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Sweeping New Set-Up Government Machinery Proposed By President

Two New Cabinet Posts Would Be Created. Reorganization of Administration Would Create Social Welfare and Public Works and Condense the 105 Federal Agencies in 12 Departments. Purpose is to Make "Democracy Work Today in a National Government."

Washington, Jan. 12.—President Roosevelt recommended to Congress today a sweeping reorganization of the government's administrative machinery that would create two new cabinet posts, social welfare and public works, and eventually bunch 105 federal agencies in 12 departments.

Transmitting a report of a special committee which has studied the questions for months, he also proposed:

1. Extension of the civil service to all non-policy determining positions, including all postmasters and departmental jobs except the highest executives; increase cabinet salaries from \$15,000 to \$20,000; substituting a civil service examination and an unpaid citizens board for the civil service commission.
2. Giving the President six "executive assistants" to relieve him of tremendous detail work.
3. Substitution of an independent auditor general for the vacant post of comptroller general with the attorney general passing on the legality of government expenditures.
4. Strengthening and expanding of the budget bureau and the planning and personnel services to make them "effective managerial arms" for the President.
5. Changing the name of the Department of the Interior to the Department of Conservation.

Although the committee predicted some saving in money, time and effort, it is said the proposed reorganization had but one "grand purpose," namely, to "make democracy work today in a national government."

President's Ball To Be Held In Greenville Jan. 29

Seventy-Per Cent of the Money Raised to Remain in County for Its Cripples.

Mr. K. W. Cobb, Chairman, Publicity Committee, President's Ball, Greenville, N. C.;

My Dear Mr. Cobb: I note with interest, through the daily press that the President's Ball Committee is busy making preparation for the ball to be held January the 29th.

As Health Officer of Pitt County and supervisor of the local orthopedic clinic, I wish to take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation for the fine way in which your committee is co-operating with the local orthopedic clinic. You are helping to supply special shoes, braces, artificial limbs, etc., for the indigent cripples, not only in Greenville, but all over Pitt County.

I have seen nothing more pathetic than the sight of a 14-year-old white girl, whose leg had been amputated just below the knee and who came to the clinic some time ago wearing an ordinary, heavy, home-made, wooden peg-leg. As she sat in the waiting room with the peg-leg sticking out, conspicuously, her embarrassment was obvious.

The orthopedic specialist examined her and prescribed an artificial limb. Yesterday, to her great delight, this limb was fitted to this young girl, and now her walking and her sitting are so nearly normal that she is in no way conspicuous. She has been changed from an unhappy introvert to a normally happy girl.

I mention this case as an illustration of the noble purpose being served by the President's Ball Fund, and since, as I understand it, 70 per cent of all funds raised are retained for the treatment of local of county indigent cripples, I trust that the citizens who are able to do so will support the President's Ball.

Wishing the President's Ball great success, I am

Very truly yours,
N. THOMAS ENNETT, M. D.
Health Officer.

Tax Forms Going To State Firms

Unemployment Compensation Agency to Set Deadline for Levies

Raleigh, Jan. 13.—Forms on which North Carolina employers will be required to report their payrolls and file their tax returns to the State Unemployment Compensation Commission will start moving through the mails next week.

A deadline for payment of the taxes levied for the job insurance program will be set by the commission at a meeting this week. Chairman Charles G. Powell said last night.

An extension of time for payment of the taxes, to permit employers to obtain credit for State taxes before Federal levies are imposed, is expected momentarily from the Bureau of Internal Revenue, which promised Governor Ehringhaus an extension before he left office. Virginia has been granted 60 days of grace.

Preparing to enlarge its organization and to begin mailing forms and collect taxes, the North Carolina commission must sift through more than 2,500 applications for jobs, said Mrs. J. B. Spilman, associate member.

Next major positions to be filled are those of director of the Employment Service Division, now held by Mrs. May Thompson Evans, of attorney and auditor.

The commission's supply of 2,500 application blanks has been exhausted, said Mrs. Spilman, and an additional 500 have been ordered. "We have more than we can pretend to handle," she declared.

Numerous applications have been received from persons who believe the job insurance program is another Federal Works program project offering jobs to relief clients. But, said Mrs. Spilman, "this, of all things in North Carolina, must be based on efficiency."

Preparing to enlarge its organization immediately, the commission first will send to North Carolina employers a status form—on which they will report the number of their employees—and a contribution form, on which those hiring eight or more will fix tax returns. The forms are in the hands of printers.

The fair profit can be collected a thousand times from the same customer, but a profit, too high or too low, will either lose the customer or break the seller.

See Quick Approval of RFC Extension

Washington, Jan. 12.—Leaders forecast today that Congress will give quick approval to the administration bill to extend the life of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

Senator Glass (D-Va.), who introduced the bill, and others interested said they had heard no opposition to it.

