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PLANNING THE NEW BUDGET

The question of how much money the government will spend in the next fiscal year is receiving attention as the President and his assistants begin preliminary work on the report to Congress next January. Last year the President's estimate that the deficit would reach more than seven billion dollars by June 30th, with two billion more added during the last half of the year. This was not the case, however, as the deficit, at the end of September was only \$4,154,000,000—\$5,141,000,000 short of the estimate.

With definite plans to continue the CCC and with heavy expenditures certain to continue through relief agencies and PWA, there is no chance of balancing the budget in full, although it is expected that the "normal" expenditures will be less than income. Another development is that payments to the RFC, which is authorized to call on the Treasury for nearly two billion dollars, are about equaling loans thus lowering the prospective deficit for next year.

IS INFLATION BEGINNING?

The argument over the amount of inflation involved in the nationalization and purchase of silver got under way again when it was seen that there has been an increase of \$134,000,000 in money outstanding in the past two months. More than half was in Federal Reserve notes but apparently \$56,000,000 was in silver certificates. Meanwhile, silver is being bought at the rate of 35,000,000 ounces a month, which means a two year program to reach the goal set by Congress and establish silver at a one-to-three ratio with gold as a currency backing.

TWO PERPLEXING QUESTIONS

Undoubtedly the next Congress will face two perplexing questions when it gets together in January—payment of the bonus immediately, and 30-hour week legislation. The annual convention of the American Federation of Labor unanimously went on record in favor of the latter as a means to eliminate unemployment, and the American Legion Convention, meeting in the latter part of this month, is expected to call for immediate payment of about \$2,200,000,000 to the ex-soldiers. Fourteen of the forty-four departments have gone on record in favor of this step and they represent more than a third of the voting strength of the Legion convention.

BOTH PREDICT "VICTORY"

Republican and Democrat party officials insist that the election in November will be a "victory," and it is safe to predict that after it is over the results will be upheld by partisans of both sides as a "vindication." Particular attention centers upon the Senate races because, if the Democrats make anything like the gains they expect, that party will acquire such a control of the upper chamber as to enable it to retain a majority in 1936 even if a Republican President is then elected. Inasmuch as only a third of the Senators have to face the voters every two years it requires years to overcome a large majority.

SENATE & HOUSE OUTLOOK

The present roll call in the Senate shows 60 Democrats, 35 Republicans and one Farmer-Labor member. A gain of four for the party in power, which seems likely, will give it a two-thirds majority, enough to invoke cloture, run roughshod over opposition, ratify treaties and suspend Senate rules. However, it is safe to say that there will be a few occasions when all the Democrats will vote solidly behind any measure.

Republicans continue to assert that the distribution of vast sums of money through the AAA and the PWA, and relief agencies are being handled so as to do the Democrats the most good in the election. Undoubtedly there will be some political strength through these payments, which the Democrats assert are due at this time and the Republicans declare are being speeded up to influence the voters.

While greater interest is centered in the Senatorial contests, the House elections offer an opportunity for something like a clear declaration of the people upon the major policies of the Administration. The entire membership of the House is to be filled, giving the voters a chance to wreck the New Deal, if they are so disposed, by the simple method of electing opposition candidates. This, it holds C. P. A. license number

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1940 Governor's Race Already Being Discussed

Interest Seems To Center About Doughton, Hoey And Graham For 1936 Nomination

Raleigh, Oct. 16.—Although the line-up of candidates for Governor of North Carolina for 1936 has not by any means been determined and is still very much "up in the air," that does not deter the folks in the eastern section of the state, who would get the Governor in 1940, under the rotation system, from beginning to talk already about the prospects for some five years in the future.

One name recently injected into all such discussion is that of Kenneth C. Royall, of Goldsboro, with law offices also in Raleigh, who is being discussed for that future consideration. Mr. Royall entered the political arena as senator from Wayne county in 1927, but a turn of fate sent a Republican from that district the next time. Since then he has been president of the North Carolina Bar association.

