

ROOSEVELT SEES DISTRESS HUGE RELIEF FUND OLD PRACTICES DENOUNCED BANKERS BETRAYED PUBLIC PROFITS AND FAVORS WILL IMPROVE HOMES MILLIONS NEED REPAIR NECESSARY REORGANIZATION ROOSEVELT STATES HIS AIM

Last week President Roosevelt passed through some of the states suffering from the drought which has afflicted twenty-four states, or sixty per cent of the area of the United States and affects 27,000,000 persons. While unable to make definite promises, the President told the people of the seared plains that he would not give up but would attempt to solve the problems.

On the train, Lawrence Westbrook, assistant Relief Administrator, told the Chief Executive of plans to give emergency relief to nearly 400,000 families already ruined by the devastation. Some of them, who have no prospect of eking a living out of their farms, will be assisted toward rehabilitation.

Those who have not seen the suffering land can hardly imagine the extent of the suffering or the financial loss sustained. Prairies have been parched brown, trees are few and desert growth replaces grass. In many places, the thin top soil has been blown away and the wind-driven dust has filled ditches and banked against scattered buildings.

The relief task is enormous but, fortunately, Congress provided ample funds and expenditures are being watched carefully in anticipation of greater need next winter. The Federal Emergency Relief Administration has \$275,000,000 for direct drought relief but in one month has used \$35,000,000. In view of the fact that many farmers will have no crop income whatever until next June, the burden is expected to become heavier.

The FERA has allotted its fund as follows: \$125,000,000 for direct relief; \$100,000,000 for processing and distributing cattle; and \$50,000,000 for land purchases to rehabilitate families. In addition, the Farm Credit Administration has \$100,000,000 for emergency loans to farmers, the AAA has \$100,000,000 for the purchase of cattle, and the CCC camps have \$50,000,000 to provide employment and improve the land in the drought area.

Purchases of cattle will run up to between seven and ten million head, with nearly two million already bought by the first of August. This is practically one-fourth of the cattle in the United States but the average purchase is around thirty per cent of the seller's herd. With attempts being made to preserve breeding stock and milch cows not less than two million head of sheep and goats is also planned.

The practices of American investment bankers come in for scathing criticism in the second installment of the report of the investigation of banking and the stock exchanges by the Senate committee on Banking and Currency. The first part of the report dealt with the Stock Exchange, and the third, to come later, will take up commercial banking.

The flotation of foreign securities developed "one of the most scandalous chapters" in the history of banking, marked by violations of "the most elementary principles of business ethics." Roughly stated there were many instances in which promoters of bonds were interested only in the profits they would make and evidenced no concern as to the investor's money and made little inquiry into the soundness of the securities they offered.

In handling domestic issues the bankers "readily forfeited the good-will of the corporations to swell their profits" except when they expected another cut through further refinancing. That "colossal" losses were sustained by the investing public, which depended upon the investment bankers' representations and reputation, is now admitted and the activities of these financial crooks so "shocking" as to place "beyond controversy the urgent need for legislation such as the Banking Act and the Securities Act of 1933."

The report gets down to brass tacks, names individuals and condemns the "preferred lists" through which prominent persons were given opportunities to participate in special issues upon terms more advantageous than those ac-



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Repair Loans For Home Owners May Be Available Soon

North Carolina Housing Administrator Elated Over Opportunity Afforded The State By New Program

Washington, Aug. 14.—Theodore Sumner, housing administrator for North Carolina, declared last night that loans will be available to home owners of the state for repairing and modernizing their homes within the next two weeks. Sumner, at an interview at his hotel room after an all-day conference at the office of the housing commission, said headquarters for the new organization will be established at Asheville the latter part of this week and expressed confidence that banks would begin making loans to home owners before the month is out.

Sumner was careful to point out that there is to be no "red tape" in the granting of loans for modernization of homes. Millions will reach the state and "I sincerely believe the housing bill will mean more to the home owners, laborers in the building trade and the industry as a whole than anything which has been done since the new administration took office."

