



Trial Of Tilley's May Be Postponed Until Aug. Court

Special Term For June 18
May Not Be Called, Due
To Wilkes County Budget Condition

Washington, May 1 (AS).—Your correspondent had the privilege a few days ago of talking and listening to the three most important men in the Administration on three successive days: President Roosevelt on Thursday, General Hugh Johnson on Friday and Professor Rexford Tugwell on Saturday.

All of them talked freely, though much of what they said was not for publication. Nothing that the President said can be quoted, but it is entirely permissible to express an opinion on his state of mind and the direction in which he is heading, deduced from what he said.

The talk with him lasted nearly two hours, with General Johnson nearly as long and with Dr. Tugwell about an hour.

Certain conclusions are inescapable; they were noticeable in what all three men said.

Five Conclusions
First, a definite sensitiveness to criticism of the "New Deal," amounting almost to thin-skinnedness.

Second, a definite effort to dispel the idea that there is something "radical" about the New Deal.

Third, a definite purpose to slow down on Government borrowings and substitute for Government financing of private business new means to stimulate investment of private capital.

Fourth, a definite intention to resist any further inflationary measures, especially such as contained in the effort to compel the President to remonetize silver on the 16-to-1 or any other basis.

Fifth, a definite, deep-rooted conviction that what the Administration is doing is "right."

On that last point, a high Federal official recently compared the written Constitution to the old wooden man-of-war "Constitution," so lately rehabilitated and sent on a tour of the nation's seaports. It was a fine ship in its day, and everybody reveres it and respects it for the service it did in the War of 1812, but nobody would think of sending it to sea to fight again.

Righteous Aim
There is a fine fervor, almost religious in its tone, when some of the New Dealers talk about the necessity for social regeneration by Government dictum and financial aid.

Taking up the points enumerated in their order, the tone, rather than the words of all three of these Administration leaders indicated that, although criticism had been invited, it was not relished. Indeed, one of them used the word "wicked" in discussing certain attacks upon Administration policies.

Professor Tugwell was especially sensitive at the use of the word "regimentation" in connection with the organization of business, industry and agriculture. He thought it a wrong use of the word; it was a word he would use to describe the conditions under which men employed in industry worked. The same day he said that, the President signed the Bankhead cotton restriction bill, of which Senator Bankhead and his nephew, Representative Bankhead, were the sponsors. It put a heavy penalty on any cotton grower who grows more than his quota of cotton this year.

The President took pains to explain that it had been agreed to in advance by more than 90 percent of the cotton growers who had answered the Government's questionnaire.

Johnson and NRA
General Johnson was insistent that the Government had no purpose to impose harmful restrictions upon business and industry. All that NRA was trying to do was to get business interests into cooperation for the common good. He was distressed at the idea that anything like force was being used or contemplated, and the notion that small business men were getting the worst of it under NRA was entirely wrong, he said. He did not think the Government had been moving too fast in imposing the codes, because any of them could be changed over night if it proved oppressive or didn't work.

The purpose of speed had been to get men back to work quickly. The next big effort to put men back to work will be in the building trades, by means of a plan which will not involve any expenditure of Government funds but which is expected to put a lot of idle capital at work in repairing existing homes and building new ones. It is a far-reaching plan. Along with that will go other plans to encourage the Federal Reserve Banks to lend capital funds to industry.

Tugwell Stops Critics
Nobody discounts Professor Tugwell, his immense mental ability and his thorough understanding of the principles of business and industry and what has been wrong with the industrial system

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Local Man Suffers Painful Injuries In Auto Accident

Ben G. Reeves, prominent young merchant and business man of Sparta, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Reeves, of Whitehead, sustained a badly crushed arm and other injuries Thursday night in an automobile accident one-half mile out of Sparta on the Laurel Springs road when the car which he was driving side-swiped the car of Troy Irwin, local barber. Mr. Reeves' car, a new coupe, slid along the highway for forty steps from the place of the collision and turned over two or three times before stopping. It is thought that Mr. Reeves' arm got outside the door of the car and was crushed when the car overturned. Both cars were completely demolished, Paul Miles and Bebert Wyatt were in the car with Mr. Irwin but none of the occupants of Irwin's car were injured other than by severe shock.

