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Measure to Give Those Above 65 Years \$15 a Month

Weed Control Proposed

Raleigh.—The General Assembly Monday received a tobacco crop control bill, a measure allowing North Carolina to participate in the old age assistance plan of the Federal Social Security board, and a resolution of ratification of the proposed child labor amendment to the Federal Constitution.

The returning Senators and Representatives of the majority party feel that the course upon which they had embarked received an overwhelming endorsement at last Fall's election, and that they are in effect, under orders from their constituencies to proceed along the same lines.

SIDELINE SKIRMISHES
That is not to say, however, that all the members of the majority in Congress are of one mind. Signs are already appearing of section antagonism, which might easily become so acute as to impede the course of legislation.

The first open clash between North and South came in the fight between Representative O'Connor of New York and Representative Rayburn of Texas for the important post of Majority Leader. That is an important position at any time and seems more important now than usual because of the expectation that Spk. Bankhead will not hold that position long. Mr. Bankhead is a sick man, and if he is forced to lay down the gavel the majority leader will be the logical person to succeed him.

The line-up of Congressional factions into North and South is not strictly on geographical lines. It arises however, from resentment by northern Democrats over the control of the machinery and patronage of Congress by the Southern members.

Most of the important committee chairmanships are held by southerners, representing predominantly rural districts, and the Northern and Eastern members of the same party feel that the interests of the industrial cities from which most of them come have not been given sufficient weight by their colleagues from Dixie.

PRESIDENT IN CONTROL
The essential control of the new Congress, however, will remain with the President. He has the power—more power than any of his predecessors ever had—to persuade Congress to do whatever he strongly desires it to do. There will be more independence of the Executive in this Congress than in its predecessors. There will also be less "rubber stamp" legislation. But, in the long run, congressional acts will be in close accord with the President's desires.

What the collective mind of Congress is chiefly concerned about is the welfare of the masses, the workers and the lower and middle-class groups. The question how the welfare of these groups can be best promoted without disturbing the entire social and economic order will provide the major issues upon which differences will develop.

THE JOB AHEAD
The task before the 75th Congress, as Washington observers see it, is no longer that of emergency legislation for economic recovery, but a permanent reconstruction of the social and economic order.

If this cannot be brought about under the Constitution as it now stands, then many of the leaders in both houses give evidence of being ready to propose an amendment to the Constitution to broaden the authority of Congress over such matters as hours of labor, minimum wages, aid for agriculture, control of business practices and the like.

Senator Robinson of Arkansas (Continued on page Four)

Senator Pittman of Lee offered a school bus safety bill in the Senate providing that all busses should be equipped with speed governors; that any bus driver who exceeded a speed of 35 miles an hour be fined \$50 or sentenced to 30 days in jail; that drivers be at least 25 years old, have certificates from the highway patrol showing their fitness to operate motor vehicles and have at least five years' experience, and that all busses be equipped with safety glass after July 1.

The tobacco crop control bill, introduced in the House by Representative Eagles of Edgecombe, Martin of Surry and others, would provide for the supervision and regulation of the production, sale and marketing of tobacco.

Williamson of Columbus introduced the old age assistance bill in the House.

The measure provides:
1. Compensation, not to exceed \$15 a month, be paid to needy persons of 65 years of age or older, who have lived in the State five years within the preceding nine years and who are neither in a State institution nor on relief.
2. Creation of a State department of public welfare, to consist of a new five-man-state board of public welfare, to be appointed by the Governor.

Dr. Cauble to Hold Clinic
Dr. Gaither Cauble will hold a special clinic for the next ten days. He has recently installed a new treating instrument which will be used during the clinic. Dr. Cauble will be assisted by a specialist in the treatment of all chronic conditions.

Man Dies Under Train
Clay Honberrier, 33, of Dukeville, near Spencer, was killed by a train on a crossing at Spencer early Saturday. His severed body was found beside the railroad tracks. He was not seen by members of the crew on the train which killed him, and apparently had been dead several hours when found. Honberrier was seen last Friday night at a service station near the place of the accident. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Love Honberrier of Dukeville, six sister, and two brothers.

National Leaders Plan Gigantic Ball to Honor President and Raise Infantile Paralysis Fund



The nation's biggest social event, the celebration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's fifty-fifth birthday anniversary, is set for January 30, with more than 5,000 communities throughout the country planning parties to raise funds for the philanthropy closest to the Chief Executive's heart, and for infantile paralysis sufferers.

Colonel Henry L. Doherty, for the fourth year chairman of the national celebration, is being assisted by many of the country's foremost leaders in plans for the events. Among those on his committee are: Vincent Astor, Postmaster General James A. Farley, Ambassador Joseph E. Davies, Will H. Hays, Carl Byoir, general director, Colonel Edward M. House, Edsel B. Ford, Walter P. Chrysler, Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, Patrick Cardinal Hayes, Bishop William T. Manning, Harvey S. Firestone, Keith Morgan, General John J. Pershing, Owen D. Young, Howard Chandler Christy, Charles G. Dawes and Admiral Cary T. Grayson.

Society leaders, radio, motion picture and theatrical stars are joining forces to make the celebration the greatest series of parties ever staged.

Meantime in cities, towns and hamlets throughout the nation millions of Americans are making preparations for parties that will eclipse in size and colorful entertainment those of any previous year.

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Norris Advocates Conference On Amendments

Washington.—Criticism of the Supreme Court headed upwards in plans for a "conference on constitutional amendment," under the chairmanship of Senator George Norris, the veteran Nebraska Independent.