Explaining the operation of section one of the housing bill which is now attracting the main attention of the housing commission, Sumner said: "If a home owner desires to repair or remodel his home and is reliable all he has to do is to go to the bank and file an application. He can borrow from \$100 to \$2,000, depending on his income and the amount of work he wants to do. The bank makes the necessary investigation and handles the transaction. No borrower will be charged more than \$5 a year for each hundred dollars he borrows. The loan can run from one to three years."

Asked if he thought the bankers of North Carolina will cooperate, Sumner said he was sure they will. "There is no risk for them to run," he declared. "The government guarantees 20 per cent of the aggregate amount loaned by a bank, not 20 per cent of each loan as some have been led to believe. Statistics show that the average loss on these types of loans is only three per cent. In addition to this, arrangement is made whereby a bank can convert its loans for home repairing into cash if necessary. This makes the loans liquid."

Immediately upon his return to North Carolina, he will confer with the leading bankers of the state in regard to the housing program and may have group meetings over the state. Sumner is elated over the opportunity which the new housing program affords to North Carolina and is entering upon his work with a great amount of zeal. He was drafted as state director and said his organization will be absolutely free from politics. He has his own real estate business in Asheville.

W. M. NISSEN, PROMINENT WINSTON-SALEM MAN, DIES

William Madison Nissen, 78, widely known wagon manufacturer and prominent citizen of Winston-Salem, died early Tuesday morning, August 14, in Winston-Salem. Mr. Nissen, in addition to his activities as a manufacturer of the well known Nissen wagon, was also active in civic affairs in Winston-Salem.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock in the apartment of the deceased on the eighteenth floor of the Nissen building in Winston-Salem. The services were conducted by Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl, of the Moravian church. The funeral was private and the family requested that no flowers be sent. Burial followed in Salem cemetery.

GROUP SPENDS WEEK-END CAMPING AT AIRBELLOWS

A party left here Saturday to spend the week-end camping near Airbellows Gap. The group was composed of Mr. and Mrs. James Capps, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hubbard and small son, Billy, Miss Sallie Alexander, Miss Dot Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Wick Snelson and daughter, and Charlie Kootz.

GOVERNOR IS FLYING TO ENGAGEMENTS THIS WEEK

Raleigh, Aug. 14.—Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus took to the air this week, because that is the only form of transportation fast enough to allow him to fill two speaking engagements. Elmer Myers, crack flyer and manager of the Raleigh airport, piloted a plane, in which the Governor was riding, to Wilmington today. From there the chief executive and his party went to Charlotte, where Governor Ehringhaus addressed the annual convention of the State Firemen's association, in session there.

Cattle From Dry Areas Arrive At West Jefferson

To Be Distributed In Alleghany, Ashe And Watauga Counties. Alleghany's Quota 3,000

More than 2500 head of cattle from the drought-stricken sections of the West have arrived at West Jefferson, and are being given blood and tuberculosis tests before being distributed over Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga counties for pasturage. These cattle are of all sorts and range from young steers to old dairy cows. Many are poor and show signs of having been near starvation in the dry West.

Expensive and permanent stock pens of strong materials, equipped with running water, strong gates and other conveniences, have been constructed at West Jefferson and it is expected that several thousand head of these cattle will be brought into this section and distributed from the West Jefferson station.

Wednesday, after a large portion of the thirsty cattle had been unloaded on Tuesday night, found the town of West Jefferson without an adequate water supply, as the cattle drank all the water of the town system, emptying the reservoir. It became necessary to hurriedly construct a water line from a nearby creek in order to provide sufficient water for the cattle to drink.

North Carolina has agreed to pasture 75,000 head of these cattle as her quota and Alleghany county has agreed to a quota of 3,000 head.

Doughton Speaks At Labor Meeting In Asheville Mon.

Asheville, Aug. 14.—Congressman Robert L. Doughton, of Alleghany county, in an address delivered here yesterday morning at the State Federation of Labor meeting, praised the interest manifested by labor in good government and its efforts to improve living conditions for workers. The session yesterday afternoon was featured by a debate on the proposed new state constitution, with Dr. Clarence Poe, of Raleigh, editor of the Progressive Farmer and the Southern Ruralist, taking the affirmative, and former Lieutenant Governor Richard T. Fountain, the negative.

Fountain outlined that the new constitution removes all limitation from taxation by the legislature and abolishes all local constitutional offices, giving the General Assembly the right to authorize that the Governor name these officers.

