

NEARLY TIME TO GO HOME AND NOT MUCH DONE

Fence Building Soon To Call Congressmen Home—What Hasn't Been Done—Few Few Fool Things and Fewer Good Ones To Debit and Credit.

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WASHINGTON, May 2.—Congress is now preparing to draw its mileage and go away from here. It is laying in a fine line of bologna for the dear old friends back home, with side lines of salve and soft soap. In the quaint jargon of a dozen years ago, it is getting ready to throw the bull all over the home town to persuade the good voters that it deserves another term in Washington.

Looking over the record of the past five months, the pickings are mighty slim. Up to the time this is written, it hasn't passed a single outstanding bill. It has fooled, fiddled and fizzled its time away as gas bag oratory and small-town politics, just like most of the preceding congresses have done an doubtless like the coming congresses will do. Ninety-five percent of its energies appear to have been devoted to routine work and political maneuvering. In this respect, however, it has not been worse than congresses of other years; and because it hasn't done many fool things it probably is a good deal better than some.

Here are the accomplishments of congress to date on major legislative measures:
Farm Relief—No, thank you.
Flood control—Maybe it won't be voted.
Tax reduction—Speak well of the deed.
Muscle Shoals—Oh, my dear sir.
Boulder Dam—Tut, tut; papa's sick.
Merchant Marine—Certainly not.
Railroad Consolation—Who wants it, anyhow?
Reapportionment—Wake us up in 1930.

Nearly all of these things have been considered and debated. None of them has gotten much farther than first base. Flood control came up during the past week and passed the house in the form of the Senate bill with numerous amendments. It stands a chance of getting on the lawbooks, after going back to the Senate for passage there of the House amendments. Maybe it will be approved by a reluctant President and maybe not.

Mr. Coolidge opposed the Senate bill vigorously. The House drew some of its teeth as a sop to the White House, but at this writing the President hasn't disclosed his intentions with respect to approval. He may do so before this dispatch can get into type.

What has congress done?
Well, it has passed nearly all of the money bills, for one thing. Those bills provide funds to keep the government going for the coming fiscal year, somewhere in the neighborhood of \$3,500,000,000. If congress did not pass them, the wheels of government would slow down and fines these bills hixia-bz shr cmfw sd s ally stop. Every congress passes these bills. It is its first duty.

Then, again, congress has passed a lot of bridge bills. When somebody wants to build a needed bridge across a navigable stream, he has to get the consent of congress to do so. This little formality is just that—a little formality. Obligingly, congress has granted consent to many builders at this session. So thanks to the Seventieth congress, we are going to have some nice new bridges here and there throughout the nation.

Also, congress has granted several hundred pensions to aged men and women, veterans of wars and their widows. By the same token, it has failed to grant pensions to several thousand more that need them. Getting a pension bill through congress is almost as difficult as getting a camel through the eye of a needle.

And, again, congress has decided to build some new post office buildings, about \$100,000,000 worth over a period of years commencing with some fine tomorrow when the treasury can get around to it and ending heaven only knows how many years in the future. If we live long enough, we'll get them.

There have been some other lesser doodads and gadgets attended to in a legislative way and that is all. A little more than a month, perhaps, remains of the present legislative session. The chances are that congress, having taken it easy for five months, will begin to speed up things at a prodigious rate during the few remaining days of grace. It would seem suicidal for any sane member to go back home and campaign for reelection on the general showing made by congress thus far. Hence one may reasonably expect a quickening of the lawmill beginning at once to furnish grist for the election campaign just ahead.

