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## Doughton Seeking Tariff Power For Chief Executive

### N. C. Congressman Opens Fight To Give President Authority On Reciprocal Agreements

Washington, March 27.—Chairman Robert L. Doughton, of the House Ways and Means committee, opened the fight Friday to give President Roosevelt power to make reciprocal tariff agreements. Chairman Doughton told the House that the measure offered "the only practicable and feasible method for restoring a normal amount of world trade to the United States."

"We are trying," said Doughton, "to provide in this bill some machinery whereby we can successfully compete with other countries, practically all of whom have delegated similar authority to their executives. Unless we do this, our foreign trade unquestionably will decline and finally will be reduced to a negligible quantity."

"Those who oppose this bill insist it is unconstitutional and express grave fears that it will work untold injury to American industry, agriculture and labor. They tell us that there is no necessity for expanding our foreign trade; that we are on a wild goose chase in search of export markets that do not exist."

"My opinion is that they have an exactly opposite opinion of the bill. Their real fears are that it is constitutional and that it will work. Our Republican friends realize that the old practice of exchanging high tariff benefits for campaign funds is at an end and that they no longer will be able to dry the fat out of certain favored industries to lubricate the G. O. P. machine. This is the fear that tortures and torments them."

Speaker Henry T. Rainey predicted that the bill would be passed exactly as reported by the committee. House Democratic leader Joseph W. Byrns said the majority party would defeat any attempt to limit the President's powers under the bill.

Rep. Allen Treadway (R), Mass., led the attack on the measure by saying that it opened the way for a dictatorship in America. "To all intents and purposes," he added, "this message does away with further need of a House and Senate, completing the administration's program of assuming complete authority over governmental functions. This surrender of legislative power is the method which has been followed in setting up dictatorships."

The bill would empower President Roosevelt to raise or lower tariff rates by 50 per cent. of the present schedules. Republicans will seek to amend the bill to place a definite time limitation—probably three years—on the measure.

### DR. M. A. ROYALL, ELKIN, TO HEAD MEDICAL SOCIETY

Dr. M. A. Royall, Elkin, was elected Tuesday as President of the Eighth District Medical society, at the convention of the organization held in the Robert E. Lee hotel, Winston-Salem. Dr. Royall will succeed Dr. P. A. Yoder, Winston-Salem, as head of the society during the coming year.

### Cabinet Changes Rumored

Washington gossip has it that at least three members of the Cabinet may be replaced before long. The feeling that Secretary Dorn of the War Department is letting the generals run things is said to be worrying the President. There is a growing belief that the attorney-general, Homer Cummings, is too easy-going and too easily influenced into hasty action. And even in the President's own intimate circle a great deal of dissatisfaction is being expressed about the Postmaster General, Mr. Farley. This is to some extent based upon the feeling that he put the President in a hole on the air-mail matter and let it develop so that the blame is on the President instead of on Farley. And the air-mail situation is still a major topic of interest here.

### W. M. S. OF METHODIST CHURCH HOLDS MEETING

The Woman's Missionary society of the Methodist church held its regular monthly meeting Friday afternoon, March 16, at the home of Mrs. Marvin Doughton. After the business session a number of interesting talks and papers were given on the day's subject for discussion.

Following the program, delicious refreshments were served to a majority of the membership. Mrs. Henry Gorham was present as a guest and Mrs. Rex Mitchell's name was added to the list of members.

## Federal Officials Visit Sparta Friday

A group of Federal officials and Highway Engineers passed through Sparta Friday afternoon on an inspection trip of the proposed Blue Ridge route of the Skyland park-to-park highway. The party traveled by automobile, coming into Alleghany from Galax via the Low Gap road. They made a short stop here and talked briefly with Governor Doughton and R. F. Crouse.

The group was headed by Theodore Straus, special advisor to Secretary of the Interior Ickes, and George L. Radcliffe, Baltimore.

They went from here to West Jefferson and continued on to Asheville. They planned, also, to visit Blowing Rock, Mt. Mitchell, Little Switzerland, Mount Pisgah, Balsam mountain and other scenic points in Western North Carolina. They spent Friday night in Boone.