It also gives the Governor veto power, he objected, and would centralize education at Raleigh.

It permits the state judicial council to make rules for the superior court instead of the legislature.

Poe figured that those opposing the adoption of the proposed new constitution were working into the hands of special interests desirous of keeping the old laws.

Mayor Wickes Wambolt, Asheville, formally welcomed the delegates yesterday morning at the opening session.

HOOVER WRITES BOOK

Former President Hoover has written a book on human liberty, taking up the question from a world standpoint.

Tilley's Go Free As Judge Allows Non-Suit Action

Luther Tilley And Winfield Stanley Also Set Free In Eldridge Case When Solicitor Takes Nol-Pros

North Wilkesboro, Aug. 14.—Five members of the Tilley family on trial in Wilkes Superior court for the murder of Leoda Childress were set free at 5:40 o'clock Saturday afternoon when Judge John M. Oglesby, who was presiding at the trial, allowed a defense motion for non-suit. By reason of the jurist's action four of the defendants walked from the courtroom to liberty. Luther Tilley was returned to the county jail to face a first-degree murder charge for the alleged slaying of Andrew Eldridge seven years ago but this case was also erased from the records of the Wilkes court Monday when Solicitor Jones took a nol-pros in the case and Tilley, together with Winfield Stanley, who was also charged with implication in the alleged slaying, was also set free. The two defendants had spent six months in jail, having been committed to jail in February following a hearing in Wilkesboro when evidence tending to show that they were responsible for the mysterious death of Eldridge was presented.

The state rested its case against the Tilley's at 4:40 o'clock Saturday and J. Hayden Burke, of defense counsel, began argument on a motion for non-suit, first on the count of conspiracy and then on the charge of murder. Before he had finished Judge Oglesby interrupted to allow both motions.

The defendants, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Tilley, their sons, Luther and Clyde and Luther's wife, showed the first emotion during the five days of the trial when the judge directed the verdict of not guilty. Mrs. W. W. Tilley and Mrs. Luther Tilley sobbed with joy and embraced each other while the male members of the family were busy shaking hands with their attorneys.

Thus came to an end the trial of the most sensational murder case in Northwestern North Carolina's history, and the action of the court leaves the death of Miss Childress, foster child and sister of the five defendants, as much a mystery as it was the day she was found dead by neighbors in the Tilley home on December 30.

Saturday night four of the Tilley's returned to their home, the scene of the tragic death, after being held in jail since January. Freed in the Eldridge case, Luther Tilley rejoined the other members of his family.

Failure to establish that the 18-year-old girl was killed or connect any defendant with the crime, if one was committed, was argued by defense counsel. The state was unable to prove that any one of the defendants was nearer than 150 yards to the home at the time the state designated as the hour of death.

Saturday was the fifth day of the trial and at least two scores of state witnesses were examined, but no material evidence of an incriminating nature was presented other than that two witnesses stated they had heard remarks by the Tilley's that Luther had been paying too much attention to Leoda and that his wife was jealous.

Tom Childress, father of the slain girl, presented one of the highlights of the day when he testified that one year prior to her death he received a letter signed "W. W. Tilley," saying that Leoda was "giving a lot of trouble and separating a man and wife." Childress said he carried the letter to W. W. Tilley and he denied knowledge of it, saying that "Minerva Tilley must have wrote it."

AGRICULTURE STUDENTS GO ON OUTING AT WHITE LAKE

F. H. Jackson left Monday to accompany a group of agriculture students in his high school classes on their annual outing to White Lake. Herbert Estep and Ray Choate are also spending the week at White Lake.

Students leaving were: Ray Blevins, Wade Choate, Junior Wagoner, Paul Higgins, Olin Edwards, Kemp Duncan, Gene Irwin, Claude Critcher and Ralph Edwards.

Alleghany County S. S. Convention To Be September 2

Gathering At Potato Creek Is Planned For All Sunday Schools Of All Denominations In County

The Annual County Sunday School Convention for all the Sunday schools of all denominations in Alleghany county will be held in Potato Creek Methodist church, on Sunday, September 2. This convention is to be held under the joint auspices of the Alleghany county and the North Carolina State Sunday school associations. The Rev. Shuford Peeler, General Secretary, Miss Myrtle A. McDaniel, newly elected Director of Leadership Training, and Miss Edith Krider, Director of Young Peoples' Work of the State Association, will be present and take an active part in the entire program.