Just whether Mr. Royall is himself interested in the suggestion, or not, is not known, but it is reasonable to suppose that he would not push the honor aside.

Also mentioned as a possible candidate several times is Charles M. Johnson, state treasurer, who comes from Pender and might be geographically satisfactory. Mr. Johnson probably is not discouraging such suggestions either, but may not be active, certainly not for the present. This may be termed a beginning of a long list of possible or potential candidates who may be trotted out for the next four or five years.

Meantime, no candidate has actually announced for Governor for the 1936 primary, except Judge Thomas L. Johnson, Asheville, and Colonel T. L. Kirkpatrick, Charlotte, who have been announced for many months. Interest seems to be centering around Clyde R. Hoey, Shelby; Congressman R. L. Doughton, Laurel Springs, and A. H. "Sandy" Graham, Hillsboro, Judge Wilson Warlick's name continues to appear. There is a suggestion that if Clyde Hoey becomes a candidate, Judge Warlick may be found supporting him. But that may not be accurate. The list could be prolonged to a full dozen prospects, but not more than one other, if any, can be expected in the final line-up.

Convicts Served Lunch By Ladies

R. L. Maines, road foreman whose force of hands comprises also the inmates of the State convict camp in Gap Civil township, desires to thank and express his appreciation to the ladies of Pine Swamp, who recently served lunch to the road men and the prisoners.

The road laborers and the convicts were very appreciative of the women's kindness in serving the dinner, it is said. The convicts were visibly moved by the thoughtfulness of the women and the kindness shown.

CORN-HOG PRODUCTION CHECKS MAILED

Raleigh, Oct. 16.—Farmers of North Carolina who participated in the national agricultural corn-hog adjustment program have been mailed \$190,992, W. W. Shay, state director of the corn-hog program announced today.

Total allotments to the state corn and hog-raising farmer will surpass \$724,000, Shay predicted. Payments by counties in the Northwestern section of the state follow:

Alleghany, \$5,191.35; Alexander, \$617.95; Caldwell, \$1,394.30; and Catawba, \$522.40.

GALAX BUSINESS MEN TO BE HERE TONIGHT

Tonight at 7 o'clock, the women of the Sparta Baptist church will have as their guests, at a dinner to be served at the church, members of the Galax Business Men's club and ladies. An invitation has also been extended to the business men and ladies of Sparta to attend the supper.

Arrangements are being made to care for 80 guests tonight at the church.

McIntyre Likes Parkway Scenery

Asheville, Oct. 16.—The scenery in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park is marvelous according to the opinion of Marvin H. McIntyre, secretary to President Roosevelt, who has just returned to Asheville after a several day inspection of the park area.

Mr. and Mrs. McIntyre are spending a short vacation period in Asheville and they were the guests of local friends on a tour of the park. In the party were also United States Senator and Mrs. J. F. Byrnes, of Spartanburg, S. C.

Both Senator Byrnes and Mr. McIntyre were delighted with the trip. "The scenery in the park is marvelously beautiful," Mr. McIntyre said. "The engineering feats in highway building in the park area are equally as splendid and when completed with roads and trails the park will be a delight to all tourists."

Connie Higgins Commits Suicide In Galax Jail

Funeral For Ennice Man Held Yesterday At Crab Creek Baptist Church

Connie Higgins, of Ennice, committed suicide about 3 o'clock Monday afternoon by drinking carbolic acid in the court room of the Galax Municipal building. The deceased is about 25 years of age and was assessed a fine of \$10 and costs Monday morning in the Galax court by Mayor Beamer on a charge of drunkenness. He was arrested Saturday by Officer M. R. Evans and at that time a bottle of carbolic acid was found on his person. When questioned in court as to his motive in having the poisonous acid, he replied that he had intended to take it home to use for toothache.

Monday afternoon, it is said, he asked for the acid to use for the purpose stated above and then asked for some water and while the water was being gotten for him, he drank the liquid, death resulting in about 20 minutes. He was rushed to the hospital where a stomach pump was used in an effort to save his life, but to no avail.

