



CONGRESSIONAL RECORDS VOTED MONEY AND POWER WALL STREET BELLED STOCK MARKET REFORMED ROOSEVELT'S AUTHORITY CONGRESS RETAINS CONTROL NRA ENDS FIRST YEAR

The 73rd Congress made several records. In fact, it abounded in them. To begin with, it set a new pace in giving power to the President and in voting expenditures. For fifteen months it has pushed to enactment measures that made sweeping changes in the economic structure, and from its beginning, in March, 1933, when it passed an emergency banking law the Congress began to break precedents, policies and traditions.

The special session last year ran 100 days and the regular session lasted 167 days, making a total of 267 legislative days—the shortest in 30 years and the second shortest in 100 years. Due to the Norris lame duck amendment its term of office ends January 3, 1935, instead of the usual two years, thus making the actual life of the Congress shorter than any.

Something like ten billion dollars was appropriated and the government was pledged to contingent liabilities of about half as much again, as Congress followed the President in his fight upon depression and withheld practically nothing that was asked to aid the battle. While 13,753 bills were introduced in the two houses, only 330 major pieces of legislation were enacted, exclusive of private and local bills. The Senate confirmed 6,000 appointments, rejected 3 and caused the withdrawal of several by threatened opposition.

Relations between the Chief Executive and Congress were marked by an eager willingness of the members to stand by the President, although on three occasions adverse action was taken. These rebuffs were rejection of the St. Lawrence waterway treaty, passage over his veto of the independent officers bill increasing veterans' compensation, and enactment of a processing tax on coconut oil from the Philippine Islands in the face of opposition that this was "bad faith."

Tight as was the hold which the President exercised upon Congress the Democratic House leadership found it necessary to impose one of the strictest gag rules in history on its membership. It was done to prevent action on legislation obnoxious, but vote appealing, such as the McLeod bill to pay off bank deposits, the Frazier-Lemke farm mortgage refinancing bill, and the Connery 30-hour a week work bill.

On the first of next month Wall Street, synonymous in much of the public mind with chicanery and shady manipulations, will pass under the control of a five-man commission, known as the Stock Market Commission, with immense powers far exceeding those of most government agencies. The new control is designed to prevent such bull markets as that which collapsed in 1929 and precipitated the present economic crisis.

All exchanges will be licensed by the new commission. Every firm that issues securities must report to it and every dealer who sells or buys must account to it. Moreover, the Federal Reserve Board is given sweeping powers over all credit extended to stock brokers and all loans to those who buy stocks on margin. The law carries heavy penalties, requires comprehensive reports to give the prospective investors inside information about corporations and allows the Federal Reserve Board to set margins at 45 per cent of the market price or 100 per cent of the lowest price since July 1, 1933, and to change these margins as may be deemed best.

The legislation follows years of demand for stock market reform and is an aftermath of recent revelations which uncovered the inside workings of market experts and participation of officers of big banks and corporations in pools that gave them heavy profits while gullible investors took the losses. It was indeed a deplorable picture of rottenness in high financial circles and made inevitable the reform of high finance.

Gambling, as a moral proposition is one thing, but when its economic consequences all but wreck a nation's economic system, something else is involved. Generally, experts believe that

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Solicitor Higgins Resigns Office To Assume New Job

Resignation To Be Effective June 30. Will Become U. S. District Attorney On July 1

Carlisle Higgins, Sparta, has recently sent his resignation to Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus as Solicitor of the eleventh Judicial district, effective June 30. Mr. Higgins will assume his new duties as United States district attorney for the Middle district of North Carolina on July 1, succeeding J. R. McCrary, resigned.

The Sparta lawyer received his commission as district attorney from President Roosevelt last week. He will take the oath of office next Monday, probably at the hands of Judge Johnson J. Hayes, in Greensboro.

Mr. Higgins will begin work immediately in his new office, setting up headquarters at Greensboro. Although the next regular term of federal court will not be held until next September, in Richmond county, the district attorney will have plenty to keep him busy during the summer, including possibly a special term of court in Wilkes county.

Immediately upon receipt of Mr. Higgins' resignation the governor is expected to appoint a successor to fill out the unexpired term. He will probably be Allen Gwyn, of Reidsville, who is a candidate for the office in the coming election.