One should not labor under the delusion, however, after perusing the record, that the present congress is an unusually sorry one. It is not. It has its blather-skites and demagogues of both parties, but in the main it is of the higher type than those of recent years. It has done an amazing amount of work, too, but



GRADUATING CLASS PITTSBORO SCHOOL

Left to Right—Top Row: Frank Mann, Raymond Avent, C. C. Hamlet, president, Jacob Harper, Eugene Robinson Eugene Stroud; Second row, Ben Rose Stroud, John Stroud, Lester Farrell, Dan Farrell, Ralph Riddle, Billie Griffin; Third row, Lenora Ward, Hayes Ferguson, Estelle Johnson, Bronna Johnson, Erma Riggsbee, Alice Copeland; Bottom row, Julia Campbell, Elizabeth Mann, Corinne Carroll, Juanita Webster, Julia Bynum Ward, Lozelle Campbell, Julia Gattis.

MR. SIMMERSON PASSES AWAY

V. C. Simmeron, Pittsboro Rt. 3 Passes At Sanford Hospital

Mr. Vester C. Simmeron, who was born in Davidson county in 1885, died Tuesday of last week at a Sanford hospital. The deceased had been a resident of Chatham county for some time and made numerous friends here.

He married Miss Daisie Barnes at Churchland, Davidson county 1902. He gave his heart to God many years ago and at the time of his death was faithful member of May's Chapel Baptist church. He had the capacity for friendship. All his dealings with men were strictly honest, and his character was above reproach. He was an affectionate husband and father, always ready to do any kindness. It was always a delight to rest under his hospitable roof.

His wife, five sons and three daughters survive him. They are Duran, Adam, William, J. B., and Carter, and Blanche, Louise and Virginia. Three sons preceded him to the grave.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Fred Womack of Chapel Hill, assisted by Rev. Pastor Foster of Churchland. The burial was at the family burial ground at Churchland.

A Friend.

The oldest scientific society in America is the American Philosophical society, founded in 1727 by Benjamin Franklin.

Unfortunately its work has been largely routine.

Congress is the victim of an archaic system of legislation which it refuses to modify. On any other business but the nation's a group of 531 men of the intelligence of the average member would have accomplished marvels in far less time. For the present congress is seemingly high in intelligence. It has few shirkers. It has worked like a family of beavers. And it hasn't got anywhere at all, thus far, largely because of hampering rules, restrictions and precedents. It seems almost inconceivable, but such is the case.

What's the answer? Does it lie in turning out the present congress and installing an entirely new crew? Certainly not. A new green crew probably wouldn't get half as far as the present one. Here and there one finds a drone that might well be replaced, but that is the exception. The answer would seem to lie in the changing of the rules of the game to accord with modern ideas, in applying to the business of law-making some of the up-to-date methods that have carried American business to its present measure of success. Will that be done? It will not.

As the nominating conventions approach, Washington begins to feel that Coolidge has made a pretty good President, all in all. He has stood out like a giant among pigmies in the present congress. Miserly of speech, slow to act, no hothead certainly, he has stood like a solid rock against the besetting sin of congress, extravagance, and has guarded the public purse against the plunderer. He has been abused almost as much as Woodrow Wilson was, loved as deeply as Harding. As he hears the end of his term, even his political foes admit he has been a good old middle-of-the-roader. Maybe, after all, that is what the nation needed.

Permanent Camp Site Assured Scouts

Sanford Scouts to Have Permanent Camp on Chatham Soil—Bonds to Be Sold

At the regular Quarterly meeting of the Walter Hines Page Council, B. S. A. Executive Board, it was definitely decided to go ahead with the plans for establishing a permanent camp site for use by the Scouts of the council as a training center. This decision was reached after a report by the Camping Committee which showed that approximately five thousand dollars of the needed amount had been secured.

It is the plan of the Camping Committee to establish and equip this camp in the next sixty days. When all of the improvements are made this section of North Carolina will have a camp second to none in the country. This development is being financed by the sale of first mortgage bonds, bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent secured by 410 acres of timber, land and improvements. The bonds are in hundred dollar denominations. Every effort is being made by the committee to dispose of the remaining three thousand dollars worth of bonds prior to July 1. This camp will be located eighteen miles from Sanford near the Buckhorn power plant of the Carolina Power Co.

