

THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

Washington, March 12.—The Supreme Court of the United States is once more the center of interest here, because of the highly important cases which are either now before it or on their swift way to it. Upon the Supreme Court's decisions will depend the fate of NRA and of so many of its provisions, as well as some of the other things which the Administration has undertaken, that there is a decided tendency both in Congress and in the Executive branch of the Federal Government to mark time until the Court has acted. A large part of Mr. Roosevelt's New Deal is, in effect, on trial. The case which the Supreme Court now has under consideration is that of a southern lumber company which refused to recognize NRA or any part of it, and set up as its defense that the National Industrial Recovery Act was unconstitutional. The Federal District Court held that the lumber company was right, and the Government appealed.

A decision in this case is expected in the course of a few weeks. It may or it may not settle all of the questions which are raised in the three other important cases which have been decided against the Government in the past couple of weeks, by lower Federal courts.

Three Other Cases
One of those is the Kentucky coal-mine case, in which the mine-owners denied the right of the Federal Government to regulate the wage scale or the hours of labor. The district court ruled in favor of the mine-owners.

Another is the decision in the Weirton Steel Company case that the Government has no power to regulate manufacturing, under the interstate commerce clause of the Constitution. The Administration's contention is that anything which is manufactured comes under Federal jurisdiction if it is to be sold across state lines. The district court ruled that "commerce" does not include manufacturing; it also ruled that the famous "7a" section of NRA, the collective bargaining clause had not been violated by the establishment of a company union in the Weirton steel plant.

The third case which is being appealed by the Government is of even broader scope. It is the ruling of Judge Grubb in the Federal District Court of Alabama that the Tennessee Valley Authority, nor any other arm of the Federal Government, has no right to compete with private business. The TVA has been busy making contracts to sell power from the Government dams on the Tennessee River, in several states. Judge Grubb ruled that it had no right to build dams except to improve navigation, and could generate power only as an incident to that right. This ruling, if upheld by the Supreme Court, would put an end to President Roosevelt's "yardstick" plan, of making the cost of power generated

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Washington Surmises
Lawyers here who usually guess pretty closely how the Supreme Court will decide think that its decisions in these cases will put a pretty tight curb on NRA and TVA. There is a decidedly jittery feeling apparent in Administration circles, especially among the ardent young reformers who have had a hand in shaping these projects and "selling" them to the nation.

Some of the young men are complaining bitterly that the President has let them down, by not putting all of his influence behind their entire program.

The fact seems to be that Mr. Roosevelt is trying to consolidate his position for the Presidential election of 1936, and to regain some of the ground he lost by reason of giving the social reformers and radicals too much leeway. He is much more concerned with economic recovery than with social reform, just now; for it is becoming increasingly clear that it is to the conservatives and the liberal-conservatives that he must look for his main support in 1936.

Talk of Radical Bloc
The radical elements in Congress are also trying to consolidate their position. There is talk about a "radical bloc," but that doesn't mean much, as there are so many types of radicals, no two of whom seem to agree on more than one or two things. The feeling grows here, however, that a third party is certain, with support from elements represented by such men outside of Congress as Upton Sinclair and Father Coughlin and in Congress by Senators Huey Long and Burton Wheeler, of Montana.

Meantime legislation is in a state of chaos. Perhaps by the time this is printed some compromise between Congress and the President on the Work Relief program may be announced, but as this is written there is a deadlock over this important measure. The Social Security bill is all shot to pieces. The most likely outcome is that an Old Age Pension measure will be adopted in which the Federal Government will match any state 50-50 in providing such pensions, leaving it up to each state to take the initiative. The Unemployment Insurance feature of the bill does not now seem to have a chance of passage this session.

Looking Ahead
Donald Richberg's assurance the other day that there would be no monetary inflation at least for six years, so long as Mr. Roosevelt is President, indicates the confidence felt that he will be reelected, whatever happens. That is a good five-to-one bet in the present tangled state of Republican politics. And the President may surprise everybody any day by "going to the country" with one of his persuasive broadcasts thus putting pressure on Congress from behind and reviving popular enthusiasm for his program.

The fact remains, however, that Mr. Roosevelt is at the moment a rather tired and slightly worried man, and needs a long vacation.

Maple Springs News

Due to the bad weather there was no Sunday school at Maple Springs Sunday. The classes will meet at 2 o'clock next Sunday afternoon. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamby Sparks, of Winston-Salem, were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Sparks at their home here.

Mrs. Vestal Boyd, of Swan Creek, visited relatives in this community over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Boyd, of this community announce the birth of a 10-pound son on March 9, 1935.

Friends of Woodrow Sparks will be glad to know that he is able to be out again after being confined to his home for some time with an attack of pneumonia.

Henry Boyd, of Alta Vista, Va., visited friends here over the week-end.

Blood passes through the arteries at the rate of 621 feet a minute.

Baby Bonds Sell Like Hot Cakes; Want More

Orders for hundreds of dollar's worth of United States Baby Bonds have been put in by the local post-office to meet a demand for the bonds here, it has been learned from Postmaster F. W. Graham.

The first batch of bonds, of \$25, \$50 and \$100 denominations, went on sale here March first and were sold out by March second with demands for ten times the original number of bonds received here, on hand, Mr. Graham said.

The dojo or weather fish of Japan buries itself in the sand, leaving its head out, when storms approach.

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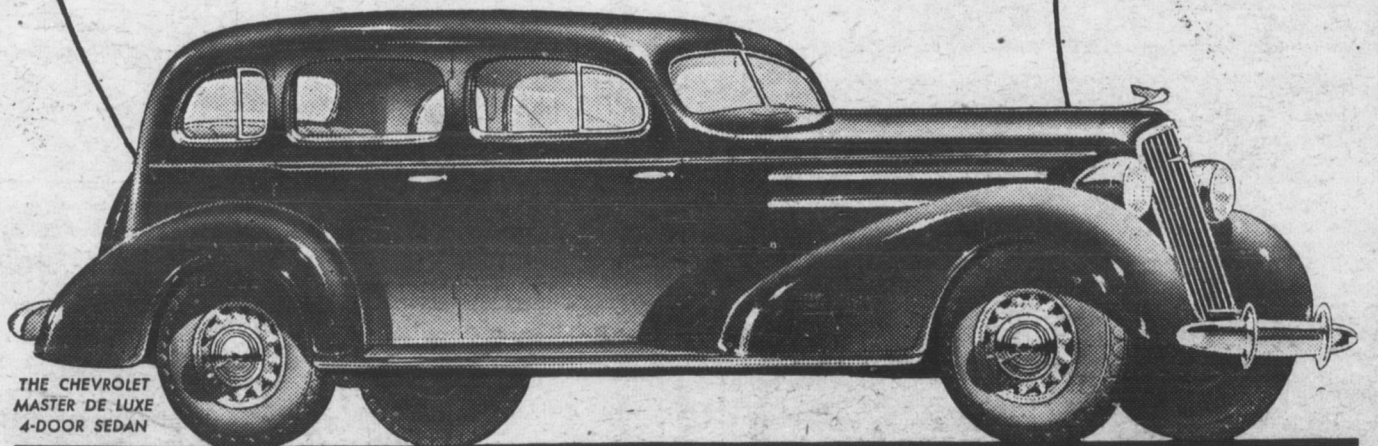
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