Higgins is said to have made previous suicide attempts. The deceased was married, his wife, who survives, being, before her marriage, Miss Hattie Smith. Besides the widow, he leaves a baby child.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday (Wednesday) at Crab Creek Baptist church.

Much Livestock Sold At Galax Sale Monday

Success marked the livestock auction sale held at Galax Monday, when a large number of head of all classes of livestock was sold. Although the Eastern market has been considerably lower for the past few weeks, most all classes of livestock brought more money on the Galax market Monday, than it has for the past three weeks. Top veal calves brought \$6.70 per hundred. Top fat heifers brought \$4.45 per hundred. A pen of purebred Angus calves brought a top of \$33.50 per head. Top fat cows brought \$3.10 per hundred. Top fat native hogs, weighing from 160 to 220 pounds brought \$7 per hundred.

Considerable livestock has already been entered for sale next Monday, October 22.

Two more carloads of purebred Hereford steer calves, like the ones sold on October 8, will be unloaded Friday of this week, and will be sold next Monday. Also 20 head of native purebred Shorthorn cows, bull calves and heifer calves have been consigned for the sale Monday by Ellis Cox. Two child-broken Shetland ponies have also been consigned.

A large number of buyers is expected to be on hand next Monday and good prices are expected.

S. H. S. To Reopen Mon. After Closing

Obtaining Of Buses Enables Local School To Operate Again After Temporary Closing

An announcement was made Saturday by Prof. C. R. Roe, principal of Sparta high school, to the effect that the local school would be discontinued indefinitely on account of lack of transportation facilities, it having become impossible to transport the children in the trucks available.

A delegation, comprised of Prof. Roe, Press Reeves, Superintendent J. M. Cheek and A. F. Reeves, left Tuesday for Raleigh to make an effort to obtain buses for the Sparta school.

These persons were successful in their efforts to the extent that they brought back with them, as they returned to Sparta, a new bus and obtained a promise of a used bus later in the week. They returned by way of Conover, where the buses for use by the schools of the State are distributed.

Complete Short Story On Page 3

On page 3 of this issue of the TIMES will be found an interesting complete short story that will captivate the interest of the readers and only a short time will be required to read it. The title is, "A Lot To Be Thankful For." It is the story of a girl who wanted to possess the jewels of life while she was young enough to enjoy them. She was offered a lucrative position in the picture producing business. Did she accept the offer or decide to reject it in favor of a quiet and peaceful life of home duties. Well, turn to page 3, read the story and find out.

The story is complete in this issue.

ON RADIO 36 TIMES WHILE PRESIDENT

Washington, Oct. 15.—Since entering the White House President Roosevelt has been on the air 36 times, thus setting a record for presidents.

Through State Capital Keyholes

By Bess Hinton Silver

EXPANDING—Raleigh politicians see in Congressman R. L. Doughton's decision to go afieid outside his own district to make campaign speeches this fall further indication of his desire to occupy the red leather chair in the southwest office of the State Capitol after Governor Ehringhaus vacates it. Mr. Doughton has not made a habit of campaigning outside his own playing field in the past. Some of the doers-out think he wants to become personally acquainted with more of the natives in preparation for his primary campaign in 1936.

JUICY PLUM—The grapevine reports here that Barber Towler, of Raleigh, has notified Chas. H. Robertson that he will resign his post with the Internal Revenue Department, of which Mr. Robertson is head man in North Carolina. Towler was one of the many employees of the office who were forced to move from Raleigh to Greensboro when the Fourth District's new Congressman Harold D. Cooley was unable to prevent removal of the office to national committee man C. L. Shuping's home town. Mr. Towler's resignation will leave a \$3,600 a year job open for some promising Democrat.