It is expected that camp will be ready for operation on July 1, when the first period opens. The camp will very probably operate for six weeks this summer. In addition to being used by the Scouts a special period will be held for the Campfire girls. Junior boys will also be given special attention at the camp.

This is a project in which every citizen should feel a deep, personal interest, as it means much in the future development of our section and State and will be available for adult outings when not in use by the Boy Scouts of the District.

SERIOUS CHARGE

That is a serious charge which has been preferred by the Lee county grand jury against Robert Osborne of Gulf. Young Osborne is the man who drove over W. W. Devereux and killed him some weeks ago. At first the death was accredited to an unavoidable accident, though Mrs. Devereux was apparently very much in doubt about it. Now it is estimated that Devereux was making a speed of 55 an hour. Devereux's body was thrown 87 feet by the blow of the car.

Devereux was arrested Wednesday night of last week.

CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

Mr. and Mrs. F. K. King together celebrated their birthdays Sunday with a big birthday dinner. About 150 were present and a great dinner brought in by the kindred and neighbors was served. Mr. P. T. Farrell read the 23rd Psalm and made a short talk. Also Mr. Tom Herndon called attention to the fact that there are four generations of descendants living, though Mr. King is only 68 and Mrs. King 73. Mr. A. F. Whitaker also spoke a few words and returned thanks for the abundant and delicious dinner. Mr. King and his grandson Mr. Leonard Eubanks furnished string music for the occasion. Mr. King being one of ye old time fiddlers.

Guests were present from Raleigh Durham, Chapel Hill, and other points.

WOULD GIVE MORE FREELY TO CHRIST

Rev. Royal G. Shannonhouse, of Pittsboro, Preaches at Christ Church

(News and Observer, Raleigh.)
The paradoxical truth that the more one gives, the more one has, was stressed by Rev. Royal G. Shannonhouse, rector of St. Bartholomew's church, Pittsboro, who preached the sermon at Christ church, yesterday.

Taking as his text the fifth verse of the sixth chapter of John, that which relates to the maraculous feeding of the five thousand, Mr. Shannonhouse said just as it was a question with the disciples as to how the throng was to be fed, so it is with the work of the church today, when there are no funds with which to carry it on.

"The same question is asked over and over again. The average of giving to the work of the church is so small; and there are so many that do not give anything at all to what we call the things that pertain to the Kingdom of God.

So that in carrying out the work of the Kingdom of God there are so many needs to be met; so many to be fed; that many people become pessimistic and sour. Like the disciples, they trust too much to material things and not enough to Christ's power. During all the forward movements of the church, there are those who want to stop and take stock of resources, and they will say, 'Where is the money coming from. We cannot carry on the mission work; let's abolish it.'

"Let us not forget though that were our Lord's efforts under these conditions. Though the disciples felt the necessity of finding food, yet they obeyed the Lord; they waited on the Lord; to see what He would do. They were expectant even in their hungry."

Mr. Shannonhouse made a special appeal for funds for the erection of a new church at Sanford. He earnestly urged the congregation to be liberal; that he wanted to say that he had raised one thousand dollars in Christ church. Photographs of the old, and plans for the projected new structure, together with data, as to the work of the church in Sanford, were in all the pews.

Removes Scorched Stains
In most cases scorched spots will disappear from the cloth if the spot is rubbed with fresh bread crumbs.

MISS JUANITA GREGG, OF LIBERTY, WILL WED

Liberty, April 28.—The Gregg home was the scene of a lovely party last evening when Mrs. J. D. Gregg entertained at bridge, honoring her daughter, Juanita, who gave her graduating recital in dramatic art at Greensboro college Friday evening and her house guests, Miss Wilma Cross and Frank Chapman, from Salem, Va. Bridge was played at four tables and at the conclusion of the games a delicious salad course was served followed by an ice course which consisted of ice cream frozen in cupid-hearts and small cakes. On each plate was a small cupid bearing the "Latest news, captured by Dan Cupid, notorious bandit, Nita Gregg and C. B. Winn, June 26, '28; held without ransom." Small wedding bells and horseshoes with orange blossoms were given as favors.