Glass, acting chairman of the banking committee, said:

"There is no objection to the measure that I have heard. For that reason, I am going to ask to have it referred to subcommittee."

There was a possibility that the full banking committee might report the measure tomorrow, making it the first administration bill acted upon at this session.

Senators Byrnes (D-SC), another member of the committee, also forecast quick action, as did Senator McNary, Republican leader.

"I imagine there will be thorough agreement on the measure," Byrnes said.

Chairman Stegall (D-Ala.), of the House Banking Committee, said he looked for "little opposition" either in the committee or on the House floor.

Representative Hancock (D-NC), Banking Committee member, said: "I am confident the legislation will go through."

Urge Numbering Of All Buildings

As further evidence of the continual thought and activity of the City Fathers for the progress and development of Farmville, comes the welcome news that the survey of the town has been finished, and a map showing the location and number of every building within the incorporated limits has been completed.

R. A. Joyner, city clerk, is now busily engaged in advising citizens by card of their respective numbers, and urging them to number their buildings at once.

This civic improvement will be appreciated by citizens here, as it will be a great convenience at the present, and is the first step towards the securing of city delivery service.

Urges Abolition Of Comptroller High Office Was Offered Congressman Lindsay Warren Last May—He Declined, Preferring to Serve This District.

Washington, Jan. 12.—President Roosevelt aimed a death blow today at the office of Comptroller-General, which has a record of vetoing New Deal projects more often than the Supreme Court.

J. R. McCarl, who finished a 15-year term in that job, wielded vast power over the Federal purse strings and ruled out many a proposed administration expenditure.

No successor to him was appointed and today the President recommended to Congress that the office be abolished and its duties transferred, in part to the attorney-general, the Treasury and a new "auditor-general."

Mr. Roosevelt pointed out that his the comptroller for assuming "unconcerned" executive powers and failing to give Congress a prompt and complete annual audit.

Instead of continuing the office, the President proposed a "true post-audit of financial transactions by an independent auditor-general, who would report illegal and wasteful expenditures to Congress without himself becoming involved in the management of departmental policy."

Under his plan the Justice Department would pass upon the legality of proposed expenditures.

McCarl, who now has a law office in the capital, commented that the President's recommendations would effect a "tremendous change." He declined further comment until he had an opportunity to "analyze the report."

Before he stepped out of the \$10,000-a-year post and supported Gov. Alf M. Landon in the Presidential campaign, McCarl clashed frequently with administration officials.

Early in the New Deal he held there was no legal authority for spending \$25,000 of the original works funds for a factory at Reidsville, W. Va., resettlement project, in which Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt was much interested.

He blocked plans for spending relief funds in the District of Columbia for low-cost housing and halted arrangements of the Surplus Commodities Corporation to buy surplus farm products for relief distribution.

Once he disapproved an item of \$23.90 in the travel account of Rexford G. Tugwell, the former Under-Secretary of Agriculture.

Again he vetoed Secretary Swanston's authorization of travel expenses of naval officers being returned home or retirement.

Toward the end of his term, some open conflicts were avoided by advance discussion with the President of contemplated works projects.

Looking at Washington

By Hugo Sims, Washington Correspondent

Making his first public utterance since the election last fall President Roosevelt, in his address at the opening of Congress last week, emphasized the divergent views that exist between the judiciary, in its interpretation of fundamental law, and the legislative and executive branches of the government, in their effort to meet modern conditions that challenge democratic government.

Mr. Roosevelt saw no vital need for a Constitutional amendment, but he insisted that the document be viewed in an enlightened manner so that legitimately implied powers can be exercised for the common good. His remarks call attention to what has been pointed out in this column, that the Democrats have captured two branches of the government but have been utterly unable to consolidate advances under interpretations of the Supreme Court, a majority of which does not accept the social economic and political philosophy underlying New Deal legislation.

State Gets Big Grant

Over 76 Millions Allotted to North Carolina During Two Years

Washington, Jan. 12.—The National Emergency Council's report to Congress showed President Roosevelt allocated \$76,680,775 to North Carolina from the emergency relief appropriations of 1935 and 1936.

The report said \$15,527,728 remained to be spent as of December 31 but only \$5,943,833 of this amount was obligated. Expenditures through December 31 totaled \$61,153,046, but an additional \$9,527,728 represented unliquidated obligations.