This year's program is somewhat different from that of former years, planned especially to help meet the needs of individual Sunday schools as well as a program of inspiration for all Sunday school members. There will be addresses, and special "study groups" for discussion as to how to improve the Sunday school and how to teach in the Sunday school; also special music and other special features.

The theme of the convention is "Building Christian Homes." There will be morning, afternoon and night sessions. The night session is especially planned in the interest of young people, but will be of intense interest and value to everyone. During the noon "recess" there will be a Fellowship dinner on the church grounds and everybody is invited to take their basket lunch and join in this period of fellowship.

All the churches and Sunday schools of the county are expected and urged to send delegates. At the close of the convention a pennant will be awarded to the Sunday school making the best record of attendance, based on number of miles traveled.

Additional information may be obtained from the county president, G. G. Nichols, or the secretary, Mrs. Enoch Osborne.

Sales Tax In State Brings \$6,011,700 During First Year

Raleigh, Aug. 14.—The general sales tax of 3 per cent, brought a total of \$6,011,700.16 in revenue (not including \$3,257.17 refunded) during the first year of its operation, up to June 30, as has been announced.

It is not generally known, however, that chain stores which have their main offices in other states paid nearly a million dollars of this fund, or \$859,653.27, while \$5,118,875.26 was collected from local merchants and chain stores which have their main offices within the state. Of this amount, too, \$36,408.80 was collected as the \$1 registration fee for each merchant doing business in the state, the odd cents in the case of each county resulting from penalties of a few cents for delayed payment of this fee.

With sufficient allowance for the small penalties, it is seen that there were approximately 36,350 merchants paying the registration fee during the past year, a tax in lieu of the former taxes on merchants and in consideration of their services in collecting the general sales tax.

Fourteen counties, ten in the west and four in the east, paid \$3,153,516.79 of the total tax, or considerably more than half of it, a compilation shows.

CONGRESSMAN DOUGHTON ATTENDS TRAFFIC MEET

Congressman R. L. Doughton attended the fifth summer meeting of the Winston-Salem Traffic club which was held at Graystone inn Roaring Gap, last Saturday night, August 11. The principal speaker of the occasion was Judge R. V. Fletcher, General Counsel, Association of Railway Executives, Washington, D. C.

The invocation was offered by Rev. J. T. Mangum, pastor of Central Methodist church, Mount Airy.

MRS. O'BERRY RESIGNS DEMOCRATIC PARTY POST

Raleigh, Aug. 14.—A new vice-chairman will have to be elected by the State Democratic Executive committee when it meets here soon. The necessity for this action has come about by reason of an announcement made yesterday by Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, state relief administrator, that she would not stand for reelection as vice-chairman of the committee.

The committee, in addition to selecting a successor to Mrs. O'Berry, will also choose a successor to Mrs. Palmer Jerman, who has resigned as Democratic National committeewoman.

Skyline Parkway Boosters Meet In Mt. Airy Friday

Congressman Doughton And "Governor" Doughton, Of Sparta, Among Speakers. Kiwanians Sponsor Meet

About a hundred persons, all interested in the Skyline Parkway that is planned to connect the Shenandoah and Great Smoky Mountain National parks, assembled at the Blue Ridge hotel, Mt. Airy, N. C., Friday night and heard several addresses upon the subject and a discussion of ways and means to promote the work through nearby parts of Virginia and North Carolina.

The meeting was sponsored by the Mt. Airy Kiwanis club and among the prominent speakers were Congressman "Bob" Doughton, of Alleghany county, "Governor" R. A. Doughton, Sparta, Kyle Weeks, Floyd, and W. D. Tompkins, Hillsville.

Before the conclusion of the meeting a committee was appointed, one representative from each county, to work with the Federal government and the North Carolina and Virginia highway departments in any way they deemed advisable in an effort to hasten construction work. Jack Matthews, Galax, was selected to represent Grayson county on this committee, Glenn Edwards, Hillsville, to represent Carroll county, and D. C. Duncan, Sparta, to represent Alleghany county.