Ithraikill Gets Out Of Race For Sheriff

Holds Interest of Party Above Personal Preferment—He Thanks Friends But Withdraws in Favor of Blair.

Mr. Editor:
Will you allow me sufficient space in your paper to make the following announcement:

I wish to announce to my friends that, after careful consideration of the step I am about to take regarding my candidacy for the office of sheriff, I have decided to withdraw from the race for such office. I long so, I am not unmindful of the interest my friends have taken in me and my candidacy, but truly appreciate their words of encouragement, their loyalty to me and above all, their friendship. Doubtless many of them will be disappointed, but I want all of them to know that I am actuated by the highest motives in doing so.

I announced myself for this office in good faith, believing at the time, that Mr. Blair would not be a candidate to succeed himself. Since making my announcement, Mr. Blair has seen proper to offer himself as a candidate for the office, and this action on his part necessarily means, if I continue in the fight, some feeling around for and against both of us, which may enure to the disadvantage of our party in the November election. I do not wish to see, among us, a condition of this sort, but in its stead, complete harmony within our party.

Further, I do not believe that my desire to hold office is in, any way, superior to the best interest of the party to which I belong and, when my desire runs counter, as I now see it, with the best interest of the party it behooves me, as well as all other good citizens, to surrender it in behalf of that interest, and take up and join the fight of those who can, as the people believe, best serve the party. This is my notice for withdrawing and to this principle I am committed.

Again thanking my friends for their loyalty and friendship, I am
Very sincerely,
D. B. THRAIKILL.

LEGION AUXILIARY

The American Legion Auxiliary held its regular meeting with Mrs. Mattie Pierce April 25.

The meeting opened with the singing of America. Preamble to the constitution was read in unison. Treasurer reported \$5.44 proceeds from Rummage sale. \$2 was paid to Curtis Publishing Co. for a year's subscription to Saturday Evening Post, leaving \$17.14 balance in the treasury.

A rising vote of thanks was given Mrs. Geo. Brewer for her work in the Rummage sale.

It was decided to order three hundred poppies to sell memorial or poppy day. The president appointed the following committees, Poppy Sale: Mrs. Mattie Pierce, chairman, Mrs. W. P. Tatum, Mrs. R. E. Lanier and Mrs. C. R. Lindley.

Poppy publicity chairman: Mrs. W. K. Thompson, Mrs. G. F. Riggsbee.

Mrs. Walter C. Johnson was appointed to collect all the world war songs.

Each member is asked to write history of the one under whom they joined the auxiliary. These histories to be filed with our historian—Mrs. W. P. Tatum will write the first paper.

The president wishes to find out the names of the world war dead in Chatham county and where buried. Summary of proceedings of the 7th National Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary at Paris was read.

Mr. Riggsbee invited the Auxiliary to meet with her next month.

We are very glad to have Mrs. David Thomas, of Durham, and Mrs. Jack H. Farrell, as guests of the auxiliary.

Delicious home made ice cream and cake was served the hostess, assisted by Joyce Moore, Callie Vic and Jack Farrell.

Kimbalton News

Troy Ferguson and family of Raleigh spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Ferguson.
Miss Alma McMeth of Greensboro was home last week.
Kenneth Brown of Bunn Level was here for the week-end.
Zeb Ferguson has started to paint his new home.

The Hickory Mt. school closed last Thursday. Rev. Maness of Siler City conducted the Devotional exercises and Frank Paschal the Educational. There was a large crowd present and everyone had a good time and plenty to eat.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Ferguson spent Sunday in the Brown Chapel community.

