

Plans Complete for Birthday Ball

Washington—President Roosevelt's second term began last Wednesday, Jan. 20. He came through the strain of his first term in better shape than even his friends believed possible, yet the heavy duties have worn him perceptibly and, as he stated himself in his appeal to Congress to authorize the enlargement of the Executive staff, "the President cannot adequately handle his responsibilities; he is overworked, it is humanly impossible for him to carry out his duty as Chief Executive because he is overwhelmed with minor details and needless contacts arising directly from the bad organization and equipment of the Government."

The plan of reorganization which the President's committee drew up and which he has urged upon Congress would give the Chief Executive a lot of additional help. There would be six assistants directly attached to the White House staff in addition to the secretaries now provided. As the committee suggested, these should be men whose job would be to keep in touch with every administrative department and make recommendations to the President on administrative methods and personnel.

THE PRESIDENT'S PLAN
The plan calls for the addition of two Cabinet departments, Social Welfare and Public Works, and changing the name of the Department of the Interior to Department of Conservation. The hundred or more independent agent boards and commissions would be distributed among the twelve major departments.

An important part of the President's plan is to abolish the present Civil Service Commission and instead provide a single personnel officer or Civil Service Administrator with an unpaid advisory board of six public-spirited citizens, to assist in placing every Government position not concerned with the shaping of policies in the irremovable classified service.

The President's reorganization plan ran head-on into Congress' own ideas about reorganization, as soon as it was submitted. Senator Harry Byrd of Virginia is chairman of a committee which has had its own experts at work for nearly a year, and which has different ideas as to what needs to be done.

The boys on Capitol Hill, much as they would like to go along with the President, don't like a number of things about his plan. In the first place, they say, it would tend to concentrate too much power in the Executive, which is not the idea of Congress at all.

Moreover, the President's plan would abolish the position of Comptroller-General, which was created by Congress as a check upon Executive spending. And one thing the boys on the Hill decidedly disapprove is the idea of sewing up all the government jobs so tight that a Congressman or a Senator can't even get a postmaster appointed.

The President was entirely frank in pointing out that his plan of reorganization considered efficiency first and economy only secondarily. Senator Byrd and a few others are equally frank in saying that it is time to think about economy. They will bring forward reorganization plans of their own.

THE BUDGET OUTLOOK

In the subject of economy, the President's budget message held little hope of a reduction in Federal expenditures for another year. It is not likely that Government income will balance outgo before the fiscal year 1939.

The big items of expense for which the President asks Congress are: Relief, \$1,887,000,000; Army and Navy, \$981,000,000; Interest on the \$35,000,000,000 National Debt, \$860,000,000; Public Works \$858,000,000; Regular Government Expenses, \$750,000,000; Veterans Administration, \$577,000,000; Farm Aid, \$463,000,000.

The \$836,000,000 asked for Social Security will be largely offset by the new payroll taxes.

It is not expected that any new taxes will be needed, unless the strike situation so disorganizes business and checks recovery as to shut off expected tax revenue from business sources. There is little likelihood of reduction in other tax.

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LOS ANGELES . . . P. Milton Smith (above), editor of Mountain View, Calif., this week faced a court on criminal libel charges based on an editorial he wrote attacking President Roosevelt. A local Democratic County official instigated the court action.



SEATTLE . . . Mrs. Rubye L. Zioncheck, 21 (above), widow of the late Congressman Zioncheck, is now a freshman in the University of Washington. She enrolled in psychology, economics and political science classes. Prior to her marriage she was a WPA stenographer in Washington.

Today And Tomorrow

HAPPINESS . . . laws
Sir Arthur Eddington, famous British scientist, told ship news reporters that the only happy land he knew anything about is the one in the familiar old hymn:

"There is a happy land Far, far away."
There never has been such a thing on earth as a happy land—a land in which all the people or even half the people were happy, except it may have been in one of the South Sea Islands before white men discovered them and introduced new ideas about right and wrong and began to impose laws upon the people.

I've observed innumerable attempts to make a land—a happy land of ours—a happy land by passing laws. It looks to me that the more laws we adopt, the farther away we get from the goal of happiness. The happy land is still "far, far away."

DELUSIONS . . . vary
The trouble with most of us is that we suffer from delusions—delusions as to what would make us happy if we had it; delusions about how to make others happy. I know earnest souls who are convinced that all the poor need to make them happy is electric dishwashers and modern plumbing. Most of us believe that all we need to make ourselves happy is more money than we have.

So we pass laws, or demand their passage, to give everybody more money and more plumbing, foolishly believing that happiness can be measured in dollars. I lean more and more strongly to the belief, as time marches on, that a nation would be a much happier place if all the laws which were designed to make folk happy were repealed over night. At least, such a procedure would make it easier for Washington to balance the budget and reduce taxes.