The new solicitor will hold one of his first court terms in Forsyth county. Forsyth has a criminal term starting July 9. At the same time a conflicting term begins in Surry county, and the solicitor likely, will divide his time between the two courts.

Mr. Higgins has been a prominent political figure in this section of the state for the past 10 years or more. He served in the lower house of the legislature representing Alleghany county in 1925 and was elected to the state Senate in 1929. He became solicitor in 1930. He has been a resident of Sparta nearly his entire life, attended the University of North Carolina, and served overseas during the World war.

Threshers Must Furnish Special Crop Information

W. V. Reeves, Alleghany County Register of Deeds, has just received a batch of special blanks, etc., which threshermen are required to use this year. It seems that an old law has been discovered on the state statutes making it mandatory for the Register of Deeds to notify operators and to issue free threshing license cards to each. It has been pointed out that this might have been shipped by but for the great need of official county acreage and production facts by the crop control county committees.

The purpose of the requirement is to provide reliable information on acres and production of small grains and will aid in more reliable county allotments and in the crop adjustment program. It is best for this information to come from the growers and threshing records.

The Department of Agriculture, according to a recent statement, has been really considerate by providing handy record books which the operators may keep for their own use.

Anyway, all operators of threshing machines should see the Register of Deeds at once about this matter.

AIR MAIL POSTAGE REDUCED

A reduction of air mail postage to six cents an ounce or fraction thereof, regardless of distance, has been made recently by the Post Office department in the Daily Postal Bulletin.

The reduction was ordered on June 20 by Postmaster General Farley under the air mail act approved June 12.

TO ISSUE NEW STAMPS

The first stamps in a new National Park series will go on sale early in July. The 1-cent stamp illustrates the Yosemite and the 2-cent stamp pictures the Grand Canyon. Altogether a full set of stamps will be issued to create interest in national parks.

Livestock Auction At Galax Mon. Is Highly Successful

Monday's livestock auction at Galax, the third held there by the Grayson-Carroll Livestock market, marked the greatest height of success attained so far by those promoting the weekly events, which were inaugurated on Monday, June 11. Top lambs sold for \$7 per hundred pounds and top calves brought \$5.20. Most of the lambs were purchased by M. D. Talbott, of L. H. Talbott & Son, who buy lambs, veal calves and all kinds of butcher stock for several Baltimore and Jersey City packing houses. Mr. Talbott said he will be at the sale every Monday.

A bigger crowd was present Monday, more stock was taken in to be sold, prices were better and the prospects were brighter, in general, than at either of the two previous sales.

On Monday, July 2, will be held the first of the special horse and mule auctions in connection with the regular livestock sale. These sales will be held on the first Monday in each month in connection with the regular sale.

State Democratic Convention Meets Thurs. In Raleigh

Congressman R. L. Doughton Receives Heaviest Applause. Alleghany Is Well Represented

The North Carolina State Democratic convention met in Raleigh on Thursday, June 21. A harmonious and enthusiastic convention was reported, there being no dissension over any questions. A large delegation from Alleghany county was present and many honors were conferred on representatives from this county.

"Governor" Doughton was made a member of the platform committee and read the platform, which was adopted, without any change, by the State Committee to the convention, Congressman R. L. Doughton, who will probably be a prospective candidate for governor two years hence, received the heaviest applause of all the speakers. As prospective governor, public sentiment seems strongest in his favor.

Mrs. R. A. Doughton did not attend the convention but was elected a member of the State Democratic Executive committee. Attorney R. F. Crouse, Alleghany County Chairman, was appointed as a member of two committees.

The following delegates from Alleghany county attended the convention: "Governor" R. A. Doughton, Congressman R. L. Doughton, Solicitor C. W. Higgins, A. F. Reeves, R. F. Crouse, Herbert Hawthorne, Oscar Joines, Charlie Mitchell, Buck Higgins, Glenn Nichols, Dalton Warren, George Reeves, Thurmond Bennett and R. D. Gentry.

