


**IN WASHINGTON**

**WHAT IS TAKING PLACE BY**

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Five questions seem to predominate in virtually all discussions with reference to Congressional activities. These are: What will be the final outcome of the President's court plan? What progress will be made on the President's proposal to reorganize the executive branch of the government? Will the President's relief recommendation be followed, or will the \$1,500,000,000 proposed be raised or lowered? Will new tax legislation be brought forward now or at the next session? When will Congress adjourn?

There seems to be no political wizards who can answer these questions correctly at this time. However, all are the subject of much comment and are of vital interest to all citizens. The general opinion seems to be somewhat as follows:

**THE COURT PLAN**—Congressional mail indicates that interest in the court proposal is still

keen in some sections of the country and is lagging in others. This may be due to the lull that often marks important legislation between the time of public hearings and a report to Congress by the committee handling the measure. At the moment there is no indication that the President will offer or accept any compromise. Nevertheless, the Chief Executive is a master at reacting to public sentiment and his aides are known to be busy in this field.

**REORGANIZATION**—Any wholesale reorganization of the executive branch of the government at this session seems unlikely. It is reasonably certain that the Congress will not place entirely under executive control those units now responsible to Congress. Some minor shifts in Federal agencies may be approved.

**RELIEF**—The general opinion seems to be that relief expenditures will not go beyond the billion and a half recommended in the President's budget message. They may be lowered under the new urge for Federal economy and a balanced-budget now sweeping cities and cross-roads, factory and farm.

**TAXES**—Two schools of thought prevail with reference to Federal revenue. One is to attempt tax revision at the current session so that business, industry and agriculture may know what to expect. The other school of thought is to postpone tax legislation, with the exception of reenactment of excise levies, until the next session convening in January. Final decision on taxes will be largely based on the economy moves and the total of the relief bill as it emerges from the House committee.

**ADJOURNMENT**—Here again opinion varies and adjournment dates in current discussions vary from July to October. It must be kept in mind, however, that a great number of the members of Congress maintain homes in Washington on a year-round basis. For these, the idea of a break in the session—that is adjournment from say July to September—is not so attractive. Others favor such a break in what has been a difficult session, not from the standpoint of legislation enacted, but from the standpoint of uncertainty and efforts to

**Jonesville High School Graduating Class of 1937**



Pictured above are the seniors who received their diplomas last week. They are: front row, left to right: Beatrice Burcham, Lucille Vestal, Madelyn Thompson, Carrie Taylor, Mary Elizabeth Ingram. Middle row, left to right: Margaret Renegar, Pauline Wagoner, Rama Blackwood, Pansy Bell, Mae Young. Back row, left to right: Pauline Foster, Joe Weatherman, Clayton Swain, Dothan Reece, Francis Brandon, Magdalene Martin.

properly proceed with the legislative structure as recovery nears. At the present time, adjournment in September seems to be the prevailing thought. But developments might change this situation at a moment's notice.

Many of the questions can be properly answered after the return of the President. He may have in mind new recommendations to Congress that would change the present picture. Thus, the home-coming of President Roosevelt from his much-needed vacation, around May 15, may have an important effect on the affairs of government.

**COOL SPRINGS**

Rev. I. W. Vestal filled his regular appointment here Sunday. A good crowd came to hear him and to attend the communion service.

The annual donation to the Baptist hospital was given in honor of Mother's Day.

The Sunday night service was in charge of Mrs. Paul Newman, scripture reading by Miss Edna Couch. Appropriate poems and readings were given by a number of the young people. We were glad to have a good number of visitors for this service.

Mrs. O. P. Holbrook has returned home from Winston-Salem after a week's visit to her daughter Mrs. John Burton.

Rev. I. W. Vestal was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Newman Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Newman and daughters, Misses Lucy and Dessere with Mr. Vestal attended the service at Traphill, where Rev. Church of Jonesville gave the baccalaureate sermon. Both the Misses Newman are among the juniors there. Several others of the community were also among those present.

"Aunt Sally" Burcham of Elkin is the guest of Mrs. M. L. Pettyjohn this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hanes of State Road, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Harris and son Maynard spent the week-end visiting relatives and friends in Fieldale, Va.

They also visited Mr. Upton G. Wilson of Madison, enroute, Mr. Wilson widely known over his own and adjoining states as "the cheerful cripple" is all his sobriquet implies. His valiant courage under difficulties is worthy the emulation of every boy and girl and woman in this United States.

Among those graduating from the seventh grade this term are Misses Bertha Mae Tucker and Opal Shaffener. Messrs. Dick Cummings and Silas Newman.

Cool Springs-Benham consolidated school will give the entertainment in the new auditorium Friday afternoon and evening. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Prayer service will be held at Cool Springs Thursday night at seven, instead of Saturday night this week. Mr. A. U. Wall is expected to be present for a bit of song practice.

**MAMMA WAS SO PLEASED**  
 "You must be pretty strong," said Willie, aged six to the pretty young widow who had come to call on his mother.  
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family of Rural Hall spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wolfe.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Adams and family of Winston-Salem spent the week-end with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Swift.

We are glad to note that little Elisha Craig is improving in the Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital, where he has been very ill.

Little Nancy Gray Luffman of State Road is spending this week with her grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Swift.

**DOMESTIC SERVANTS MUST BE EXAMINED**

A copy of an act enacted by the General Assembly at its last session requiring the examination of domestic servants, has been received from Dr. Ralph J. Sykes, Surry county health officer.

The act requires that all domestic servants who present themselves for employment shall furnish their employers with a certificate from a practicing physician or the public health officer of the county in which they reside, certifying that they have been examined within two weeks prior to the time of the certificate, and showing that they are free from all contagious, infectious or communicable diseases and showing the non-existence of

any general disease which might be transmitted.

The act also requires that all domestic servants employed shall be examined at least once each year and as often as the employer may require.

**CARD OF THANKS**

To the many friends who were so sympathetic and kind during the illness and death of Mrs. Stella Combs, I desire to express my deep appreciation.

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 Mrs. George Andrews.

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**MOUNTAIN PARK**

Rev. Scales Draughn filled his regular appointment at the Mountain Park Baptist church Sunday. He preached a very uplifting sermon.

Miss Maude Swift of Moores-

ville spent Sunday here with relatives and friends.

Mrs. C. W. Williams and family spent Sunday here at Mountain Park.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Walters and family spent Saturday in Mt. Airy visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Key and

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