TIT-FOR-TAT—The General Assembly has been annexing \$1,000,000 each year from taxes paid by people who use automobiles and trucks for general State expenditures. Now along comes Uncle Sam and says if you divert your highway funds we will penalize you thirty percent of your federal aid road money. North Carolina is to get about \$3,000,000 per year in federal aid money during the next biennium and if the diversion is continued the State will lose a million bucks through penalties each year. Which means a loss of \$2,000,000 in highway construction that can be obtained if the one million iron men taken from motorists are used on roads and your Uncle Sammy comes across with the full allocation for this State.

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Higgins And McMichael On Opposing Sides

Client Of Former Sparta Lawyer Is Found Guilty By Forsyth Co. Jury

United States District Attorney Carlisle W. Higgins and Assistant Solicitor J. Erle McMichael lined up against each other in Forsyth county superior court in Winston-Salem a few days ago before Judge Frank S. Hill and District Attorney Higgins lost when a jury found his client, Hugh Lunsford, guilty of violating the prohibition law.

Although District Attorney Higgins fought the case to the last ditch and made a motion to have the verdict set aside on various grounds Judge Hill overruled him on such occasion and sentenced Lunsford to serve eighteen months on the roads, giving him the same sentence in both of two counts of possession and transporting. However, both sentences will run concurrently for an aggregate term of eighteen months.

The defendant gave notice of appeal to the supreme court and bond was fixed at \$800.

The trial marked the first time that McMichael and Higgins had opposed each other in court. When Higgins was solicitor for this district, prior to his appointment as district attorney, he and McMichael worked together in the trial of criminal cases in this county.

Assistant Solicitor McMichael classified Lunsford as "the worst bootlegger in this section," in his remarks during the trial.

Lunsford was arrested after officers found ten gallons of whisky in an automobile. The officers identified Lunsford as the man who fled from the car as they approached. Lunsford attempted to establish an alibi, claiming to have been at a chicken stew when the officers found the car.

TREATY FIGHT LOOMS IN NEXT CONGRESS

Washington, Oct. 16.—The St. Lawrence waterways treaty will be sent to the Senate at the next session, although it failed of ratification last spring.

Many Attend Antioch Meet

The Home-Coming day celebration at Antioch church, near Roaring Gap last Sunday was well attended.

Rev. George Miles delivered an interesting sermon in the morning. A nice picnic dinner was spread on the tables in the yard and every one present had the opportunity of a good meal and all seemed to enjoy the occasion.

Prof. Zeno Dixon, of Elkin, made the principal speech after dinner. His address was enjoyed by the large crowd that filled the house. Short talks were made by J. T. Miles and Sherman Bryan. Mr. Bryan told some of the history of Wilborn Waters, an old hunter who lived in the county about sixty years ago and a man that attended the old camp meetings.

The second Sunday in next October was the day set for the next meeting for the celebration of the old camp meeting days.

Habeas Corpus Writ Denied Hauptmann

Bronx Judge Says N. J. Has Sufficient Evidence To Warrant German's Extradition

New York, Oct. 16.—Justice Ernest E. L. Hammer, of the Bronx supreme court ruled tonight that Bruno Richard Hauptmann must stand trial in New Jersey for the alleged murder of Charles A. Linbergh, Jr. The court refused to grant Hauptmann a writ of habeas corpus, holding that the state of New Jersey has sufficient evidence to warrant his extradition. Justice Hammer, in a brief statement, rejected the petition.

Five minutes was required for the session at which the judge announced his ruling.

The decision of Justice Hammer came after two days of hearings in which the most important evidence of the case for and against Hauptmann was brought out in Bronx supreme court, where the hearing took on the aspects of a major trial.

From the witness stand, Hauptmann placed his faith in a simple alibi—that he called for his wife at the Bronx bakery where she worked, took her home and stayed there on the night of the kidnapping.

With desperate determination, the German carpenter denied that he had written the ransom notes, that he murdered the baby, that he knew anything about the crime.