LAWYERS MEET THIS WEEK AT DUKE U. IN DURHAM

Durham, June 26.—Duke University will be the scene this week of the first annual meeting of the North Carolina State Bar and the 34th annual convention of the State Bar Association.

The two organizations, similar in name, are separate and distinct.

The state bar, an administrative unit set up by the 1933 General Assembly, will hold its meeting Thursday morning and afternoon, while Thursday night will be occupied by meetings of the State Bar Association.

TO HOLD M. E. QUARTERLY CONFERENCE SUN. P. M.

The third quarterly conference of the current conference year for the Sparta charge, M. E. Church, South, of which the Rev. C. W. Russell is pastor, will be held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Cox's Chapel. The meeting will be in charge of the Rev. A. C. Gibbs, presiding elder of the Mount Airy district.

The Rev. Mr. Gibbs will deliver a sermon at 3 o'clock and the conference will be held following the sermon.

LIGHTNING KILLS 11

Mexico City, D. F.—Seven men and four women, seeking refuge from a storm in a small farm house, were killed when struck by lightning.

Roosevelt Returns To Washington To Prepare For Trip

Expects To Leave Sat. For Annapolis, Md. To Embark On Pacific Cruise. To Speak Thursday

Washington, June 26.—President Roosevelt prepared tonight to attack a mountain of work which must be disposed of before he departs on an extended vacation trip. The chief executive made preparation for work refreshed after a week's absence from office cares. During the next 72 hours he will act on legislation approved by the Seventy-Third Congress, get last-minute reports on the progress of his recovery program, and draft a message, for delivery Thursday night, giving the nation an accounting of his stewardship.

Returning to the White House today from New England waters and Hyde Park, N. Y., the President plunged immediately into a mass of accumulated business by vetoing 14 bills. He then conferred with the executive council discussing, among other things, the personnel of the commissions and boards that will administer the highly important stock market control, communications, labor and housing measures.

It was learned the first of these appointments, probably those dealing with communications, will be announced Thursday. He was expected, however, to have the others in readiness before departing for Annapolis, Md., where he will embark on his long cruise to the West Indies and Hawaii.

Contrary to custom of the past, the President in exercising his veto power today on a mass of minor legislation, mainly claim bills, took an affirmative stand and gave reasons in each case for the disapproval.

His language was sharp in some instances, but not without a touch of humor as regards the measure for the relief of one James Moffitt. Mr. Roosevelt wrote:

"It does not seem reasonable to believe that malaria and a large dose of quinine prevented this man from knowing he was deserting, in view of the fact that he thereafter stayed in Chicago for a year and then went home without apparently trying in any way to clear his record."

It was expected that the President in his Thursday night address not only will enumerate the accomplishment of the administration, but also to point out what can be looked for in the way of long-range national planning. A preliminary report on planning already in his hands, having been submitted at Hyde Park by Frederic Delano, planning commission chairman.

New Deal Strategy Is Political Union Of South And West

Washington, June 26.—Campaign strategy of the new deal this year points to the 1936 necessity of maintaining the political union of the South and West.

Political observers are speculating on the methods by which President Roosevelt and his aides will achieve that objective without alienating the East or further inflaming a critical group of Southern Democrats.

Straw votes indicate the President still holds a majority of Eastern voters. There is, however, a nucleus of Eastern discontents appearing more clearly in Congressional votes during the past session than in straw polls.

On half a dozen vital administration issues in the session just closed the East consistently cast a block of votes against the new deal. Other opposition was intermittent. On the bill to impound gold and authorize Mr. Roosevelt to reduce the gold content of the dollar, House and Senate together cast sixty-three negative votes of which forty-one were from Eastern constituencies.

A single Eastern Senator supported the administration silver bill and in the House the East and Eastern North Central states cast 64 of the 77 negative votes. Half the Senate votes and 72 of the 84 House votes against Stock Exchange control were from Eastern constituencies.