Mr. Reeves was rushed to the Baptist hospital at Winston-Salem, where he will have to remain for several weeks. It is thought that his arm will not have to be amputated, but the hospital authorities advise that his arm will always be stiff. Several small pieces of bone were missing from his arm when it was dressed, or were so badly shattered that they had to be removed.

Democratic Races In County Primary Now In Full Swing

More Candidates In Field
Than In Many Years. Interesting Developments Expected During Month

Democratic political candidates in Alleghany county seeking nominations in the June primary, just thirty days away, are busy soliciting the support of their friends toward their nomination. More candidates are in the field than in many years. Much interest is being shown and it is thought that the next thirty days will bring out several interesting developments.

The Sheriff's race finds four in the field seeking nomination. R. B. McMillan, present Sheriff, holder of the office for the last four years, is out for re-nomination. Walter M. Irwin, local barber and for many years a teacher in the county schools, W. F. Osborne and E. V. Thompson, well known farmers and business men, are the others seeking the Sheriff's office.

C. W. Ervin, of Glade Valley, Principal of the Glade Valley school, and W. P. Warden, Stratford, farmer, are seeking nomination for the House of Representatives.

M. A. Higgins, a farmer of Ennice, father of Solicitor Higgins, and a member of the Board of Education for many years, and Dalton Warren, Sparta merchant, are out against each other for the State Senate for this District, composed of Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga counties.

A. F. Reeves, Clerk of the Superior Court for many years, is being opposed by R. Clinton Halsey, young business man of Sparta.

Present indications are that the primary will show many close votes, no candidate being sure of himself now. No one has been able so far to predict with certainty any particular candidate's majority.

ROARING GAP—TWIN OAKS ROAD TO BE BUILT SOON

The North Carolina state highway and Public Works commission has recently announced that the contract for the construction of the highway between Roaring Gap and Twin Oaks will be let on May 8. Construction is expected to begin by June 8.

This road will be straightened, widened and the same type of surface material as that on the mountain road will be used.

REGISTRATION BOOKS TO BE OPEN ON SATURDAYS

Registration books will be open on each Saturday from May 5 until election to all persons who have not registered, according to J. E. Joines, Chairman of the Election Board in the county. The last Saturday before election day will be challenge day.

Thirty-Two Receive Diplomas Monday Night At Sparta High School Finals

Attorney John Folger, Mt. Airy, Addresses Graduates.
Dr. S. D. Gordon Delivers Baccalaureate Sermon

Monday night brought to a close one of the most successful years in the history of Sparta high school. Under the leadership of Prof. C. R. Roe and his competent corps of teachers, the local high school has demonstrated that education in this institution is still forging ahead despite depression, epidemics and other handicaps.

Many notable features made of this an outstanding term. Among these was the large Senior class, thirty-two, being the largest number in any class to graduate from this school. In order to enable each Senior to take his or her rightful place in the graduating programs, two senior plays were selected and given by the class.

In the opening program Friday night, April 27, the first play, "Marrying Margaret," was presented. This play, very ably coached by Mrs. C. R. Roe, was thoroughly enjoyed by the large audience. The second play, "Introducin' Susan," was given Saturday night, April 28. It too, was well rendered and greatly amused a packed house. This play was directed by Mrs. Bryan Collins.

One of the high lights of the series of programs was reached in the baccalaureate sermon Sunday morning, delivered by Dr. S. D. Gordon, Presbyterian minister, lecturer and widely-traveled author from Winston-Salem. Not only the Seniors, but the congregation, as well, enjoyed an unusual privilege in hearing Dr. Gordon's sermon on "Mastery."