RESPONSIBILITY . . . no cop
One of my objections to trying to regulate all human affairs by law is that it takes responsibility away from the individual citizen and lays it on the shoulder of the policeman. I believe most of the evils which laws are supposed to correct would be righted to the satisfaction of everybody, if every body realized that they had to do the job themselves, and couldn't get out of it by saying it was government's business to attend to it.

There was a higher proportion of happiness, I believe, in the pioneer era when laws were few and sheriffs a long way off, and settlers had to work out their destinies and those of their communities by taking responsibility on their own shoulders.

At last they enjoyed a higher measure of independence when there were no government agents round to tell them what to do,

and they never missed the plumbing which they'd never heard of.

DIAMONDS . . . joy
If you think it is diamonds that will make you happy, here's a chance to pick up the world's second or third largest and finest stone at a bargain. Three years ago this month I told in this column about a diamond almost as big as an egg which a South African Dutchman named Jacobus Jonker found on his farm and sold for \$300,000.

Well, the world's master diamond cutter, Lazare Kaplan, finished cutting up the Jonker diamond in New York just after New Year's. He got twelve gems out of it, the largest a magnificent jewel of 143 carats. Their owner, who bought the original rough diamond from Jonker, thinks the twelve would make a nice necklace and he asks only \$2,000,000 for the lot!

I haven't heard whether Jacobus Jonker's \$300,000 has brought him happiness or not. It seems likely that the one who has got the most happiness out of the big diamond so far is the skilled craftsman who had the joy of using his skill on such a piece of work.

WEATHER . . . crops
Thus far the winter of 1936-37 has been as much of a freak as its predecessor. A year ago the East was having the heaviest snows and the lowest temperatures since Washington's army nearly froze to death at Valley Forge. This year there have not been a dozen really cold days along the whole Atlantic seaboard and no snow to speak of. California has been suffering from the coldest winter in years and Florida baking in the highest temperatures on record.

One good thing about this open winter has been the abundance of rain that has soaked in all over the drought-affected regions of the East. In very few sections has the ground been frozen before the rain fell. Springs, wells and reservoirs have been replenished and the outlook is good for a big crop season.

Whatever may happen between now and summer, we can't have many weeks of cold weather now.

East Spencer P. T. A. News
The Grade Mothers of Spencer High School held a call meeting on Tuesday afternoon relative to dinner which the P. T. A. will serve Wednesday, February 3rd, in behalf of the school.

The next regular meeting of the P. T. A. will be held on the 3rd Monday in February.

261 Dead And Near Million Made Homeless

The flood situation in Ohio, Kentucky and adjoining states, was reported Thursday to be as follows:

Homeless—Estimated at almost 1,000,000 by the Red Cross.
Dead—Known dead numbered 261—including 133 known dead in Louisville. However, it was readily estimated more than 300 had died from exposure and disease in Louisville hospitals. This would boost the general flood total to more than 428.

Known dead by states included: Kentucky 170, Arkansas 23, Missouri 14, Ohio 14, West Virginia 14, Indiana 9, Tennessee 9, Illinois 6, Pennsylvania 3, South Carolina 1, Mississippi 1.

Damage—Conservatively estimated at more than \$400,000,000.
Relief—Red Cross raising \$10,000,000 relief fund. Senate arranged for quick consideration of \$790,000,000 deficiency appropriation.

President Roosevelt has promised it will be made available for flood relief. Red Cross, medical, relief workers and Federal, and state agencies rush supplies and aid to flood victims.

Well Known Woman Passes

(From the Spencer Journal)

Mrs. Spencer S. Pierce, aged 50 died at her home on Iredell Ave. Sunday night about midnight, following a long illness. For the past ten days her condition had been very serious. She is survived by her husband, two sons, Lloyd Pierce, of Winston-Salem and Roland of Asheville; three daughters, Mrs. Walter Sebastian Miss Virginia and Julia Pierce of Spencer. One grandson, Richard Pierce Sebastian; four brothers, H. P. Newman of Spencer, H. R. Newman of Greensboro, Charles and L. R. Newman of Washington; and one sister, Mrs. P. B. Winston of Richmond, Va. Funeral services were held from the Methodist Church Tuesday at 4 P. M., being conducted by Rev. W. B. Davis of Winston-Salem, assisted by Rev. G. A. Stamper, pastor of the Methodist Church.

Active Pallbearers were Dr. G. B. Albright, J. H. Benton, E. L. Rankin, W. H. Womack, Earl Kluttd and Lester H. Slate.

Honorary pallbearers were H. C. Trexler, E. M. Swanson, W. D. Hutchinson, M. R. Brockman, Dike Webber, Roy Stuart, M. E. Scrivener, R. L. Julian, E. R. Blackman, G. D. Brandt, S. S. Moore and J. D. Carter.

