirements. The deduction rate will be one and one-half times the rate of soil conserving payment for each excess acre of soil depleting crops.

Another regulation, the AAA said, would permit farmers who already have large soil conserving acreages and small soil depleting acreages, to obtain soil building payments without reducing the amounts of their cash crops. However, heavy deductions will be made from the soil building payments if such farmers increase their acreages

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TRICKED BY MATE GETS DIVORCE

Los Angeles—Mrs. Concha De Salvador told Judge Thurmond Clarke she was surprised when her husband gave her the money she asked. He usually was difficult about such matters.

She was even more surprised when she tried to spend the money, "I was deeply humiliated to find myself with only stage money." Mrs. De Salvador was granted a divorce.

Lutheran Synod Meets In Rowan

The semi-annual meeting of the western conference of the Lutheran synod of North Carolina convened Tuesday morning at the Mt. Moriah church, near China Grove for a two-day session.

The Rev. B. J. Wessinger of Spencer, is president, and preached the opening sermon. Discussions in the afternoon were on "Institutions for Office of the Ministry," with Rev. J. R. Vick of Newton, and Eugene Brown, of Mt. Ulla, as leaders. The Rev. G. L. Barger preached at night.

Senator Lauds N. C. Program

Reveals Attitude on Relief Appropriation in Letter to Burlington Mayor

Washington — Senator Josiah W. Bailey let it be known he "intends to go as far as I can" in earmarking part of the proposed billion and a half dollar appropriation for relief so that it may be used by the PWA.

The senator replied to a telegram sent by Mayor Earl B. Wagner of Burlington, who pointed out that 3,000 Burlington people had signed petitions for paving and street improvements. "There is no way in the world for them to get this paving other than through the PWA," declared he mayor. "I personally think that it would be a mistake to turn all the money over to the Works Progress administration," he concluded.

"I think this is the only way we can proceed with assurance to providing for very valuable public works projects in our state," Bailey replied. "The Public Works administration in North Carolina has done a remarkably fine work and has laid before the department here some excellent projects. The transfer of funds left these projects unprovided for. The earmarking of new funds would enable us to obtain reasonable appropriations for these projects. I have in mind a number of towns and cities and also counties which have been disappointed. Moreover, I think that public works projects are the most desirable means of providing employment. They are in the nature of substantial and permanent investments and will prove worth the money invested. So I am in sympathy with the tenor of your telegram."

"Under any circumstances I would urge our people to support the administration. There may be disappointments here and there, but one must recognize that taken as a whole the administration has achieved very remarkable progress out of the depression and that in this progress North Carolina stands at the forefront."

State Has Record Prison Population

Raleigh — The population of penal units of the state highway and public works commission reached a new record at over 9,000 last week.

Oscar Pitts, acting director, said final reports as of Wednesday were not in hand but there was no doubt the 9,000 mark had been passed. On March 31 the penal division had 8,898 prisoners.

In March the division handled 10,420 prisoners, a new monthly high mark. There were 1,625 prisoners released, including 1,511 who completed sentences.

Onslow 'Gators Building Nests

Kinston—Roy Batts reported Onslow county alligators are hunting nests. They are hunting places for nests, that is. The repositories for eggs will have to be constructed, and will the potential mothers make a good job of it! Batts, this section's foremost authority on alligators, said an alligator's nest is likely to be a work of art. Occasionally one finds one that has been "slapped together."

Laying will be the order for June, Batts said. Baby 'gators will emerge from the shells in September. Though a female alligator doesn't sit on her nest like a hen, according to Batts, she is in a bad temper during incubation and is dangerous to "play around."

Washington—Congress is moving slowly—very slowly—towards the main objective of its members, which is to get away from Washington before the National Convention and start repairing their own political fences.

It is no overstatement to say that the prevailing feeling in both Houses and among the members of both parties is one of fatigue and indifference. They are too tired out to do anything on their own initiative and they are dilly-dallying along, making gestures toward producing a new tax bill but trying to avoid doing anything that will impair their chances of re-election.

Under the Constitution, all bills for raising revenue must originate in the House of Representatives. The Ways and Means Committee therefore, is trying to draft the new tax measure. The Republican members of the committee walked out and left the job to the Democrats. Every member of that Committee will be up for re-election in November, so the net result of the deliberations is expected to be a draft which will not tread on anybody's toes.

The bill will then go to the Senate, where the Finance Committee (most of whose members, like most of the majority in the Senate, don't have to run for reelection in November) will shape it up and the Senate will pass the real talk bill. The House will then accept it.

NOVEMBER BATTLE-GROUNDS

On the Democratic side of Congress nobody is worried at all over the outcome of the Presidential election. They are perfectly certain that Mr. Roosevelt will be re-elected. But an awful lot of them are not so certain that they can carry their own districts, even by tying themselves to Mr. Roosevelt's coattails.

More than 110 of the Democratic members of Congress gained their seats in the 1934 election by pluralities of less than 5,000, in some cases by only a few hundreds. The shift of an average of 1,500 voters in each of these close Congressional districts would result in a Republican majority in the next House.

That is said to be one of the points upon which Republican political strategy is becoming more and more concentrated. The feeling of the Republican High Command is that while it is not going to be easy to beat Mr. Roosevelt for the Presidency, it might be a not so difficult task to gain control of the lower House of Congress.

In this matter they could effectively block any effort to extend the policies of the New Deal, and give the Republicans an opportunity to organize a more vigorous opposition, with an eye on the Congressional and Senatorial elections of 1938 and the Presidential election of 1940.

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Negro Preacher Admits Thefts

Rev. Christopher Columbus Carter, 48-year-old negro preacher who was nabbed in Charlotte some time ago by officers there on a warrant from here charging that he had solicited funds for the alleged purpose of aiding in the establishment of a negro church and put the money to his own use, made an eloquent plea in county court here last Saturday, but was sentenced to serve 20 months on the roads.

He admitted that he lied to the officers about whom he had given the money and also about his fingerprint record, terming it "a grievous mistake," but insisted that there were "migrating circumstances." Due to the hard winter he had been able to hold services only three times and was therefore unable to replace the money, about \$76, he had received from members of a local white congregation who had shown financial encouragement of what he had represented as a worth while enterprise, he told the judge.

His fingerprint record showed that he had been indicted on charges of embezzlement, con game, violation of blue sky law, unlawful attempt to dispose of securities, forgery, burglary and escape. On cross examination he also admitted that he had been acquitted on a murder charge and that to the best of his recollection he had served between seven and eight years.