"THE LITTLE CLODHOOPER"

The Farmville folk have gotten up the "Little Clodhopper," a play, and will give it at Goldston next Wednesday evening and at Carabonton on the following Thursday evening. The proceeds are for benefit of the Farmville church, which serves the Carolina Coal Mine community. The Record hopes they will have a good patronage at both points.

TODAY

WHEN OPINIONS CHANGE AIRPLANES AND EQUALITY.

AN UNWISE TAX HIGH PRICE OF BOOKS
By ARTHUR BRISBANE

The German and Irish fliers insert the words: "Thank God," or "By the Grace of God," in every message describing their safe landing through fog and storm across the ocean after thirty-six hours of danger.

The professional athlete, unwilling to believe anything that "has not been proven to him," would find his opinions changing, in a big earthquake, or above the ocean in a fog.

Senators denounce the high price of books.

Mr. McKellar, from Tennessee, says: "Novels worth 'two bits' can not be bought for less than \$2."

The price of novels is not so important. But the high cost of books containing positive knowledge that would enable uneducated millions (including many college graduates) to educate themselves, is disastrous.

That a book should be sold for four or five times what it costs to produce it, is as bad for the publisher and for the author, as for the reading public.

When will American business, generally, learn that big sales with small profits, as shown in the automobile industry, are most profitable.

Lindbergh took thirty-six young Pacific Coast girls up in the air, in instalments yesterday, giving those charming creatures something to talk about forever.

Women may thank the good Lord for granting the flying machine. They can fly on the average as well as any man, and the airplane is another step toward real equality.

Effort to abolish the unwise tax on automobiles develops the fact that the Government collected a thousand million dollars from automobile owners and spent only six hundred millions on better roads—not fair to the men that pay for the cars, "war tax included."

The war ended some time since and the foolish tax ought to end.

A company is formed to build seadromes, ocean landing places to be scattered over the Atlantic. The theory is that trans-Atlantic airplanes would land, get fuel and start again.

But by the time the Atlantic is "dotted with seadromes," planes will fly across the Atlantic easily as they now fly across the English Channel.

In the second place, if it is hard for fliers in somewhat foggy weather to find the Hawaiian Islands in the Pacific, how difficult would it be for them to find a landing place "dot," in the Pacific? As hard as finding a turtle asleep on the Pacific.

Dr. Winifred Sackville Stoner, who is a lady, says "Man is superior to woman, mentally, physically, artistically and psychologically."

"That is not all true, especially the 'physically and psychologically' part of it. But suppose it were all true. Michael Angelo's Moses is a finer product than Michael himself. But Michael Angelo made it.

Whatever a man is, some woman made him, and the producer is nobler than the product. Better be a cocoanut tree than a cocoanut.

A young boy, his spine straightened in a hospital, seems to have had his mind "straightened" at the same time. Before the operation he delighted in pulling wings off flies, and other cruelties. That is ended.

A healthy brain demands a healthy body. The greatest musician cannot produce harmony with a violin or piano out of tune. Millions are living that might be made better men and women if trephining could remove pressure from the top of the brain. Lack of reverence might thus be eliminated.

POE VOTES FOR FLOOD CONTROL

By Helm News Service, Inc.

Washington, May 2.—A coalition of Democrats and Republicans with Representative Edward W. Pou of North Carolina, participating, voted last week, 251 to 91, for the adoption by the House of the flood control bill already passed by the Senate. The House, however, amended the bill materially before passing it and the measure now goes back to the Senate which will be asked to accept the House amendments.

The measure authorizes the appropriation of \$325,000,000 for the flood control work (A sum which the President's advisors believe is but the beginning of the cost) and prescribes that the entire cost shall be borne by the federal government.

Because of the estimated cost and of certain other features of the bill, it was vigorously opposed by the administration forces. Debate on the measure lasted more than a week. In its final form the bill was modified to suit the President's views in some particulars.