A fine banquet was served by the hotel. Table decorations were miniature replicas of scenic points along the proposed highway, all very cleverly executed.

Top Lambs Bring \$6.45 At Auction In Galax Monday

The weekly auction sale held Monday at Galax by the Grayson-Carroll Livestock market was marked by a large attendance and a good number of stock on the grounds.

Top lambs sold for \$6.45 per hundred pounds, top veal calves, \$5.75 per hundred, and top ewes, \$5.85 each. Gordon C. Felts, Galax, topped the cattle market with a pen of fat heifers at \$4.15.

J. T. Horney, president of the market, said Monday that he expected to have a carload of hogs, ranging in weight from 80 to 150 pounds, to be sold at the regular sale to be held at Galax on next Monday, August 20.

Another special horse and mule auction will be held on Monday, September 3, as is customary on the first Monday in each month. This sale will be held in connection with the regular sale of livestock but will not, in any way, interfere with the sale of any of the various classes of stock that is sold regularly.

TWO CONVICTS ESCAPE FROM CAMP NEAR SPARTA MON.

Two convicts, serving long sentences for robbery, escaped from the local convict camp Monday afternoon while the prisoners were at work about one mile out of Sparta on Highway No. 18. They were not missed until after sufficient time had elapsed for them to make a complete "get-away."

Two bloodhounds were brought here from another camp but failed to locate a trail.

Secretary Ickes To Hold Hearings On Parkway Route

Hopes To Get Around To Them Within Two Or Three Weeks. Senators Are Enthusiastic

Washington, Aug. 14.—In order to settle what he termed a "nice controversy" between North Carolina and Tennessee regarding the location of the Great Smoky Mountain National parkway from Blowing Rock to the park entrance, Secretary of Interior Ickes announced today that he would hold open hearings on the matter. The secretary gave no definite date for the hearings, but said he hoped to get around to it within the next two or three weeks. He has not yet decided whether the hearing will be held in Washington or in the Great Smoky mountain section. Ickes plans to make a personal inspection trip over the different routes proposed by Tennessee and North Carolina, but said he did not know whether this would take place before or after the hearing.

The PWA has allocated \$16,000,000 for building the parkway.

Secretary Ickes' decision to take the question of location of the parkway in his own hands is regarded as a victory for North Carolina. It is well known that a report had been prepared routing the parkway into Tennessee just below the Linville Gorge section, entering the parkway near Gatlinburg.

When this became known North Carolina members of Congress got busy and Ickes agreed to reopen the matter and hold further hearings.

Hearings were held last winter at Baltimore before George Radcliffe, district PWA supervisor.

Senator Bailey stated today that if North Carolina makes as good a showing before Ickes as was made at Baltimore before Radcliffe he has no doubt but that the parkway will be located along the route proposed by the North Carolina Highway Department which takes in Grandfather Mountain, Linville Falls, Little Switzerland section, Mt. Mitchell, Graggy Mountain, Asheville section, Pisgah Mountain, Balsam Mountain, and into the park at Cherokee.

Senator Reynolds expressed gratification over the fact that Ickes has decided to hold a hearing. "Knowing the secretary as I do, I feel that when he goes into this matter and sees the scenery which we have to offer on the North Carolina side, the parkway will be located through the Asheville section," the junior senator declared.

Senator Reynolds stated that North Carolina is not alive to just what the parkway and the Great Smoky Mountain National Park means to the state. He said Knoxville and Tennessee are busy advertising the park to the world with Gatlinburg as the main entrance.

"The North Carolina legislature ought to appropriate at least \$100,000 for the purpose of ad-

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ALMANAC It's true I tell you! Bank "A liar's punishment is not being believed when he speaks the truth." AUGUST 13-First taxicabs appear in New York City, 1907. 14-Allies capture Pekin from Boxer rebels, 1900. 15-Panama Canal is opened for sea traffic, 1914. 16-British capture Detroit from U. S. troops, 1812. 17-Davy Crockett, great Indian fighter, born 1786. 18-Virginia Dare, first U. S. white child, born 1581. 19-Five witches are hanged at Salem, Mass., 1692.