On Monday morning at 10:00 o'clock, the declamation and recitation contests were held. J. T. Inskeep, Jr., Dwayne Irwin and Lewis Jarvis were the participants in the declamation contest, while Myrtle Harris, Cleo Jones and Carolyn Maxwell competed for the recitation medal. Lewis Jarvis won the declamation medal, which was given by the B & T Drug store. Carolyn Maxwell won the recitation medal, which was given by the Bank of Sparta. Judges for these contests, obtained from West Jefferson, were: Mrs. J. C. Kelley, Miss Mary Price McCarroll and P. E. Downs.

The Seventh grade certificates and perfect attendance certificates were awarded at this time by Superintendent John M. Cheek. On Monday night, at 8:00 o'clock, the graduating exercises and address composed the final program of the commencement and were attended by a record crowd. Howard McCann, class president, opened the program with his speech of welcome, and was followed by the Salutatorian, Tom Black. Robert Edwards gave the class history while Buck Higgins portrayed the brilliant future of the class of '34. John-

son J. Sanders, with an average of 96.04 for his four years of high school work, gave the Valedictory address.

Following these class exercises, Attorney Floyd Crouse introduced the principal speaker, Attorney John Folger, of Mt. Airy, who delivered a forceful and inspiring address.

In conclusion, the diplomas were presented by Superintendent John M. Cheek, followed by the presentation of prizes by Governor R. A. Doughton. The prizes and recipients were as follows:

To John Higgins, Jr., a \$10 gold piece, given by his father for perfect attendance; to Walter Pugh, a \$5 gold piece, by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Fender; to Mary Ennice Osborne, a \$5 gold piece, given by her grandmother, Mrs. Mollie Osborne, of Independence; to Johnson Sanders, ten silver dollars, by his parents and grandmother, Mrs. W. M. Gortney.

The Herff-Jones Honor medal was awarded to Johnson Sanders, Valedictorian of the class.

Diplomas were awarded to the following Seniors: Hazel Billings, Opal Blevins, Anna Lee Cox, Edith Crouse, Nora H. Doughton, Louise Hicks, Jean McMillan, Midge McMillan, Mary E. Osborne, Marie Perry, Mildred Shores, Mildred Taylor, Ruby Woodruff, Tom Black, John Church, Claude Critcher, Russell Crouse, Robert Edwards, Rex Evans, Herbert Hawthorne, James Hawthorne, Buck Higgins, Bower Irwin, Reece Joines, Pawnee Jordan, Howard McCann, Harold Mitchell, Walter Pugh, Swanson Richardson, Johnson Sanders, John R. Watson and Garnett Wooten.

Those completing the Seventh grade were: Edna Cook, Ruth Cook, Mabel Choate, Retha Duncan, Edna Edwards, Ella Edwards, Dorothy Edwards, Pauline Edwards, Ruth Hoppers, Emaline Hawthorne, Virginia Joines, Doris Jones, Lucille Pugh, Mildred Ross, Lillie Royal, Pauline Sexton, Irene Shores, Clive Wagoner, Verna Weaver, Alma York, James Church, Claude Edwards Eugene Higgins, Maude McMillan, George Mack Irwin, Paul Irwin, John Walker Inskeep, Earl Jarvis, Hoke Andrews, F. A. McKnight, Fletcher Perry and Howard Ross.

The following had a perfect attendance record: Second grade: Jessie Mack Combs, Charles Doughton and John Higgins, Jr.; Third grade: Claudine Edwards; Fifth grade: Bill Edwards, Ray Rector, Marjorie Halsey and Rose Wagoner; Sixth grade: Charles Dean Choate, Louis Irwin and Annie Mae Truitt; Seventh grade: Edna Edwards, Ella Edwards, Virginia Joines and Mil-

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The North Carolina Sales Tax

by Capus M. Waynick, State Senator, and
Director National Reemployment Service for N. C.