## Bond Is Sought By Woman Being Held In Childress Case

### Governor Ehringhaus Expected To Be Asked To Call Special Court Term For Tilley Trial

North Wilkesboro, March 27.—A hearing on a writ of habeas corpus has been obtained by Mrs. Luther Tilley, one of the five members of the Tilley family indicted for the murder of Miss Leota Childress at the Tilley home, near Elkin, on December 30, according to her counsel. Attorneys Eugene Trivette and J. F. Jordan, of the local bar, and Attorney J. E. Hoshouser, of Boone, have been retained as counsel for Mrs. Luther Tilley.

The application for a hearing was obtained from Judge Wilson Warlick, at Mocksville, recently and the hearing will be before Judge Warlick, at Bakersville, at noon tomorrow. Attorney Trivette stated that an effort will be made to have Mrs. Tilley released under bond.

It has not been learned whether or not W. W. Tilley, Mrs. W. W. Tilley, Luther and Clyde Tilley, the others indicted in the case, will make an effort to get out of jail through habeas corpus proceedings.

The case was calendared for trial in the term which ended in Wilkesboro recently, but was continued until another term by consent of both the state and the defense. It is understood that Governor Ehringhaus will be asked to call a special term of Wilkesboro court in June for the trial of the Tilley and Stanley cases which are peculiarly linked together, due to the fact that Luther Tilley will be tried for his life in both cases and certain similar instances in both deaths.

## Rabid Dog Invades Sparta Prison Camp And Bites Prisoner

Considerable excitement was created at the Sparta prison camp one day last week when a rabid dog rushed into the camp and bit one of the prisoners over the eye. One of the guards was going through the front gate when the strange dog rushed in, snapping at him. The dog attacked other dogs confined in the yard.

The prisoners were just being released in the yard, when the dog rushed through an open door into one of the cells and bit a prisoner, who was still in bed.

The dog was shot by guards and its head sent to Raleigh by Dr. J. L. Doughton, prison physician, for examination to determine whether or not it had hydrophobia.

A telegram was received Sunday by Dr. Doughton saying the dog was rabid.

The prisoner bitten by the dog is being treated against rabies. It is thought that the dog bit several other dogs in town before going to the camp and all owners are keeping their dogs confined, pending developments.

The town council promptly called a meeting and passed a local ordinance making it a misdemeanor for anyone to let their dog go unattended on the streets of Sparta, either day or night.

## Restrictions Are Placed On Relief Of County's Needy

### Extension Of Aid To Able-Bodied Persons Who Are Depending Upon Relief To Cease

Instructions have been received from Raleigh by the local Relief office to cease extending aid to all persons who are depending upon relief and are able to work. The officials will buy seeds and fertilizer and make arrangements to rent land and, where a team is not available, arrangements will be made for one. Every family on the relief rolls is expected to plant the necessary acreage to supply them with food for the next year.

Relief families that have obtained land, or will be able to, will not receive any seed or fertilizer from the local Relief office until it has been checked by the Supervisor, or one of his assistants, to see that the ground is ready for planting.

Amos Wagoner has been appointed Farm Supervisor for Alleghany county and will be glad to assist any family in obtaining land for cultivation and in making arrangements for this year's crops.

It has been emphasized that seed and fertilizer is not to be given away, except to widows, and this rule will be strictly adhered to. Where there is a stout, able-bodied man in the family, he will be required to work and pay for the seed and fertilizer.

No family that is not listed as a relief family will be entitled to seed and fertilizer. Each relief family and land owner will enter into a written contract, forms to be furnished by the local office. It has been suggested that families that do not have land, and are unable to obtain it for this year's garden and crops, get in touch with the office of C. A. Miles, local Relief administrator, immediately, and enable the officials to perfect their arrangements.

Instructions have been received by the office here to discontinue payment of bills for medical aid furnished to those receiving direct relief, this ruling to go into effect on April 1.

"WHOOOPS" KILL INDIANS Ilford, Manitoba.—Whooping cough, reaching epidemic proportions, is said to have caused the death of twenty Indians near Oxford House, east of here.

## Rehabilitation Of Rural Sections Is Planned At Meet

### C. A. Miles And Amos Wagoner, Sparta, Attend Meeting Held Saturday Afternoon In Boone

Plans for a state-wide program of rural rehabilitation for North Carolina were laid before a meeting of county Relief Administrators of this district by Roy M. Brown, Assistant to Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, State Administrator, at Boone Saturday afternoon. C. A. Miles, Alleghany Administrator, and Amos Wagoner, newly appointed farm and garden work supervisor, were present at the meeting.