Plight Of Schools Fully Recognized At Party Meeting

State Supreme Court Renders Decision Taking Notice Of Low Salaries Paid Teachers

Raleigh, June 27.—The State Democratic Convention and the Supreme Court of North Carolina both "went to the bat" for the North Carolina schools and teachers last week, both recognizing and seeking to remedy their plight as early as possible. The State Democratic Platform, adopted last Thursday, was the briefest in history, but recognized the condition of the teachers and promised a remedy. After recounting the action of the 1933 General Assembly in refusing to accept defeatism and despair in the gloomy days of the depression, when this State forged ahead and adopted an eight months term by State support and removed the ad valorem tax, it looks to the future with this promise:

"The Democratic party again pledges its faith in the principle of State support of public schools for the full term of eight months without resort to ad valorem taxation, and makes its promise of a reasonable increase in the salaries of teachers by direct appropriation for that purpose if adequate revenue can safely be found."

The State Supreme Court last week handed down an opinion in which it took judicial notice of the low salaries paid the teachers, in the case of the principals, teachers, janitors and other employees of the Charlotte city schools. The action was a mandamus to force the City of Charlotte to pay salaries supplemented in 1932-33 and not paid. A court decision was considered necessary before the city could place this indebtedness in a class of general fund indebtedness and make the payments.

Associate Justice Clarkson in writing the court's decision, held that these salaries long past due, are binding and valid obligations of the City of Charlotte which must pay them, and do so speedily. In concluding the opinion Justice Clarkson writes: "No class of our citizens have greater responsibilities and duties to perform than our school teachers—to them are committed the children of the State, after they leave home, for training, guidance and direction. The burden is great and it is a matter of common knowledge that they have borne it with commendable patience and fortitude. They are mostly bread winners and the payment of their reduced salaries is naturally a great hindrance to efficiency and peace of mind—so important in training the young. How can they pay for their daily bread if they are not paid? 'The labourer is worthy of his hire.'"

President's Mother Has Tea In London With Queen Mary

London, June 26.—Mrs. Sara Delano Roosevelt, mother of the president, dropped in today for tea at Buckingham palace as the guest of Queen Mary. Mrs. Roosevelt is spending a vacation in the British Isles and Europe.

These two grandmothers chatted amiably during the simple ceremony, while King George sat by somewhat left out of their feminine interests. The women, with much in common as members, so to speak, of the ruling families of two of the greatest nations on earth, brought America and England together over the teacups. The simplicity of the White House where Mrs. Roosevelt often has been the guest of her son, was matched by the quiet dignity of England's royal family as they did honor to the President's grey-haired mother.

An atmosphere of old world color was lent by the few guards at Buckingham Palace who saluted as Mrs. Roosevelt was driven through the broad gates and up to the palace entrance reserved for royal guests.

PLANE CARRIES 40

Moscow.—The 8-motored air plane Maxim Gorky, Soviet Russia's new aerial giant, carried forty passengers on its first flight.

Cattle In Drought Areas Of West To Be Shipped To N. C.

Raleigh, June 26.—Definite arrangements were completed today for bringing 75,000 head of cattle into North Carolina from the drought-stricken areas of the middle west.

W. T. Bennett, from the office of Harry L. Hopkins in Washington, was here today conferring with Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, state relief administrator, regarding the cattle.

Bennett said that every animal brought into the state will have certificates from the bureau of animal industry showing that it is free from disease.

Pasturage has already been arranged for 38,000 head of the cattle, and the others will be shipped in when places have been found for their care.

The cattle will be distributed all over the state.

Persons pasturing the cows will receive compensation from the government. At the end of 30 or 60 days, many of the cattle will probably be slaughtered for beef, Mrs. O'Berry said.

Parade To Feature Galax Celebration On Wed., July 4th

Firemen And Town Of Galax To Sponsor Carnival At Felts Park During Entire Week Of Fourth

The Fourth of July celebration in Galax will get under way at 10 o'clock on the morning of Wednesday, July 4, when a parade will start at Twin County Motor company.

The parade will proceed along Main street and disband at Felts park, where the B & B shows will operate a carnival during the entire week. The carnival will be sponsored by the Galax Fire department and the Town of Galax.

The line-up of the parade will include a police car, which will precede the other units. Immediately following the police car, in the order named, will be the United States flag, American Legion Drum and Bugle corps, a bucket brigade, Boy Scouts, fire trucks, firemen, American Legion members, clowns and mule and automobiles.