A breakdown disclosed the cost of administering expenditure of the money in North Carolina was \$2,165,585. Major allocations included \$20,839,154 to the Works Progress Administration; \$14,064,374 to the Agricultural Department (including Federal road allotments); \$15,165,000 for Civilian Conservation Corps camps; \$10,637,442 to the Federal Emergency Relief Administration, predecessor of the WPA; \$7,540,033 to the Resettlement Administration; \$4,712,428 for Public Works Administration projects; \$645,250 to the Rural Electric Administration and \$735,284 to the Interior Department, including the National Park Service.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Charles Carr, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Carr, entertained twenty-five friends at an enjoyable party on Monday afternoon, in observance of his ninth birthday. Games were played on the lawn, where refreshments of ice cream, cake, fruit and candies were later served.

Wide Budgetary Power Favored

Would Make Budget Bureau Watchdog of the Treasury Under Reorganization Plan.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Far-reaching plans to make the Budget Bureau a watchdog of all government financial activities and to redistribute powers now held by the comptroller-general, were projected today in the report of the President's committee on administration management.

If Congress approves the recommendations, the Budget Bureau would assume vast authority over Government spending, generally taking responsibility for the "execution, as well as the formulation, of the budget as a national fiscal plan."

Through a special division, it would take over the job of scrutinizing and passing on departmental estimates. The committee said it had not "even approximated its maximum possible usefulness."

(The bureau now does little more than prepare the annual estimates of income and outgo for the Chief Executive.)

The committee urged a practical about-face in present methods of checking up on government outlays, proposing that duties now reposed in the Treasury and a new office of auditor-general.

Authority to prescribe and supervise accounting systems would be transferred to the Treasury, while the auditor-general would operate through field representatives to make a "practically simultaneous" check on disbursements.

In the past the comptroller-general merely has checked outlays against appropriation authorizations and examined expense accounts and other items to determine whether government funds were being wasted.

In event of differences between the Treasury and the auditor-general over the legitimacy of expenditures, questions would be referred to the Attorney-General for determination.

The committee described the present power of the Comptroller-General to decide the legality of expenditures as "extraordinary in principle, clearly contrary to our political institutions and constitution theory."

Aspinwald Returning For Trial In Assault

Alleged Assailant of G. Lem Pleasant Being Brought Back to Pitt

Greenville, Jan. 13.—Bernice Aspinwald, one of the two young white men who are alleged to have brutally attacked G. Lem Pleasant on the night of December 28, probably was on his way back here to this section of the State today in the custody of Police Chief George Clark and Sheriff S. A. Whitehurst.

A telephone message from the sheriff at Jessup, Ga., last night informed officers that the young man had been arrested there. Late this afternoon no word had been received from the officers, who left the city yesterday to conduct a thorough search in the immediate section in which he was apprehended, but it was stated at the police station that they were probably on their way home with Aspinwald, whose home is in Screven, Ga., only a few miles from where he was arrested. The officers are expected to be in either late tonight or early in the morning.

With the announcement of the arrest of Aspinwald, it was revealed that the search had been centered in the vicinity of his home for the past several days. It also was revealed that the sheriff had informed local officers to go to Georgia and conduct the search. They left here not knowing of Aspinwald's arrest, but word was sent ahead to them that the man had been taken into custody and they were probably informed of the arrest before they reached their destination.

NEW DEAL CLUB

Mrs. J. L. Shackelford was hostess to the New Deal Club and additional friends, making eight tables for play on Monday. The New Year idea was carried in table appointments, refreshments, and prizes of bridge bells for high scores, which were won by Mrs. R. A. Parker, Mrs. R. O. Lang and Mrs. J. W. Joyner. Mrs. M. V. Jones and Miss Edna Foust Harris received awards for drawing fortunes predicting a prosperous New Year.

CONFESSES TO THEFT

William Arthur Streeter, local Negro, arrested Sunday on suspicion of breaking and entering The Turnage Company's store recently and taking cigarettes and other small articles of merchandise, confessed to the crime Tuesday, and is being held in the local jail.

CONFESSES TO THEFT

Sammy tells confederate that radio aid in education is limited.

Bank of Farmville Holds Annual Meeting Of the Stockholders

The Report of Cashier Oglesby Shows Most Successful Year in History of Bank. Eight Percent Dividend Paid

The thirty-second annual meeting of the stockholders of The Bank of Farmville was held in the directors room of the bank Thursday afternoon with A. C. Monk, president, presiding.

D. E. Oglesby, cashier, submitted a report of the condition of the bank as of December 31st, showing total resources of \$1,207,245.82. He reported net earnings of \$24,117.64.

A dividend of 8% was paid stockholders, \$10,000.00 added to surplus and \$1,628.84 less in the undivided profits account.

The meeting was one of the most enthusiastic ever held and was largely attended. Several of those present expressed themselves as being highly pleased with the success obtained, and a motion prevailed whereby a rising vote of thanks was extended the officers, employees and board of directors of the bank in appreciation of the efforts put forth by them in making such a wonderful showing the past year, which was the best showing made in the history of the bank.