Flower bearers were members of the Susanna Wesley Sunday school class and friends and neighbors of the family. These offerings were numerous and beautiful showing the high esteem in which the deceased was held.

1,000,000 Homeless

These people are suffering from hunger, cold and disease. Do your part by contributing to the Red Cross

"Bitsy" Tops Stars



MIAMI, Fla. . . Bryan M. "Bitsy" Grant (above), mighty miniature Atlanta Atom of tennis, is spilling champion net stars all over the South in winter play here, twice defeating Donald Budge, ranking No. 1 U. S. star.

Statement

Effective the first week in February the Rowan County Herald will succeed The Carolina Watchman and the new publication will be published twice a week, beginning the first week in April, by the Independent Press Publishing Company which will replace The Carolina Watchman Publishing Company.

These changes are being made in accord with the expansion program recently inaugurated by the publisher and owner and with the additional objective of furnishing Salisbury and Rowan County with a live, up-to-date semiweekly, portraying in detail, the social, economic and religious life of this community. As in the past, this publication will continue to cater especially to rural Rowan.

In addition to the Herald-Watchman, the publisher also owns and publishes The Spencer Journal, Spencer, N. C., The Davie County Independent, Mocksville, N. C., where a complete newspaper plant has been installed, and the China Grove Record, founded in 1909, discontinued by this publisher in July, 1931, but publication of which will be resumed in the near future.

Several men have been added to our staff, three in the mechanical department and two in the news and advertising departments. In order to handle the increased volume of business, additional machinery has been purchased including two Model 14 linotype machines, another newspaper press, job printing press, saw and motor, fully equipped, and a large quantity of type and other equipment.

Our plants are now equipped to handle any type of printing or publishing work.

The publisher desires to express his gratitude for the support of the subscribers, advertisers and other patronage enjoyed in the past and bespeaks a continuation of the same for the above mentioned publications in the future.

E. W. G. Huffman, Publisher.

Spencer Adopts Refunding Plan

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen have not borrowed any money nor issued any new bonds, the tax collections are better, the street assessments are being paid and to take care of the large number of bonds (which were issued in the past years, some as early as 1906) that have come due in the past five years, namely one hundred and seventy five thousand dollars, the town authorities have put into operation a refunding plan. This plan has the effect of continuing the old indebtedness over a long period of years, some bonds coming due even as late as 1954, and when the final refunding plan has been completed the Town of Spencer will save a large sum in interest and all past due bonds will be current as to principal and interest.

Will Reduce Interest On Town's Bonds

Operation of the refunding plan adopted by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen has resulted in a decided improved financial condition for the Town of Spencer and will save the tax payers a substantial amount of interest, over a period of years, according to T. Kern Carlton, Town Attorney, when approached by a representative of The Spencer Journal Wednesday.

During the past five years, the Town of Spencer has been through one of the most trying times in its corporate existence, due mainly to the depression and consequent inability of part of its citizenry to pay their taxes, street and other assessments. Approximately one hundred and seventy five thousand dollars of street, water, sewer and school bonds came due during that period.

At the present time the financial condition of the Town has improved.

WILY STAGE GALA EVENT AT HI SCHOOL

Jack Wardlaw And His Famous Orchestra Will Furnish Music And Entertainment.

TICKET SALES VERY RAPID

Plans are about complete for what is expected to be one of the largest social and beneficent events ever held in Salisbury.

The event:—President's Birthday Ball.

Time—Monday night, Feb. 1. Place—Boydton High School.

Jack Wardlaw and his famous orchestra, will furnish music. A number of other entertaining features have been arranged, for the event.

"Help fight infantile paralysis" is the call that is being heard throughout the nation this week, with a Birthday Ball for the President scheduled to be held in virtually every city, village and hamlet in the United States.

The President's birthday falls on Saturday, January 30, and on this date he has been honored throughout the nation every year since 1932 with an event of this sort to be held here Wednesday night.

70 per cent of the proceeds is used in the localities where the dances are held the remainder being turned over to the Warm Springs Foundation to be used for the purpose of aiding victims of the dread paralysis disease and for the promotion of scientific research along lines of prevention and cure.

Mr. B. D. McCubbins, General Chairman of the event, states that plans are progressing nicely. It is believed that the Ball will probably be the largest of the year.

Ann Harding Weds



LONDON . . . Ann Harding, ash-blond beauty of the American screen (above), is the bride of Werner Janssen, famed American conductor and composer. They were quietly married in a surprise wedding. It is the second marriage for both.

Women in Government



WASHINGTON . . . Among the women in Washington official life is a Treasury Department official, Mrs. Marion Blair Banister, who is Assistant Treasurer of the United States.

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