All Legionnaires, veterans of foreign wars and ex-service men are requested to assemble at the Firemen-Lion hall at 9:30 a. m. to prepare for the parade. Those sponsoring the parade are desirous of seeing a large number present to participate in order that the public may have an opportunity to witness an interesting performance.

What is expected to be an outstanding feature of the week's celebration is a torchlight parade scheduled for Friday night, July 6, about 8:15 o'clock. The Drum and Bugle corps will also participate in this parade.

TWO ARE INJURED SAT. IN MOTORCYCLE MISHAP

Clayton Fender and Hoke McMillan were injured late Saturday afternoon when the motorcycle they were riding left the pavement and overturned when the wheels ploughed through sand and soft dirt on the shoulder of the highway near Richardson's shop. Fender, who was riding in front, sustained a badly injured knee and other bruises while McMillan suffered what was thought to be a fractured skull.

Further examination at the Galax hospital, where he was taken revealed only a severely bruised head and other minor injuries.

BRYAN'S GRANDDAUGHTER WEDS ROBERT LEHMAN

Washington, June 26.—Formal announcement has been made of the marriage of William Jennings Bryan's granddaughter—Ruth Owen Meeker—to Robert Lehman, of the New York banking family, and cousin of Governor Herbert Lehman.

The announcement was made by the bride's mother, Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen, United States minister to Denmark. The marriage was performed here yesterday afternoon by Dr. James Shera Montgomery, pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist church and chaplain of the United States Senate.

Mt. Airy Lawyer Heads Bar Group Of 11th District

R. A. Doughton Chosen As A Vice President To Represent Alleghany County Saturday

W. F. Carter, Mt. Airy attorney, was elected president of the eleventh district of the North Carolina Bar, Inc., at a meeting held in the Forsyth county court house in Winston-Salem Saturday. Mr. Carter is a veteran lawyer of Mt. Airy. He will succeed S. Porter Graves, also of Mt. Airy, who was too ill to attend the meeting.

R. A. Doughton, Sparta, was elected as a vice president from Alleghany county. A vice president from each of the other five counties in the district was elected as follows: T. C. Bethea, of Rockingham; Zeb V. Gambill, of Ashe; M. C. Winstead, of Caswell; Moses Shapiro, of Forsyth, and Fred Folger, of Surry. Miss Susie Sharp, Rockingham, was chosen secretary.

The principal address of the meeting was delivered by Allen H. Gwyn, of Reidsville, Democratic candidate for solicitor in this district who is unopposed in the November election. Mr. Gwyn is expected to be named within the next few days to fill out the unexpired term of Carlisle Higgins, who will become United States district attorney July 1.

Stressing the importance of the North Carolina Bar, Mr. Gwyn declared a strong bar will radiate a finer spirit and "develop a professional consciousness which we very much need."

"Lawyers who have a wholesome regard for their profession and are well acquainted with each other seldom engage in 'sharp practices' against each other," he asserted.

Floyd Crouse, Sparta, was named a member of a committee to work with the Governor with a view of eliminating too many extra courts which conflict by being in session at the same time. A member was likewise named to represent each of the other counties in the district.

Mr. Crouse was also named a member of the executive committee to represent Alleghany county.

18-Year Old Youth Drowns Sun. While Swimming In River

William Phipps, 18-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Phipps, Bridge Creek, Va., was drowned in New River Sunday afternoon near the home of Munsey Osborne. The youth was swimming with two friends and it is thought that he had an attack of cramps. He is said to have called for help before going down and friends went to his assistance but too late to save him from drowning.

The body was under water about forty minutes before it was recovered.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at Shoal Creek.

ALMANAC

ALMANAC content including illustrations of a child and a woman, and text: "Joy which we cannot share with others is only half enjoyed." JUNE 25—Custer makes fatal stand at Big Horn, 1876. JUNE 26—Earth passes through a comet's tail, 1819. JUNE 27—Boston and New York joined by telegraph, 1846. JUNE 28—Long-lived Victoria becomes British queen, 1837. JUNE 29—England imposes that hated tax on tea, 1767. JUNE 30—Blondin crosses Niagara Falls on tight-rope, 1859. JULY 1—Free letter carrier service started, 1863.