The following board of directors was elected: A. C. Monk, J. I. Morgan, W. A. Pollard, C. L. Hardy, T. E. Joyner, J. O. Pollard, D. E. Oglesby, Geo. W. Davis and W. Alex. Allen. The following resolution was adopted:

"We, the Stockholders of The Bank of Farmville, record in deep sorrow the passing of our Chairman, Mr. R. L. Davis. Therefore, be it resolved: "First, That the Stockholders, as well as the Bank of Farmville and the entire community, sustained a severe and far-reaching loss, Mr. Davis having lived a beautiful life, the wholesome influence of which will live on through the years.

"Second, That we extend to his family our deepest sympathy.

"Third, That a copy of these resolutions be recorded in the minutes of our meeting; a copy sent to the family; and a copy sent to the Farmville Enterprise."

Immediately after the stockholders meeting a meeting of the board of directors was held and the following officers elected: A. C. Monk, president; J. I. Morgan, vice president; D. E. Oglesby, cashier; J. M. Stanfill, asst. cashier; J. L. Walker, asst. cashier.

Other employees of the bank are Mack D. Pollard, C. C. Simpson, and Miss Geraldine Gardner.

Revenues For Next Biennium Are Forecast

Largest Revenue Is Expected On Income Tax, \$9,400,000 While \$8,700,000 Is Forecast for the Sales Tax and \$8,031,000 for the Franchise Taxes; Believe New Tax On Intangibles May Bring \$1,000,000.

Raleigh, Jan. 14.—The advisory budget commission forecast revenues for the next biennium if its general fund tax suggestions are adopted by the legislature, as follows:

1937-38—Inheritance taxes, \$600,000; license taxes, \$2,600,500; franchise taxes, \$8,031,200; income taxes, \$9,400,000; sales tax, \$8,700,000; beer taxes, \$900,000; the new gift tax, \$25,000; the new wine tax, \$200,000; the new tax on intangibles, \$1,000,000; sales tax on gasoline (highway fund diversion), \$2,100,000.

1938-39—Inheritance taxes, \$650,000; license taxes, \$2,650,000; franchise taxes, \$9,950,000; sales tax, \$8,190,000; beer tax, \$900,000; gift tax, \$250,000; wine tax, \$200,000; tax on intangibles, \$1,000,000; sales tax on gasoline, \$2,100,000.

Tax increase of \$1,000,000 in highway fund (diversion) is indicated.

Make Plans for 1937 Pitt Fair

Exposition to Be Held In Greenville Week of October 18th.

The two American Legion posts in the county, located at Greenville and at Farmville, again will operate the Pitt County Fair this year. It was announced today, following a meeting in Raleigh yesterday of the various Fair Associations in the State.

The Fair will be held this year the week of October 18, one week earlier than last year. The local fair comes the week after the State Fair.

Preliminary plans already are underway for the second edition of the Fair under the sponsorship of the two American Legion posts in Pitt County. The exposition will be held at a new site this year, the Fair committee of the Legion having decided to lease property for staging the event.

More and better agricultural exhibits will be on display this year, officials of the association declared.

The Legion posts entered upon the experiment last year with the idea of giving Pitt County a fair provided for and by the people of the county. The exposition last year was far superior to any recent fair held in this county and was considered as good as some of the larger fairs in Eastern Carolina, which have been under the same management for years.

D.A.R. Consider Plans For Chapter House

With enthusiasm and interest running high, the following members of the building committee of the Major Benjamin May Chapter, D. A. R., met on Thursday morning at the home of Mrs. W. M. Willis to discuss ways and means, and to look over plans of a prospective Chapter House for Farmville; Mrs. Henrietta M. Williamson, Mrs. E. B. Bensley, Mrs. George Jefferson, Mrs. J. O. Pollard, Mrs. C. R. Townsend, Mrs. A. C. Monk, Mrs. W. M. Willis, Mrs. T. C. Turnage and Mrs. P. E. Jones.

Members of the committee were appointed by the chairman, Mrs. Williamson, to interview a contractor and submit plans at the February meeting, which is to be an anniversary meeting, devoted to the commemoration of a building program, and the raising of anniversary gifts for the Chapter House.

According to the committee's plans the House will be built on the style of a brick colonial structure, and for the purpose of meeting the long felt need of the community for a social and civic center.

Tobacco Hearing

Raleigh, Jan. 13.—Formers of North Carolina will have their say on the tobacco compact bill next week.

Representative W. E. Fenner, of Nash, chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, announced yesterday that a public hearing on the measure introduced Monday night, would be held by the joint House and Senate committees Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the Hall of the House.

He stated that the committee wanted all interested persons to be heard and that the measure would not be enacted hastily.