



Washington, Feb. 13 (AS).—If these weekly reports on the state of the nation seem somewhat one-sided, the answer is that there is only one side to the picture presented here. Everything bears the Roosevelt brand, and that goes for Congress as well as for all the long list of alphabetical commissions, bureaus and "administrations," beginning with AAA and running down to PWA.

Thus far there has developed only one disagreement, and that a comparatively slight one, between the President and the Congress. Congress wanted to keep the CWA going and the President wanted to "taper off" this Government-supported employment of millions of men and women in what are vaguely termed "Civil Works."

**Voice of the Voters**  
The word that comes to Senators and members from the folks back home is that while business men generally don't think much of CWA and many farmers are complaining that they can't hire help at reasonable wages because they (the farmers) want men to do real work and not merely look at a shovel for 30 cents an hour, the voters are for it.

But while Congressmen do not want to vote against anything which might cost them votes next election, they are still less eager to take an attitude which would certainly cost them their seats. And they are convinced, practically every man Jack of them, Republicans and Democrats alike, that to oppose the President's policies in any respect would do just that. Let any one of them, even a Republican from a rock-ribbed Republican district, or what used to be regarded as such, open his mouth in criticism of the Roosevelt program, or vote against a Presidential measure, and the mails and telegraph wires make his life a burden for the next week.

**They Wait on F. R.**  
Men with long experience, among them some of the foremost leaders in Congress, who usually can tell in advance what is going to happen next, are utterly at sea. All they can say, in answer to questions as to the legislative program, is, "We haven't heard yet what the President wants."

Thus, a short time ago it was being predicted by no less a personage than Speaker Rainey that there would be no legislation to regulate stock and commodity exchanges, at this session. Since then Mr. Rainey has talked with the President. Now he thinks there will be some such bill. Congress is not drawing it up, however; it is waiting for the Administration officials to draft it and send it to the Hill.

All attempts to organize opposition to the Administration and the Democratic Party have proved futile so far. Former Secretary of the Treasury Ogden P. Mills is the only important voice that has been raised in protest. Mr. Mills' speech was expected, by old-line Republican party workers, to be a sort of rallying-cry which would bring an instantaneous response from the four corners of the Nation, and crystallize Republican sentiment into something like effective opposition. It had no such effect.

The very men who were relied upon to back up Mr. Mills and encourage the effort to reorganize the Republican party not only failed to come to the rescue but some of them thought it was ill-advised for Mr. Mills to make such suggestions at this time.

**Eyes on Pennsylvania**  
Nothing could illustrate better how far the fortunes of the Republican party have sunk in National affairs than the belief, which is growing here among the most cold-blooded political observers, that Pennsylvania will elect a Democratic Senator next November. Pennsylvania has always given a majority of any where from a million votes upward to the Republican party. It sounds incredible, but it really looks as if those days were gone forever.

There is beginning to be talk among those who, while admitting Mr. Roosevelt's complete supremacy, are not in accord with the policy of making the individual subservient to the government, of a completely new party organization, to be built not alone on the ruins of the Republican party, though some of the most pliable of that old timber would be used, but upon the ancient principle of individual rights and, especially the rights of the taxpayer.

Those who are active in promoting the new party idea point out that the great "middle class" of small business men, small property owners, independent and undistressed farmers, professional men and the like, is being ground

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## Rep. Doughton Has Busy Days Looking After Many Duties

**"Farmer Bob" Is Reputedly The Hardest Working Congressman In Washington**

Washington, Feb. 13.—Speaking of hard work, anyone interested in the subject should have looked in last week on "Farmer Bob" Doughton, Chairman of the powerful Ways and Means Committee of the House.

Reputedly, the hardest working Congressman in Washington, Mr. Doughton, who has represented the ninth North Carolina Congressional District for 23 years, has completed one of the busiest and most productive weeks in his career.

His activities for the week included: Completion of the 1934 Revenue bill, following six months of exhaustive study and investigation by the Ways and Means Committee, of which he is Chairman. Two of the outstanding provisions of the bill are: First, repeal of the bank check tax. Second, lowering the rates of second class mail matter, whereby newspapers, magazines and distributors of advertising matter will benefit by the return of the rates prior to 1932. Both of these provisions were sponsored by Mr. Doughton; in fact, they were his "hobbies." The new revenue measure, by plugging loopholes and leaks in the tax system of the country, will increase the revenue of the Government approximately \$300,000,000 without the imposition of any new taxes.