In the campaign in which the 170 members of the 1935 general assembly will be chosen, much will be heard in denunciation of the present fiscal policy of the state. The sales tax will be condemned and its repeal demanded. Appeals will be made to the self-interest of those bearing heavy tax loads. There will be more speakers proclaiming that injustice and incompetence rule, than there will be speakers giving the voters dependable dispassionate facts about the state's affairs. Yet when the tumult dies, I am confident men will be in office who will do their duty by North Carolina. There is a saving sanity in this old state.

Tax Load is Inevitable

Taxation is the issue obscuring all others in the campaign. I believe the people are convinced the costs of state government have been reduced to a low level, that compensation for officers and teachers is too low for the most conscientious campaigner to get far in advocacy of further reductions. Yet by a queer power of self-mesmerism, some say they are still convinced the tax load imposed by the state can be greatly reduced in 1935. Others do not foresee reduction but advocate relief for the distressed taxpayer by transferring the load to the other fellow. Reduction is made further more unlikely by

the fact that the trend of the day is toward a greater social service by the state, and a consequent greater outlay by the common treasury.

The problem, then, is not so much one of reducing the expenditures of the state as it is the elimination of waste, the promotion of efficiency in government, and the proper distribution of the costs.

Why The Sales Tax?

Propagandists charge the governor and general assembly of 1933 with grossly blundering in the enactment of the sales tax. They say it was foisted upon the people by representatives incompetent in their trust and influenced by predatory interests.

Consider the plight of the state government when the last general assembly met. A deficit had accumulated for three years to amount to \$14,000,000 in June, 1933. The people were groaning under the tax load and demanding relief. Property taxpayers in thousands of cases had thrown up their hands in despair and quit trying to meet the levies. Outside creditors were reluctantly reviewing the state's notes and demanding the highest legal rate of interest. General industrial and commercial conditions were extremely bad. Before the re-

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Church Committee Recommends That Cannon Be Retired

Jackson, Miss., May 1.—By a vote of 43 to 28, the committee on episcopacy of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in quadrennial general conference of the church, here today, recommended that Bishop James Cannon, Jr. be superannuated at this general meeting. The committee's report will be submitted to the conference, it was understood.

A fight over the resolution is in prospect. Bishop Cannon has announced his determination to oppose any effort to superannuate him. A movement has been under way to change the church law so as to make bishops subject to retirement on grounds of "unacceptability or inefficiency."

Bishop Cannon arrived at the conference here Sunday, three days late, after being acquitted in Washington of charges of conspiracy to violate the federal corrupt practices act in connection with his 1928 anti-Smith political activities.

With official announcement or confirmation of the report lacking, the presumption was that the committee recommended Bishop Cannon's retirement on account of ill health.

Father, Son Are Acquitted Friday Of Murder Charge

Removed To Roanoke Jail
As Precautionary Measure.
Trial For Cornett
Killing Postponed

A jury in the circuit court of Wythe county, Virginia, at Wytheville, found Henry F. Bausell and his son, Bernace, not guilty of the murder of the latter's estranged wife, Mrs. Virginia Cornett Bausell, Friday after having deliberated for two hours. The court received the verdict at 1:25 p. m. The alleged murder took place January 13 in the home of the slain woman's father, T. Eugene Cornett, who also was killed, near Rural Retreat. The tragedy is said to have arisen over the custody of Jean, the elder child of Bernace Bausell.

Judge Horace Sutherland, Galax, who presided throughout the trial, admonished the audience that any demonstration when the verdict was read would be dealt with severely but as R. C. Patterson, Clerk of the court, read the words "not guilty," scarcely a ripple was heard. After court adjourned the defendants received the congratulations of friends.

Judge Sutherland tentatively set the trial of the father and son on the charge of slaying T. Eugene Cornett for Tuesday of this week, but a postponement to Monday, May 14, was later made, due to the illness of two defense attorneys, S. B. Campbell and B. T. Wilson.