The civil works administration will be replaced, Mr. Brown said, by an entirely new program with two divisions, one of them dealing with work for urban centers and the other with rural rehabilitation. The primary aims of the new rural program as outlined by the speaker were to have every farm family self-supporting by the end of the present year; to begin by the end of the year a program of permanent rehabilitation by home ownership and the development of small industries in rural areas.

Dr. Brown said he could see no reason why a farm family should not produce its own food. A total of five acres of land, he pointed out, is sufficient for producing food enough for a family of five or six persons for an entire year. If necessary, crops can be cultivated by hand, Dr. Brown asserted. The speaker discussed the methods of obtaining land and preparing it for cultivation. He also urged the Administrators to see that all agreements between landlords and tenants are fair to both parties.

Plans are, he said, for every family to have a garden. For the family living on the farm the garden will be supplementary to the crops. Seeds will again be furnished this year, and these seeds are to go only to relief families.

Dr. Brown urged the forming of advisory councils and appointment of directors of farm and garden programs for carrying out the administration program. The relief administration, he emphasized, is interested not so much in temporary measures but rather in a long-time program leading to permanent rehabilitation.

## Farmers Asked To Employ The Needy

If any farmer in Alleghany county, who is having trouble in obtaining farm help, will notify C. A. Miles, local Relief Administrator, an effort will be made to arrange for the placement of some family on the Relief roll unable to obtain land for this year's crops.

Any person who is now getting relief from Mr. Miles' office, and refuses to work for farmers of the county at prevailing prices, will be taken from the relief rolls at once.

Mr. Miles asks the cooperation of the farmers of the county toward arranging for families now on relief to obtain land upon which to plant and cultivate crops this year.

## Owners Of Trucks Protest Action Of Virginia Officers

### Alleghany Business Men Express Dissatisfaction At Demand For Va. Licenses For Traffic In That State

Alleghany county truck owners and business men are entering strong protests against the action of Grayson county, Virginia, officers in demanding that all truck owners hauling to and from Independence and Galax be required to purchase Virginia State licenses.

Several Alleghany county drivers have reported that they have been stopped by the Virginia officers and Virginia licenses demanded. Their action has been communicated to the State authorities of both states in the hope that this practice may be stopped. It is thought that if it continues, the North Carolina officers will take similar action against Virginia trucks being operated in this state.

Several merchants of Sparta have threatened to withdraw the business they have been giving to Galax and other Virginia towns if the Virginia officers continue their demands.

### MORGAN BRYANT DIES FROM EXPOSURE MON. MORNING

Morgan Bryant, of Edmonds, colored, about 50 years of age, died Monday morning while being brought to Sparta by Deputy Sheriff Richardson after having been found near Edmonds beside the road in a critical condition from exposure.

His clothes were frozen, he having lain out all night in the rain and sleet.

## To Conduct Drive For Improvement Of Roadsides In State

The period from Sunday, April 8 to Saturday, April 14 has been designated as Roadside Improvement Week in North Carolina. The Roadside Improvement campaign will last until July 1 and will be under the direction of W. J. Cartier, Director of Highway Beautification for the Carolina Motor club.

Mr. Carter outlines the plans as follows:

"Chairmen are being appointed in each county. After this is done, the county chairmen should appoint a representative from each township, who in turn may select four or five to work with him in the township. When the county committee is complete, a meeting will be held and a program mapped out.

"One of the things we could do is to see what improvement could be made on the rural and suburban mail box. To this extent the Carolina Motor club is offering a small prize for the most artistic and practical treatment of an individual mail box and a prize for the best treatment of a group of boxes."

Mr. Cartier says further: "As I see it, this is an individual problem to be worked on by everyone, those who own property or rent, and those who just ride. Everyone can do their bit to keep the highways clean and to make them safer. We should work out a program which can be put over without benefit of CWA labor and if we can get some of this, so much the better. If everyone puts his shoulder to the wheel, it can be done."

## Governor Defends Taxation Policy Of Administration

### Says He Will Stick By Sales Tax Until Other Source Of School Revenue Is Found

Raleigh, March 27.—Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus, in an address delivered Saturday at the closing session of the North Carolina Education association's convention here, declared that "When the day came when I had to choose between the sales tax and the schools, I chose the schools." The governor defended his administration's taxation policy and said he would stick by the sales tax until some other source of revenue was found to finance the schools.

Clearly in a fighting mood, the Chief Executive roundly criticized "some merchants" for "misstatements" concerning the sales tax.