Introduction of the 1934 Revenue bill in the House. Attended conferences and delivered an address Tuesday in Baltimore before the National Park Service Association and effectively urged the construction of the Southern Appalachian Highway as proposed by the North Carolina Highway Department.

Mr. Doughton, accompanied by Governor Ehringhaus, conferred with President Roosevelt in connection with the proposed park-to-park scenic highway in Western North Carolina, presenting the President with a huge bound album containing pictures of the natural beauty along the route proposed for the park-to-park highway. Conferred with President Roosevelt and Secretary of the Interior, Ickes, urging the rotation of the work of the CWA and PWA in North Carolina.

Aside from matters of state, Mr. Doughton, with Mrs. Doughton, attended a social function at the White House upon the invitation of President and Mrs. Roosevelt.

Mr. Doughton, in addition to presiding over the daily sessions of the Ways and Means Committee, also performed his official duties on the floor of the House, held daily conferences with representatives of the press, received various delegations from North Carolina with respect to different State projects, as well as groups and individuals from all over the country in connection with the new tax bill and proposed or pending legislation, and visited the Departments daily in behalf of the interests of his constituents. Personally dictated answers to his daily avalanche of mail.

And at the close of the week, despite the fact he had put in more than 15 hours of strenuous work daily—he wasn't even tired.

## BOARD NOT TO RECEIVE MORE PWA APPLICATIONS

Raleigh, Feb. 13.—Frank Page, chairman of the North Carolina advisory public works board, said today the board was receiving no new applications for loan of federal funds but it is "cleaning up its work" and has probably a dozen more applications to forward to Washington.

The board received orders from Washington that no more applications should be received as the PWA now has applications for "more projects than we can possibly hope to get money for."

Mr. Page said 143 applications had been filed in this state to involve about \$17,000,000 or \$18,000,000. A great deal of this is still before the public works administration in Washington for approval.

## G. O. P. Convention April 4 Is Probable

Present indications are that the Republican state convention, a biennial session, will probably be held in Charlotte Wednesday, April 4, although the formal call has not yet been issued by State Chairman James S. Duncan.

Business of the convention will include the election of a state chairman and a state vice chairman for the next four years. Many Republicans predict that Chairman Duncan and Mrs. C. B. Winn, the state vice chairman, will be re-elected. The convention will name a ticket, including nominees for three places on the Supreme court, state utilities commissioner, state treasurer and nine Superior court judges.

## Death Toll Heavy In Civil War Now Raging In Austria

**Strife Between Fascism And Socialism Continues To Swell Casualty List. Dead Nears 2,000 Mark**

Civil war raged throughout Austria Tuesday and casualties mounted toward 1,000 dead as armed Socialists in the provinces defeated government troops and reformed their forces for a "march on Vienna," in a desperate attempt to unseat the Fascist Heimwehr controlling Chancellor Engelbert Dollfuss. The army and Heimwehr struggled to crush the "second wave" of the Socialist revolt against fascism, and the first Austrian Nazi uprising was reported from Burgenland.

With anywhere from 500 to 2,000 unofficially estimated dead in the civil war, Austrian Government troops Tuesday night made their most spectacular attempt to crush the Socialist rebellion.

They crossed the Blue Danube in the heart of the city on pontoon bridges while loyal artillerymen shelled the foe encamped on the farther side.

Already the greatest Socialist stronghold in Vienna, the Karl Marx apartment building, had been wrecked by Government howitzer shells.

No one could estimate the exact number of dead.

Police said officially that 123 civilians lay dead in the Vienna General Hospital alone. They admitted 11 police had been killed and 38 seriously wounded.

The rage of war painted other sections of the country red.

Conditions were reported becoming steadily more serious in the Tyrol. Every available fighting man, including war veterans, was called to arms by Chancellor Dollfuss.

The large majority of those slain were killed in the Vienna working-class district.

Frau Sever, widow of the former Socialist Governor of Lower Austria, was killed there. How many other women were victims in other districts is not yet known.

No one can tell how many died when Government artillery shelled the huge Karl Marx Apartment House, where 2,000 Socialist families once lived.

It was feared that women and children might have been trapped when two floors of the huge building collapsed under the deadly rain of shells from howitzers.

At the same time it was considered possible that the Socialists fighting there had withdrawn the women and children from the area wrecked by the shells.

## CWA PAYROLL IN STATE SHOWS SLIGHT INCREASE

Raleigh, Feb. 13.—North Carolina's civil works pay roll last week aggregated \$678,398.48, a slight increase over the \$602,335 paid the preceding week, Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, state administrator, reported today.