Against this the state of New Jersey marshaled the testimony

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Farmers Get Corn-Hog Pay Checks Here

W. B. Collins, Alleghany agricultural agent, has announced that every farmer in the county who has grown tobacco this year, and has not signed a tobacco contract should go to his office in Sparta on Saturday of this week and make application for tax exemption certificates. Alleghany will be allotted 6% of the total poundage of tobacco signed up in the county, to be sold tax-free by farmers whose acreage was too small for them to sign the tobacco contract. Mr. Collins says that there should be approximately 1800 pounds of tobacco to allot to the small growers so they will not have to pay the 25% tax when they market their tobacco.

A total of 170 checks, amounting to \$5,035, was received this week for the farmers of the county who signed the Corn-Hog contract. These checks were for the first payment of \$2 per head on the number of hogs the farmers were allotted to raise this year. An additional \$8,000 is to be received by the farmers during the fall and winter when their farms have been inspected and it is determined that they have fully complied with the contract.

Alleghany Fair Is Big Event; Many Attend

"Oh, Susan," Given Friday Night, And Boxing Bouts End Fair Sat. Night

Large attendance and much interest marked the annual Alleghany County Agricultural fair, held in Sparta Friday and Saturday, October 12 and 13. Livestock exhibits surpassed those seen at fairs held here in former years. Exhibits of field and garden crops and of home manufacture were also plentiful and of a high quality. Officials have stated that the fair was a success in every way.

The annual event opened Friday night when the play, "Oh, Susan," was presented, at which time music was rendered by a band. A number of boys' and girls' athletic events featured the Saturday afternoon happenings. These included a baseball game between a picked Alleghany county team and the Fries (Va.) Millers. Ladies' and men's riding contests and a mule and pony race followed the ball game.

The final events of the fair took place Saturday night when a number of boxing bouts were staged.

Field crop, garden and home manufacture exhibits were housed in the gymnasium, and the fair was held in the rear of Sparta high school.

The following is a list of prize winners at the fair:

Beef cattle: Best bull, over 2 years old, and best beef animal in show, Kenney Truitt; best cow, Gwyn Truitt; best bull under 2 years and best bull calf, R. E. Richardson; best heifer under 2 years and best heifer calf, W. T. Fugh; best yolk of oxen, Charlie Pollard.

Sheep: Best ram, Hort Spurlin; best ewe lamb and best sheep in show, C. E. Jones.

Hogs: Best boar over one year, best sow and best hog in show, C. E. Jones; best boar pig, Vance Choate; best sow pig and best pair of pigs, L. C. Hampton.

Horses and Mules: Best team of horses and best draft horse, J. A. Higgins; best team of mules, Albert Evans; best horse colt, Vance Choate; best saddle horse and best horse in show, Vance Choate.

Poultry: Best cock, best hen, best pen old birds, and best bird in show, Bain Doughton; best pullet, Lewis Mitchell; best cockerel and best pen young birds, C. G. Mitchell; best dozen white eggs, Bain Doughton; best dozen brown eggs, Junior Wagoner; best turkey, Vance Choate; best hen turkey and best pair turkeys, M. A. Higgins.

Field Crops: Best ten ears of white corn, best stalk of burley tobacco, best hand of burley tobacco and best gallon red kidney beans, V. B. Landreth; best ten ears yellow corn, Clive Cox; best three stalks of corn, any variety, and best gallon of Birdseye beans, Carl Brown; best peck of Irish potatoes, Amos Wagoner; best pumpkin, Lee Woodruff; best collection of farm products, R. E.

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happy me and you give you every thing you want.

"No greater promises than those who have nothing to give."

- OCTOBER
- 15—John L. Sullivan, great champion, born 1858.
- 16—John Brown makes famous raid on Harper's Ferry, 1859.
- 17—Portland, Maine, is burned by the British, 1775.
- 18—Rumanian Queen Marie visits the U. S., 1926.
- 19—Cornwallis surrenders to General Washington, 1781.
- 20—U. S. rejects the Austrian peace plan, 1918.
- 21—Admiral Nelson wins and dies at Trafalgar, 1805.