An attempt will be made to organize such a conference as clearing house for proposals to enlarge Federal powers and curtail the jurisdiction of the courts, either by amendment or by simple statutory action.

It developed that a small group of lawyers and economists had been promoting the idea for several months past and asked Norris to preside. He was expected to give his formal answer within a few days.

Under the plan, the 50 sponsors of amendments in Congress would be asked to explain their proposals, committees would sift the proposals, and pressure would then be organized behind the action favored by the conference.

Stork Has Busy Month In Hollywood

Hollywood.—The stork was a busy bird in Hollywood in 1936. Fifty-six babies were born to movieland's celebrities and film players.

Twin boys came to Mrs. Wally Vernon, wife of the comedian who had sued him for separate maintenance. The couple was so happy over the double arrival they became reconciled.

Twins, a boy and a girl, also were born to Mrs. Sam Wren, a sister of the late "Chic" Sale.

A son came to the home of John Carradine, that terrible villain of "The Prisoner of Shark Island."

A little Astaire arrived at the home of Fred Astaire, he of the fast-stepping feet.

A daughter was born to Mrs. W. S. Van Dyke, wife of the noted film director.

In London the stork brought a son to Laura La Ulante, in private life the wife of Riving Asher.

Sons also arrived at the homes of Robert Montgomery, Alan Dinehart, whose wife formerly was Mozzelle Britton; Hamilton McFadden, the director, whose wife was Ruth Channing of the stage; David D. Selznick, the movie mogul; Dorothy Jordan (Mrs. M. C. Cooper), and Helen Mack, in private life Mrs. Charles Irvin.

Daughters came to the homes of Mrs. John Wayne (Josephine Saenz), Howard Hawks, Joan Gale (Mrs. Lew Schreiber), Sally Blaine (Mrs. Norman Foster), Mrs. Buster and Kathryn McGuire (Mrs. George Landi).

Mr. and Mrs. Pat O'Brien adopted a baby boy, as did Marion Nixon and her husband, William Seiter.

George Hirliman, producers, and his wife, formerly Eleanor Hunt, adopted a baby girl.

Amarillo, Texas.—The state of Texas furnishes 79 per cent of the United States production of carbon black. This commodity is made from natural gas and is an essential ingredient of manufactured rubber.

Carolinians' Asked To Mobilize For Safety—Will Receive Awards

A thorough and far-reaching mobilization for highway safety in the Carolinas throughout 1937 will be conducted by the Carolina Motor club.

C. W. Roberts, president of the club, said the purpose of the plan is to mobilize all citizens of the Carolinas, and to get them to make an effort to reduce the great loss of life, limb, and property on streets and highways.

Carolinians who operate their automobiles or trucks for a year or more will be recognized for their performance, and certificates of award will be presented for this careful and safe driving. The Carolina Motor Club will maintain at its headquarters a record of those who operate a year or longer without accident, just as it does for its members who have been awarded the gold star driver's emblem for safe driving.

"It is our hope that all civic and private organizations, as well as individuals will become a part of this great mobilization for the saving of human life," Mr. Roberts said. "There is no obligation on any applicant other than a promise to drive carefully, and individuals of any race more than 16 years of age are eligible for enrollment."

During the year driver's schools will be operated, speakers will address practically every organization in the Carolinas, schools will carry on specific programs, and newspapers will continue their valuable assistance. We intend to leave nothing undone to make this the most thorough and effective effort which we have ever attempted to reduce the number of accidents and the number of fatalities upon the streets and highways of the Carolinas."

Godfrey Sent To Raleigh By Engineers

Mr. O. C. Godfrey, well known resident of Spenser, left Monday for Raleigh to attend the sessions of the general assembly as a special representative of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Old Dominion 375.

This organization in past years has had a representative attending the sessions of the general assembly looking after the interests of the brotherhood, the railroads, and the public in general.

Mr. Godfrey has had much active service and is well qualified to cope with any situation which may fall to him during the session. He was for a long time general chairman of the local committee and knows every phase of the work, the importance of just legislation and is alive to the interests of the men who operate the railroads of North Carolina.

HOOVER AGREES WITH PRESIDENT

Palo Alto, Calif.—"The President is right," declared former President Herbert Hoover, Sunday, in urging ratification of the child labor constitutional amendment. "The major reason for its ratification is the right of children to health and a fair chance," he added; "but it is also important that we have orderly constitutional change instead of pressure on the independence of the Supreme court." Mr. Hoover said states comprising 80 per cent of the country's population now have regulatory child labor laws, but these still suffer from competition of states retaining this "hideous advantage."

OUR OWN SNAPSHOTS

JACK BENNY and MARY LIVINGSTONE celebrate their tenth wedding anniversary in January. The young lady riding piggy-back is Joam Naomi Benny. One of these days the youngster is going to make her debut on her mother and dad's Sunday evening comedy program over the NBC-Red network.

PROGRAM BUILDER: This is Evelyn Macdonald, the 16-year-old high school girl who, as a member of the Listeners' Committee, helps select the persons who tell their unusual stories on the "We, The People" program, heard each Sunday afternoon at 5:00 o'clock, New York time, over the NBC-Blue network.

SHOEBILL, a rare and valuable specimen in a London zoo, getting his throat syringed to safeguard him against colds. And you think you have troubles!

A group of modern mermaids—Are they waiting for any waylagers?