

PLAN PERMANENT PROGRAM VOTERS MAY PASS UPON IT CODE SUPERVISION WOBBLING

INDUSTRY FINDS PROFITS MANY YET UNEMPLOYED DEFICIT AND TAX INCOME DARROW VS. JOHNSON TARIFF A PARTY LINE-UP SILVER PARLEY NECESSARY THE REED-PINCHOT VOTE

President Roosevelt's permanent economic and social program, which has been held back by pressing problems of the emergency, will provide ample campaign argument. One idea in clearly enunciating the principles of the permanent legislation to be proposed at the next session of Congress, is to give the nation some time to consider and, in the fall elections, an opportunity to approve it by electing candidates pledged to support it.

Heretofore main attention has been centered upon recovery measures, designed to restore confidence and place agriculture, industry and normal living on an even keel. Whether this has been accomplished is a matter of wide disagreement but, nevertheless, the administration feels that enough progress has been made to begin something like a consolidation of the gains. The permanent reforms include three phases, social, business and economic programs.

The social items include a method to settle labor disputes, unemployment insurance, old age pensions, insurance of workers against sickness, a housing program, a public relief system and some changes in NRA to make minimum wages meet costs of living. The business program would make NRA something of a co-operative, coordinating body rather than a ruling board, with possibly the abandonment of minor codes and exemption of "service" industries. The economic agenda involves national planning, with particular attention to harbor and river development, prevention of erosion, conservation of natural resources and the adaptation of land usage to human needs.

Government supervision of the codes, already weak in places, may break down if plans to reduce NRA personnel are carried out. Of the 432 codes approved only 333 have been supplied with administration members. If the move to drop a number of the codes affecting small industries is carried out there would seem to be no need for the extensive staff created. If, on the other hand, codification is to run the entire gamut of business, the need for a staff big enough to supervise their operation is imperative.

Moreover, labor insists that in the government of business the working man's interest should be represented and there are others who frankly declare that the consumer should be safeguarded by representation. A measure of social control with as much "freedom for industry" as possible, but without "taking the brakes off" entirely, is certain.

Gen. Johnson, NRA chief, has been trying to persuade industry to voluntarily reduce the hours of labor by ten per cent with a corresponding increase of ten per cent in wages. Insisting that NRA will collapse unless higher prices are accompanied by the increased purchasing power the argument is that industry is well able to bear the burden instead of passing it to labor and the consumer by curtailing production and boosting prices. The recent National City Bank letter, showing that 1,475 companies, which lost \$97,000,000 in 1932, had a profit of \$661,000,000 in 1933, is relied upon as proof that NRA paid.

Harry L. Hopkins, relief administrator, says that more than a million of those on public relief are former workers in the building trades, one of the sore spots in the recovery movement, which has shown little improvement. Secretary Perkins estimates that out of 13,000,000 unemployed about 2,750,000 have gotten work in private industry, 350,000 through PWA projects and that 350,000 are in the CCC. Others have been reemployed in agriculture and the service industries, and the PWA program, when at its peak, will absorb another 650,000.

The deficit for the current fiscal year which ends June 30th, will be far below the \$7,000,000 estimate of the President in his address to Congress. It appears that it will be nearer \$4,000,000,000. However, it is

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Roosevelt Leaves Capital Yesterday For Trip Up Coast

To See Youngest Son, John, Graduated At Groton School Friday. Expects To Return Monday.

Washington, May 29.—Arrangements were made today by President Roosevelt for him to leave tomorrow for a trip up the Atlantic coast but, with Congress pressing toward adjournment, he changed a previous schedule so as to return to the capital next Monday. Tomorrow, on his way to Gettysburg, Pa., and New York, the president will take with him the data for his long-planned message to Congress on war debts. This message probably will be submitted Friday.

After speaking tomorrow in Gettysburg at the Memorial day exercises on the civil war battlefield he will continue by special train to New York city.

The night will be spent at the family home on East 65th street and early Thursday the President will board the cruiser Indianapolis and sail down the harbor to review the fleet which is coming back to New York from the Pacific.

