

THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

Washington, February 25.—The 8 to 1 decision of the Supreme Court, holding the Tennessee Valley Authority Act to be Constitutional and within the powers of Congress, has greatly heartened the Administration and its supporters. The decision is taken as clearing the way for Federal activity in other directions.

It at least confirms the power of the Government to produce and dispose of electrical energy as a by-product to the control of navigable waters, and is taken as removing any doubts about the Constitutional rights involved in the Passamaquoddy Power Project, the Grand Coulee Dam and other important public works.

This T. V. A. decision is the second decision of the Supreme Court

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upholding one of the major features of the New Deal. The first was in the gold clause suits.

Outlook On Housing

There is a general feeling here that the Government's housing program is not progressing as rapidly as was hoped. Two distinct sets of ideas on the subject are in sharp conflict. There is one faction in the Administration which wants the Federal Government to content itself with fostering building loans to private enterprises and guaranteeing mortgages. They maintain that private capital is ready to go ahead and put men at work if it can be assured that the Government is not going into the housing field.

On the other hand is the "social-minded" group, which holds it the Government's duty to finance and build new homes for the underprivileged everywhere. Until this conflict of viewpoints is dissolved, the outlook is that the new building program for 1936 will be about 200,000 family units, dwellings and apartments.

Farm Aid Distribution

A shrewd political observer remarked the other day that very few persons in or out of Congress understood much about the new farm aid program, except that it means checks for the farmers.

The estimate of cash distributions to farmers this year is that they will run to at least \$800,000,000. About \$200,000,000 will be distributed on existing contracts under the old AAA. Another \$300,000,000 is expected to go to the farmers by June 30 under the new farm law.

This distribution will begin in the cotton belt during March and swinging northward through the tobacco country into the corn, hog, and wheat regions as the season progresses. \$300,000,000 will likely be similarly distributed later in the fall.

Recent developments indicate that

only one of the four national farmer organizations is satisfied with the new farm aid plan. That is the Farm Bureau Federation.

The National Grange, the Farmers' Union and the National Cooperative Council are not giving any active support to the plan, but neither are they raising any objections to the distribution of funds to agriculture.

Taxes, Mortgages and War

Little progress has seemingly been made in developing a workable system of taxation to provide for the new farm benefit payments and other extraordinary expenses. That there will be some new taxes is certain, but they will be figured out to touch the average citizen's pocket-book as lightly as possible.

The Prazier-Lemke bill for the taking over of farm mortgages by the Government and issuing greenback currency for that purpose is showing new signs of life. Some observers think it stands a good chance of being enacted by the House and a possible chance of getting through the Senate. It would then likely run up against a Presidential veto, it is thought here, and there would be votes enough to pass it over the veto.

A bitter debate is expected on the proposed neutrality legislation. Senator Nye and his followers who believe that Congress can by law insure against the participation of the United States in any future war intend to put up a fight for their beliefs. Those who know how to gauge Congressional probabilities insist that all that will come of it will be a renewal of the neutrality resolution passed last Summer, which expires by limitation on February 28.

The Political Pot

Politically, major interest centers on the question of what Al Smith and his followers intend to do at the Philadelphia convention. It is reported they are planning to stage a sensational walk-out, which may or may not presage a third ticket.

The general belief is that if Al stages such a bolt, the bolters will go along with the Republicans, provided the Republican candidate is satisfactory to their aims. They will not be satisfied with either Senator Borah or Mr. Hoover, but almost any other Republican now in the running might gain their support.

Governor Landon's strength is growing, and so is that of Frank Knox. Senator Vandenburg, of Michigan, is the subject of many kind words. Senator Dickinson's friends profess great confidence that he will be the compromise candidate.

The feeling grows that no Republican candidate will go to the Cleveland Convention with enough pledged delegates to make it difficult to beat him, although Senator Borah is expected to have about 200 instructed delegates when the Convention opens.

accompanied home by Allen Shore and Jessie Amburn. Mrs. John D. Mock spent last week with her parents in Wilkesboro.

RUSK

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Inmann, of Mount Airy, were visitors here Sunday.

Miss Ima Mounce, member of the school faculty, spent the week-end in Jonesville with friends.

Friends of John W. Martin will be glad to know he is much improved after being confined to his room a week with an attack of influenza.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kirkman, of Statesville, were here Thursday the guests of Mrs. Kirkman's sister, Mrs. Ila D. Burch.

Harless Harris, of High Point, was a visitor here Monday.

Billy Burch is confined to his room with influenza.

Mr. and Mrs. Clete Jenkins, of State Road, were visitors here Sunday.

Paul Burch and son, Phillip, of Mountain Park, spent Saturday here with his mother, Mrs. W. V. Burch.

Mrs. H. S. Olsen and small daughter, Joan, spent the week-end in Elkin.

N. E. Wilmoth spent Monday in Dobson, attending court.

Urban V. Burch spent Saturday in Dobson, attending to business.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Burton and

family, who have been living at Burch station, have moved into the Wallace residence.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Wilmoth, of Pilot Mountain, spent Sunday here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Wilmoth and family.

Read Tribune Advertisements!

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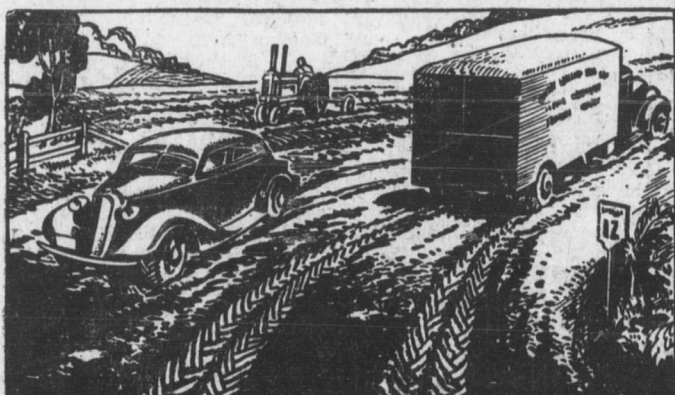
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Miss Lydia Jane Sneed spent Sunday afternoon the guest of Misses Martha and Ila Mae Sprinkle, of Fairview.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Speaks and children, Ralph and Nadine, of Elkin, were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Sneed.

Theodore Chappell returned Friday from Detroit, Mich., where he has been the guest for several weeks of his brother, Everette Chappell.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Burton and family moved this week to the Wallace residence in Little Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Fitzdale, of High Point, and Judge Carter, of Winston-Salem, were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Carter.

Miss Beatrice Vanhoy returned to her home near Boonville Sunday after a visit of several days to friends and relatives here.

Friends of Mrs. Tom Chandler will regret to know that she is confined to her home by illness.

Hal Greenwood spent the week-end at Fairview the guest of Wendell Phillips.

BOONVILLE

B. E. Smith is confined to his bed, his friends will regret to learn.

James Shore is quite ill at the home of Wade Shore.

Mr. and Mrs. Amburn and Miss Ruby Fleming spent Sunday in Greensboro.

Miss Elizabeth Amburn spent the week-end at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Amburn.

Mrs. Hubert Fleming underwent a major operation at the City Memorial hospital in Winston-Salem, recently.

Mrs. Jacob Spencer is suffering with a severe case of flu.

Miss Ruby Fleming returned to Mountain View the early part of the week, following a two weeks' stay at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Dobbins, of Winston-Salem were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Dobbins Sunday.

F. W. Day is slowly improving at a Winston-Salem hospital from injuries received some time ago.

Mrs. Jack Ramsey, of Greensboro, spent last Thursday here. She was

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