Last week 75,903 persons were at work, compared with 74,306 the preceding week.

Today Miss Lorena Hickok, who is making a national survey of civil works and relief works for the federal government was here. Miss Hickok said she expected to spend several days in the state. She explained her work consists of a general survey and said she considers no complaints.

## President's Mother in Typical Roosevelt Greeting



NEW YORK: . . . Herewith is shown a most unusual and most interesting picture of the President's mother, Mrs. James D. Roosevelt, in a typical Roosevelt greeting. The picture was taken at one of the three birthday parties which she attended here in honor of her son's birthday and for the Warm Spring Foundation fund. With Mrs. Roosevelt, as host, is shown Maj.-Gen. Dennis E. Nolan.

## Town Council To Hold Special Meeting To Consider Water And Sewer Systems

A meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Sparta will be held at the Court House on next Monday night, February 19, at 7:30 P. M., for the purpose of discussing plans to put in a water system and sewage disposal plant for the town. All interested citizens are invited to attend the meeting. Mayor R. F. Crouse hopes that some plan can be worked out whereby the labor and a part of the materials will be furnished through the CWA.

## Observers Expecting Changes At Duke U. Farley Will Attend Durham Celebration

Durham, Feb. 13.—According to observers, Duke university's little rebellion the other day is the forerunner of another. They say there is a movement to get a "progressive" as president. The observers say that the demonstration last week was long overdue. For a year or so the progressives in the great university have been looking toward Dean Justin Miller of the law school.

The dean has made a big hit in North Carolina. He makes a fine speech any time he is jumped up and is regarded as a fine lawyer by the legal brethren. He is acceptable to the new sociologists and is agreeable to the younger church folks. There is not now even a surface movement against President William P. Few but the youngsters are looking toward the day when Dr. Few will be an emeritus and they might hurry the time along.

A lot of writing has been done about Duke. But there is as much "free thinking" there as one finds anywhere. Always Duke was broad religiously. The late Bishop Kilgo thundered his philippic at the broad theologians, but the bishop did nothing about it. If a Methodist preacher went out and abused the Dukes the bishop low-rated him, but one might hold to quite a few theological irregularities and the bishop would not buck.

What else is to come immediately nobody seems to know, but it is in the air that there are going to be changes at Duke. The most modern university structure in the world will be modern in its teaching, the couriers from the campus say. The boys desire it so, for Duke boys believe in the sort of economics and religion that students of other institutions believe in. The fuss isn't football. President Few, who trained under Bishop Kilgo, had his own mind about football. The bishop probably would have put in bull fighting as quickly as he would have accepted football, but when the bishop left the presidency youth took hold.

## GAME WARDEN HAS FUNDS ON HAND FOR BOUNTY FEES

Dick Gentry, Game Warden, has announced that he now has funds for the payment of bounties on hawks, crows and wildcats.

The bounties allowed by law on hawks are 25 cents; crows 15 cents, and wildcats, \$1.00.

## Wagoner Case Sent To Superior Court

At a preliminary hearing held here Thursday, Folger Wagoner, of the Bull Head community, was bound over to the Superior Court charged with the murder of Rufe Watson, who died in the Elkin hospital ten days ago from a fractured skull, alleged to have been caused by a deadly weapon in the hands of Wagoner. Wagoner was ordered held without bond and was returned to the Winston-Salem jail for safekeeping.

Wagoner had just finished serving a term on the roads and had been at liberty only twenty days when he was arrested for Watson's death.

## CWA Expenditures In Alleghany Co. Amount To \$25,200

Three New Projects For County Approved. Wage Rates For Various Classes Of Workmen Announced

Announcement has been made that three new CWA projects for Alleghany county have been approved by the Raleigh office and signed by Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, State Director. The first project provides for the digging of a well at Whitehead school; the second for road improvement from Glade Creek bridge, near Glade Valley, to Vox, and the third for road improvement and surfacing from Stratford to Hill's store on the Sparta-Piney Creek road.

The total amount spent for CWA work and CWA service work in Alleghany county from November 30th up to and including February 10th, is \$25,220.03. Of this amount \$866.95 is for administration and the balance for work done on the different projects in operation. This does not include the amount spent for tools and materials.