Late today the President went over the labor situation in a conference with Hugh S. Johnson, the industrial administrator; Donald Richberg, general counsel for NRA, Senator Wagner, Democrat, New York, and others. He conferred at luncheon with Senator Norris, Republican, Nebraska.

Almost every cabinet and recovery officer called at the White House during the day as the President made a last-minute check of national affairs.

After the fleet review, the President will go by train to Worcester, Mass., from where he will motor on Friday to the Groton school to see his youngest son, John, graduate.

He will remain over to speak at the 50th anniversary of the school on Saturday and return to Hyde Park, N. Y., on the Hudson river, for Sunday, reaching the Capital Monday morning.

It was the intention of the President to spend two or three days at Hyde Park but with Congress apparently headed for an adjournment next week he decided to return.

On Monday the President will send the last of his messages to Congress—an outline of a national program for water use. It involves no legislation.

Count Is Made Of Forest Fire Cost In Three Counties

Officials Say Disastrous Results Of Fires Will Be In Evidence For Generations To Come

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W. C. McCormack, of Raleigh, assistant state forester; W. B. Biehler, of Asheville, district forester, and E. P. Simmons, of Lenoir, chief warden, were in North Wilkesboro on completion of an inspection tour of recent fires in Surry, Wilkes, Alleghany, Caldwell and Burke counties.

Of all the fires in recent years they described the fire in the Roaring Gap vicinity as the most disastrous in many years in Western North Carolina. They stated that it is impossible to estimate the damage in dollars and cents but gave the following as disastrous results of the ravages of the flames:

An area of timberlands 40 miles long and 3 to 4 miles wide, containing in the neighborhood of 75,000 acres, denuded by the fire.

All game food and all game completely destroyed.

All timber destroyed to such an extent that the coming growth will be scrub growth of little value.

Ashes from the fire will destroy all fish in neighboring streams after first series of rains.

Erosion on denuded hillsides will become a serious problem.

Burned mountain sides will be an eyesore to tourists for generations to come.

Fire depreciated value of mountain property to such an extent that property taxes in the three counties will be materially reduced.

Burned area can be reforested only through planting of proper kind of trees.

All humus destroyed on approximately half of the burned area, only the mineral soil remains.

The above was listed as the greater damage that will be felt for many future years, not to mention the more than a dozen homes and large amount of personal property consumed in the fire.

The forestry officials called particular attention to the fact that the damage by fire in the confines of Wilkes county was not nearly so great as the neighboring counties, which they attributed to the cooperative fire control system in Wilkes county. The officials venture to assert that if Surry and Alleghany counties had the same system of fire fighting control in co-operation with the state that Wilkes is using, the fire would have been placed under control in its early stages.

Signs Regulating Parking In Sparta Gaining In Favor

The new signs which were erected on the streets of Sparta, requesting motorists to park square with the curb and to leave the street corners free, were frankly considered a nuisance and regarded with disfavor when they first made their appearance last week. So common was the habit of parking at any angle, double parking and crowding the streets at corners, that an orderly and definite arrangement of cars was considered very inconvenient.

Three cars were observed parked on forbidden territory on one corner, during the first half-hour after erection of the signs. One of the drivers readily admitted that he had not observed the distinct sign which stated, "No parking this side of corner."

However, new habits are quickly formed and the new arrangement is proving safer, more attractive in appearance and more convenient.

The hope has been expressed that the town will continue to add improvements, particularly the inauguration of a street-cleaning day.

DAUGHTER OF CALIFORNIA TREASURER KILLS SELF

Sacramento, Calif., May 29.—A note indicating that Virginia Johnson committed suicide in a most unusual manner was reported found today.

Virginia, debutante daughter of State Treasurer Charles G. Johnson, soaked her clothing with kerosene, lighted a match and lay down on the cement floor of a garage to burn to death, police said they believed.

Olympic Champ Coming



Luigi Beccali (above), Olympic 1,500 Meter Champion, will come to the U. S. from Italy in June to compete in the Princeton University meet.