"I know some of them," he said, "tell you when you make a purchase that you pay so much for the article and so much for the Governor. I have no respect for any merchant who couples with his sales any such misstatements."

His remark drew hearty applause.

Continuing, the Governor said 64 cents of every dollar collected for the state general fund goes to support schools and asserted the \$6,000,000 estimated annual sales tax revenue could not be abolished without putting something else in its place.

"There has been talk that some of these policies might lead me into political oblivion," he said. "Political oblivion doesn't bother me at all. It would be much better that I pass out of the picture, rather than the state's schools and governmental agencies be destroyed."

The Chief Executive invited the help and suggestions of teachers on the problem of salaries and educational appropriations, saying he favored more money for education and teachers' pay as soon as the revenue for it can be found.

Sixteen resolutions, presented by W. P. Grier, Gastonia, chairman of the resolutions committee, were adopted at the closing meeting.

They commended the Governor for his fight in support of the eight-month school term law enacted in 1933; requested the legislature without resort to ad valorem taxes, to liberalize the law providing for school supplements and to increase education appropriations.

### BOYS MAY SIGN UP FOR CCC CAMP ENROLLMENT

C. A. Miles, local Relief Administrator, has just received instructions from Raleigh to sign up five boys, from 18 to 25, for enrollment in the CCC camp. He requests any interested boys to sign up not later than Friday, March 30, at 12 o'clock in his office. Mr. Miles expects to leave here Saturday for Asheville, where the boys will be examined.

## ALMANAC



"He is the best dressed whose dress no one observes."

- MARCH 26—Ponce de Leon claims Florida for Spain, 1512.
- 27—Rontgen, inventor of the X-Ray, born 1845.
- 28—Foch made General of all allied troops, 1918.
- 29—Capt. R. F. Scott reaches the South Pole, 1913.
- 30—Ether is first used as an anesthetic, 1842.
- 31—224th "Nick Carter" Dime Novel is published, 1894.
- APRIL 1—Bismarck, Germany's Iron Chancellor, born 1815.

Washington, Mar. 27. (AS).—The labor question is at the top in Washington's official problems as this is written. A great deal hinges on the outcome of the union situation in the automobile industry. It is not yet clear whether the Administration intends to back up the American Federation of Labor, which has shrewdly taken the best possible advantage of the provision for collective bargaining in the National Recovery Act, or whether it will content itself merely with seeing to it that organizations of employees are not dominated by their employers.

The Federation is engaged in a vigorous attempt to establish the principle that no union is a good union unless it is an A. F. L. union. Employees in many industries have organized their own unions. In every case the Federation has set up the claims that these "company" unions do not give the employees the right to choose their own spokesmen for bargaining purposes with their employers. In some instances they are doubtless right. In other instances they have been able to get a few hotheads, discontented and dismissed employees to set up the claim that they have been discriminated against.

General Johnson, administrator of NRA, has accepted the company union in one of the most important cases, in which he is satisfied the employers kept their hands off and still the workers voted to organize inside the company. That doesn't please the Federation, which wants its own men to act as employees' spokesmen.

Usual Labor Reaction One result of this situation is a larger number of strikes, and larger strikes, than have been known for many years. Some of the cooler heads in Washington regard this strike situation calmly. They point out that every period of recovery from past depressions has been marked by labor strikes and disturbances.

Any revival in business looks like a good time for workers to demand a bigger slice of the presumptive profits. So, these experienced oldsters say, the recovery must be under way, else these labor leaders would not be making such a disturbance.

It seems pretty clear from the point of view of Washington that recovery is progressing, not steadily but by fits and starts. March has been a better month than February was, so far. The outlook for April is even better. But there is nothing clear yet as to how things will be going in May and June, and some new doses of inflationary stimulant, in one form or another, may be necessary before Summer is well under way.

The Administration has still a good many medicines in its saddle-bags that haven't been tried on the patient yet. Capital for Industry There seems little doubt that some form of legislation permitting "capital loans" to industry, from RFC funds in part and in part by authority to Federal Reserve Banks to rediscount long-time paper, running three to five years, will be enacted before Congress adjourns.

What is holding back industry is shortage of capital funds. Those are usually raised in normal times, by new stock and bond issues. Under the Securities Act private capital is afraid to invest and corporations are afraid to offer new securities. Commercial banks cannot and should not make long-term loans.

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