After reports of displeasure on the part of Cornett's friends at the postponement of the trial had reached authorities, the prisoners were quietly removed Friday night to the Roanoke jail as a precautionary measure.

Commonwealth's Attorney Paul Parsons said the removal was only out of precaution and was not prompted by any incident or anticipation of any trouble. Mr. Parsons said that there was "no reason" for moving the prisoners. Attorney M. J. Fulton, Richmond, and a relative of the slain man, who was detained in Washington by the Cannon case during the early part of the first trial but arrived Thursday to aid the prosecution, remained in Wytheville over the week-end to study the case with the other lawyers and said he expected to take an active part in the next trial.

CHILD SUSTAINS PAINFUL BURNS WHILE PLAYING SAT.

Juanita, the 4-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Higgins, was severely burned on both arms last Saturday afternoon while playing with matches. The little girl was sitting in a car in front of her home, and dropped a lighted match in her lap. Her screams attracted the attention of her small brothers, who tore off her clothing which was almost consumed. She was also burned under the arms and across the back, but less seriously.

Court To Convene Here Monday For Regular May Term

Important Criminal Cases
Are Scheduled For Trial
During Sessions. Judge
McElroy To Preside

The spring term of Alleghany County Superior Court will convene at Sparta on Monday of next week with Judge McElroy presiding. It is expected that a record-breaking crowd will be in Sparta next week, since many cases of wide-spread interest will come up for trial. Both civil and criminal cases will be tried, the criminal cases coming up on the first days of the week and the civil cases coming up after all the criminal cases are disposed of.

Included in the criminal cases will be the trial of Vance Lane and George Upchurch, of Laurel Springs, who are charged with holding up at the point of a gun, and robbing, John Mabe, an aged resident of the Stratford section. Governor Doughton and Sidney Gambill will assist Solicitor Higgins in the prosecution, and the defendants are being represented by Attorney R. F. Crouse.

The cases against Ransom Brooks, of the Bull Head section, and Ves Douglas, of Surry county, who are charged with a score or more charges, including highway robbery and the theft of automobiles, will be up for trial. These cases are expected to attract many people to Sparta, since the cases drew state-wide publicity when the defendants were first arrested. Brooks and Douglas will be brought from the Winston-Salem jail by members of the State Highway Patrol, where they have been confined since their arrest.

Another important case is that of Folger Wagoner, charged with the murder of Rufe Watson. Wagoner is also in the Winston-Salem jail for safe keeping.

PROF. ROE AND DR. BURGESS ENTERTAIN MONDAY NIGHT

Prof. C. R. Roe and Dr. T. R. Burgess entertained the Sparta high school Senior class, the high school faculty and the committee-men and their wives, following the graduating exercises on Monday night, April 30.

The farewell party was staged in Dalton Warren's store, where there was ample room to accommodate the large number of guests.

The two hosts provided delicious refreshments, consisting of ice cream, cakes and candy.

REV. C. H. MCKNIGHT TO FILL APPOINTMENTS

Rev. C. H. McKnight will fill his regular appointments at Mount Carmel and Chestnut Grove churches on Saturday and Sunday, May 5 and 6, and at Belview and Pine Fork churches on Saturday and Sunday, May 12 and 13.

On Sunday night, May 13, Landreth and Troy Blevins, brothers, will join the pastor, the Rev. Mr. McKnight, for a week's services at Liberty church, Whitehead. The ordinance of Baptism will be observed on Sunday, May 20.

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- APRIL 30—U. S. purchases Louisiana. Terr. from France, 1803.
- MAY 1—Dewey sinks Spanish navy at Manila, 1898.
- 2—Marie Dressler popular in new musical comedy, 1909.
- 4—Anarchists cause Chicago's Haymarket riot, 1886.
- 5—Lottery is held at Natchez to build church, 1820.
- 6—Famed Eiffel Tower is opened in Paris, 1889.