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WORLD'S BEST SELLER

London.—Despite economic disturbances and uncertainty in every part of the world, the Bible is still the world's best seller. A total of 10,933,203 Bibles were distributed during the past twelve months by the Bible Society.

Officials Active In Acquiring Land For National Park

Announcement Of Progress Is Expected To Be Made After They Have Returned To Washington

Washington, May 29.—The return to Washington Friday or Saturday of Arno B. Cammerer, director of the national park service, and his assistant, George A. Moskey, is expected to be followed by an announcement of progress on acquisition of lands for Great Smoky Mountains national park.

Cammerer and Moskey are to confer at once with the governor of Tennessee and other state officials with the hope of speeding up land purchases on the Tennessee side so that the area may be completed and exploitation as a national park begun. There are a number of acreages yet to be acquired, for which condemnation proceedings are hoped for soon.

North Carolina's side of the park has been completed and turned over to the federal government already, so that development of the entire area awaits only acquisition of the Tennessee lands.

Another development, while not actually connected with the park, as such, is of just as great interest. It will be the report by the officials who surveyed the proposed routes for the southern Appalachian parkway.

Several members of the survey party have returned, but the main party still is in the mountains, A. E. Demaray, associate director of the park service, said today. Upon their return Friday or Saturday it is hoped the service will announce whether the southern part of the broad, mountain-top parkway which is to connect the Great Smoky and Shenandoah national parks will run through North Carolina or Tennessee en route to the Great Smokies.

Proponents of both routes, all seeking the road in their own state, have made claims for each of the routes. The survey was decided upon to determine which actually was the better—scientifically, practically and in every other way. Representative Weaver said only a few days ago he did not see how the officials could possibly choose the Tennessee route, since the proposed right-of-way through North Carolina's mountains in the vicinity of Asheville had the "edge" in every respect.

Dem. Primary Sat. To End A Lively Campaign In County

The Democratic primary, to be held next Saturday, June 2, will end one of the most active campaigns Alleghany county has ever seen. The local contest have assumed almost "torrid" proportions and now, that the campaign is nearing its wind-up, is at white heat. On every street corner and in every group the coming primary is the chief topic for discussion. The contestants for all offices are to be congratulated, say many persons, on their sportsmanship and clean races.

The greatest amount of interest seems to be centered on the vote for the nomination of a candidate for Sheriff, for which office the present Sheriff, R. B. McMillan, Walter M. Irwin, W. F. Osborne and R. V. Thompson are contestants. Lively interest is also shown in the races between M. A. Higgins and Dalton Warren for the nomination for the State Senate, C. W. Ervin and W. P. Warden for the House of Representatives and R. Clinton Halsey and A. F. Reeves for Clerk of the Superior Court.

MAN INJURED THURSDAY AT FLATRIDGE BY SAW MILL

Coy Goodman, Sparta, suffered painful injuries on Thursday of last week while operating a saw mill at Flatridge, Va., when the saw struck a knot in the log he was sawing, causing the saw to throw a splinter, which glanced his nose and penetrated the right eye ball.

It has not yet been determined whether or not the injured man will lose his eyesight.

The accident occurred on Mr. Goodman's 32nd birthday anniversary.

Attorney General Tells Where N. C. Can Get New Taxes

Brummitt Says Sales Tax Should Be Last Resort As A Source Of State Revenue

Raleigh, May 29.—The oft-repeated question of where to get at least part of the money to take the place of the present state sales tax was answered here today by Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt.

Readjustment of North Carolina's tax system by basing on the market value of stock or net income the franchise tax levied against corporations, was advocated by the attorney-general, as a means of recapturing some of the taxes of which many of the large foreign corporations have been relieved and of providing much of the revenue now raised by the sales tax.

This plan, he said, would compensate in some measure for failure to assess corporate excess against foreign corporations, and "place the great mass of our small corporations, especially domestic ones, on a more equitable taxation basis. Substantial additional revenue may be obtained fairly, justly and without injury or undue burden upon any industry or business."