The local office has received new suggested wage rates to be paid on various projects, as follows:

- Highway Projects
  - Unskilled labor, 30c; skilled labor, 40c; truck drivers (1 1/2 ton and under), 30c; truck drivers (over 1/2 ton), 40c.
  - (Wage rate is determined by the nature of work which worker is performing.)
  - Unskilled labor, 45c; brick layers, \$1.10; brick layers, apprentice, 75c; mortar mixer, 50c; carpenters (finish), \$1.10; carpenters (rough-framework, etc.), 75c; plasterers, \$1.10; plasterers, apprentice, 60c; plasterer, mortar mixer, 50c; lathers (metal), 60c; roofers and sheet metal workers, \$1.10; roofers and sheet metal apprentice, 60c; plasterer, mortar \$1.10; steam fitters, apprentice, 60c; painters, \$1.10; painters (primers, etc.), 75c; cement finishers, 75c; mixer operator (small), 60c; mixer operator (large), \$1.10; truck driver (1 1/2 ton and under), 45c (see tonnage); truck driver (over 1 1/2 tons), 75c; skilled foreman, \$1.10; semi-skilled foreman, 60c-80c; unskilled foreman, 50c.

## GOVT. FUNDS FOR PRIVATE BUSINESS SOUGHT IN N. C.

Washington, Feb. 13.—While inquiries continue to be received here from business people in North Carolina and other states relative to government loans to private industry, it was said today the administration had not as yet formulated definite plans.

There has been some delay which may be attributed, probably, to the continued illness of Jesse Jones, of the RFC, who generally reflects the views of the President on matters pertaining to credit and finance. The appearance of Mr. Jones is expected shortly before the house committee on banking and currency.

Members familiar with such matters expressed the belief today that the bank insurance, or guarantees provisions, which expires July 1, will be continued for another year. If not continued or revised bank deposits in much greater amounts would be insured, but the view is largely taken that the present arrangement fully protects the great majority of the depositors and the proposal now is to continue this temporary law for another year.

## "Tige" Found Not Guilty On Charge Of Killing Sheep

Attorneys Gambill And Crouse Argue For And Against Dog, Respectively, At Unusual Trial

A trial of unusual interest was held at Sparta Saturday afternoon when the life or death of a certain defendant was entrusted to C. W. Edwards, local Justice of the Peace. Several witnesses testified, some for the defendant, some against him. Attorneys argued, one for death, one for life. The court deliberated and the defendant was acquitted. The defendant in question was a large police dog owned by Mrs. Y. N. Cooper, of Glade Valley.

The canine was charged with killing sheep belonging to a Mr. Ayers. Under a local statute passed by the last Legislature any dog found guilty by a court of competent jurisdiction may be condemned to death and the Sheriff becomes the executioner.

Circumstantial evidence was strong against the dog. Valuable sheep had been killed. Snow was on the ground and tracks of the size of those of the police dog led near the home of the owner. The dog looked "full" when examined. A small dog could never have torn the bodies of the sheep so much nor have eaten so much meat. But there were other dog tracks galore. The defendant had no wool in his teeth, no blood on his body. Tracks leading through the snow showed one bleeding foot, but the feet of the defendant were free from scars. Measurements of the imprint of the dog's tail where it had wallowed in the snow failed to compare with the length of the defendant's tail, but this was explained in that it was the nature of dogs when wallowing to kick with their hind feet and move forward, making a longer imprint than the actual length of the tail.

Attorney Crouse asked for the death penalty, arguing that there was ample evidence to convict. Attorney Gambill contended that the same degree of proof should be required as was necessary to convict a person of any serious crime and that the prosecution had failed to come up to this standard.

"Tige" was acquitted and is happy and free again with his mistress; he has probably learned a lesson, and will be more careful hereafter about making tracks in the snow.

## DIVIDENDS APLENTY ON THIS FARMERS' TRADE

Raleigh, Feb. 13.—Here's a "stock" trade that paid dividends to both parties:

One farmer traded a sow to another farmer for a female collie dog, the exchange being effected through the Agricultural Review of the state department of agriculture.

Soon after the trade, the sow gave birth to a litter of eight pigs while the dog had a litter of five puppies.

"That's what I call dividends," said W. H. Richardson, editor of the Agricultural Review.

## ALMANAC

"Bashfulness is an ornament to youth, but a reproach to old age."

- FEBRUARY
  - 12—Abraham Lincoln, Great Emancipator, born 1809.
  - 13—Emperor Pu Yi abdicates the Chinese throne, 1912.
  - 14—Great gold discovery in Australia startles world, 1851.
  - 15—Battleship Maine is sunk in Havana Harbor, 1898.
  - 16—Hawaii is annexed to United States by treaty, 1893.
  - 17—War of 1812 with England ended by treaty, 1815.
  - 18—300th automobile registered in United States, 1895.