Attorney-General Brummitt advocated this change in the tax system in a letter to George P. Goehagan, Jr., of Greensboro, chairman of the North Carolina Association of Real Estate Boards, who had asked Brummitt to state his position with respect to the sales tax.

"The sales tax should be the last—and not the first—recourse to a source of state revenue," said the attorney-general. "The revenue act declares it to be an emergency tax. Good faith requires that earnest and intensive study be made to ascertain if other sources of revenue, based on ability to pay, can be found."

He said he did not favor a return to property taxation for state support of the eight-month school term.

North Carolina, he pointed out, is receiving only \$500,000 in federal funds for school maintenance, other states receiving considerably larger allotments.

"One cause of this is abundantly clear," he said. "Alabama shares in this federal aid on the basis of a teachers' salary schedule of \$84 per month, while North Carolina shares on the basis of a teachers' salary schedule of \$68 per month. The first need, then, is that our teachers' salary schedule be raised to that reasonable point where we could equitably participate on the same level with other states in securing federal aid."

Judge Schenck Is Named To Succeed Deceased Justice

Governor Ehringhaus Appoints Hendersonville Superior Court Judge To Highest Tribunal Seat

Raleigh, May 29.—Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus appointed, a few days ago, Judge Michael Schenck, Hendersonville, as an associate justice of the North Carolina state supreme court. The appointment was made by Governor Ehringhaus to fill the vacancy on the state's highest tribunal caused by the death of Judge Jackson Adams. Judge Adams, who had served on the court since his appointment in 1921, died unexpectedly in Baltimore, Md., on Sunday, May 20.

Judge Schenck was a superior court judge prior to his recent appointment to the higher court, which he accepted.

Governor Ehringhaus offered the judgeship made vacant by Judge Schenck's appointment to J. Stanley Winborne, of Marion, who said he would consider the appointment and advise the Governor late.

Governor Ehringhaus first offered the vacant post to Major L. P. McLendon, of Greensboro, who declined the assignment. Major McLendon was the Governor's campaign manager in 1932.

The Governor indicated in a statement that he felt the appointment should go to the western section of the state because most of the present members of the court are eastern men.

Members of the court at present are Chief Justice W. P. Stacy, of Wilmington, and Associate Justices Heriot Clarkson, of Charlotte; George W. Connor, of Wilson, and Willis J. Brogden, of Durham.

Judge Schenck was born in Lincoln on December 11, 1876, the son of Judge David Schenck and Mrs. Sally Schenck. He married Miss Rosa Pew in 1909. He left the University of North Carolina and practiced law at Greensboro from 1903 until 1905, when he moved to Hendersonville.

Mrs. Roosevelt To Open Institute At Duke U. On June 11

Durham, May 29.—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt will open the Duke Institute of International Relations at Duke university, here, on Monday, June 11, with an address on "The Formation Of Public Opinion As A Means Of World Peace." It is expected that the appearance of Mrs. Roosevelt on the program on the opening night at 8 o'clock will draw an immense throng.

Among the night lectures to be delivered at the institute will include those of Frederick B. Fisher, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Dr. Clovis B. Chappell, pastor of the First Methodist church, Birmingham, Ala.; Elbert Russell, Duke School of Religion; Leyton Richard, Birmingham, England, and Bishop Paul B. Kern, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

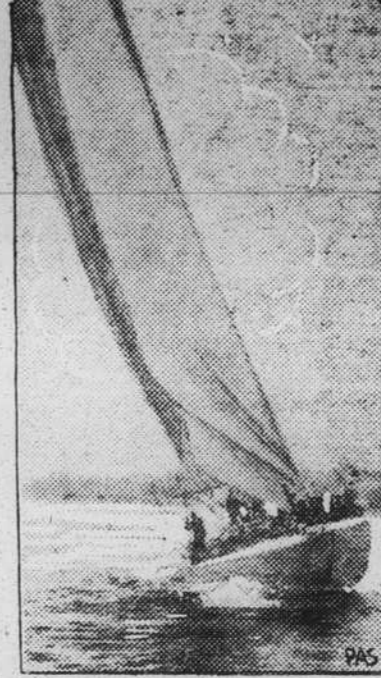
The institute will be in progress for twelve days, ending on Saturday, June 23.

FEDERAL FOREST SOUGHT FOR ASHE AND WILKES

Washington, May 29.—Thomas Forrester and William McElwee, North Wilkesboro, headed a delegation from that city that proposed Saturday that a federal forest area be established in Wilkes and Ashe counties.

The delegation placed the request before the United States forest service. The proposal is being backed by Representative Robert L. Doughton, of Alleghany county.

Rainbow On Trial



The "Rainbow" (above), American sloop built by a syndicate headed by Commodore Vanderbilt, out on one of her first trials for the right to defend the American Cup against the English challenger "Endeavor" this summer.

Youth Is Released Sat. From Charges Of Firing Forest

Platt Waddell, 20, son of Lester Waddell, prominent farmer and business man of Laurel Springs, has been released from charges of setting out fire at the time forest fires were raging in the county two weeks ago. C. W. Edwards, local Justice of the Peace, ordered Waddell released at a preliminary hearing at Sparta Saturday when he held there was not sufficient evidence to hold the defendant for the Superior Court.

The Young man was arrested two weeks ago on charges preferred against him for setting out fire near Whitehead, and released immediately under bond for the hearing. Much interest was shown in the case due to the gravity of the charges and the prominence of the defendant's family.

R. A. Doughton Is Against Proposed New Constitution

Prominent Sparta Citizen, Former Lieutenant-Governor, Issues Statement Giving Opposition Reasons

Hon. Rufus A. Doughton, Sparta, who has served as lieutenant-governor of North Carolina, for many years as representative of Alleghany county in the legislature, speaker of the House, commissioner of revenue, chairman of the highway commission, and in other prominent capacities, has come to the defense of Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt in opposition to the proposed new constitution for the state of North Carolina. Finding in it "insuperable objections" to its adoption, even though finding parts of it to commend, "Governor" Doughton has issued the following statement relative to his position on the question:

"I have the greatest respect for the members of the commission who drafted the proposed new constitution. I think that the document contains some changes in our constitution which could well be made and for which I will be glad to vote if submitted separately. I regret that the instrument contains other things which so radically change our fundamental law as to prevent my voting for it.

"The proposed new constitution gives the General Assembly the unlimited power of taxation. It contains no restrictions on the exercise of the power by the legislature. That is an insuperable obstacle to my voting for it.

"I agree that a constitution should contain a statement of fundamental principles, but a document can hardly be called a constitution which does not contain such restrictions as will protect the people from the exercise of unrestrained power. This is especially true with respect to taxation. I feel very strongly that there should be reasonable restrictions in the constitution itself upon the exercise of this power.

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HOME SWEET HOME

Travel east or travel west, a man's own home is still the best.

MAY
28—Agassiz, noted scientist-educator, born 1807.
29—Douglas Fairbanks, athletic actor, born 1894.
30—First observance of Memorial day, 1868.

JUNE
1—Census shows U. S. population 12,866,020, 1830.
2—Maine first state to prohibit liquor, 1851.
3—Hobson sinks Merrimack in Santiago harbor, 1898.

PLANS FOR WILKES FAIR ARE NEARING COMPLETION

North Wilkesboro, May 29.—Plans for the Great Wilkes Fair to be held here the week beginning September 17 are nearing completion, W. A. McNeill, president and general manager, stated recently.

Liberal cash premiums that will compare favorably with awards offered by the North Carolina State Fair will be offered this year instead of the merchandise prizes that were solicited last year.

In addition to the regular premiums for the various classes there will be added sweepstakes in each department.

The U. S. Army Band from Fort Bragg and the 105th Engineers Band from Charlotte will be here. Also on the midway will be found the largest carnival that has ever visited this city.