

### NEW DEAL CONFUSES

The reader of this column, we assume, is an average American citizen. He is becoming a little confused over the perplexing problems that are being debated in Washington and he is wondering just where the nation stands as the New Deal shows signs of weakness, as Congress bucks the President and as critics of the administration begin to press more vigorously to the attack.

### PUBLIC SUPPORT SAGS

Undoubtedly, there has been a sagging of public support behind the President and the thought arises in many minds that Mr. Roosevelt is about to lose his grip upon public affairs. His personal popularity remains as millions admit their admiration for his courage and express appreciation of the great service he has already rendered his country, but, all the same, some glimmer of doubt has arisen as to where and how the thing will end.

It is not the purpose of this writer to take up the cudgels for or against the President. Regardless of everything else, we intend to write what we think of national events, to analyze, if possible, current trends and to advise our readers of probable developments. Space will not permit any thorough review of what has been done or an extended exposition of the present picture. For the same reason it is necessary, very often, to briefly chronicle situations, acts and consequences without being able to give full expression to qualifying explanations. Our best judgment, each week is all that we offer and that will change as rapidly as the circumstances upon which it is based.

### PRESENT CONDITIONS

In glancing at the present situation in the United States we must report considerable gains since the day, in 1933, when Franklin Delano Roosevelt assumed office. Whether due to government spending or other causes, business is improving, banking is sounder, confidence is stronger and the basis for super-abundant credit, upon which our national economy feeds, is ample. The worst part of the picture is the stagnant capital goods industry, with much of the present unemployment attributable to its plight.

The millions of unemployed continued to complicate the problems of government, making necessary the expenditure of billions in various relief measures. The complaint of small business men against the pressure of big business competition indicates a needed readjustment and the fact that laborers and farmers are not "recovering" in the same proportion as capital demonstrates clearly the necessity for a further effort to secure "parity" for both classes.

### POLITICAL PROBLEMS

The political picture of the administration is clouded by the hostile attitude of many Congressmen, including Democrats as well as Republicans, and an intention on the part of Congress, it seems, to have its say in national affairs. Leadership from the administration is not now as positive and the huge Democratic majorities in both Houses show signs of a runaway, Republican opposition is consolidating. Criticism is frequent and more sustained as the extremists on both flanks harass the middle of the road contingent.

Differences of opinion exist upon almost every point in the great debate over the depression, its causes and whether it is, at last, over. Equally diverse are the voices discussing national recovery, with gloomy prophets insisting that apparent progress is but the prelude to a worse collapse. Mixed in the argument is the mooted questions of reform, with the same widely variant views. No patent answer is at hand. Certain progress is clear and some reforms are plain but the answer to the riddle is locked up in future events which no man can predict.

### ROOSEVELT MAY ACT SOON

What of the future? Hazardous a guess, it is our idea that a major showdown is certain between the President and his opposition. Mr. Roosevelt is determined and courageous and will not hesitate to press to his goal. His adversaries are gradually getting together and a major conflict cannot be much longer postponed. It may cause some realignment of political affiliations throughout the nation over some

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## Howard Delp Is Given Hearing In Galax Sat.

### Trial For Murder Of Galax Police Chief To Begin At Independence On Monday, March 25

### Motion Of Campbell, Defense Attorney, For Committal To Asylum For Observation Denied

At a preliminary hearing held in Galax Saturday morning before Grayson County Trial Justice Grey Anderson, of Galax, the case of Howard Delp, alleged murderer of Posey Martin, Galax police chief, was sent on to the Grayson county grand jury. The case is set for trial on the first day of the March term of Grayson circuit court at Independence, which is Monday, March 25.

Facts surrounding the hearing point to a defense plea of insanity for Delp. Stuart B. Campbell, prominent Wytheville (Va.) lawyer, appeared in court as Delp's defense counsel, and after all the evidence had been given, asked Justice Anderson to commit the defendant to the criminal insane ward of Southwestern Virginia State hospital at Marion for observation of his mental condition during the remaining two weeks before the trial. After strenuous objection to such action, on the part of Galax Town Attorney Jack Matthews and S. Floyd Landreth, Galax, prosecution lawyers, Justice Anderson denied the motion and ordered the prisoner returned to Wytheville jail. Delp has been held at Wytheville since his capture near North Wilkesboro four days after the popular police officer was killed.

When brought into court Saturday morning, Delp appeared highly nervous and stared vacantly about the room throughout the proceedings, displaying an apparent gross ignorance of the serious nature of the business being transacted. He responded to a question as to where he was born by saying, "What is that?" His mother, Mrs. Madge Delp Isaacs, furnished this and other necessary information. Mrs. Isaacs said her son had often, in the past, been obsessed of wild and fantastic ideas that led her to believe that he was not mentally normal. One of these ideas, she said, had taken the form of an imagination that he had a contract to build the proposed new Federal post office building in Galax. Defense Attorney Campbell introduced a letter said to have been written by Delp to his mother on March 4 from Wytheville jail bearing out the idea she said he had concerning the Federal building.

Witnesses examined were Dr. Beverly F. Eckles, who told of Chief Martin being taken to Galax hospital in a practically lifeless condition; H. B. Leonard, who was at the jail at the time of the tragedy to arrange bond for Dowe Leonard, whom Chief Martin started to release when Delp allegedly murdered him; Elmer Kenny, an inmate of the jail at that time; Mrs. Isaacs, mother of Delp, and Will Jones, an uncle.

At the conclusion of the hearing, the prisoner was returned to Wytheville by State Highway Patrolman Jake Aaron and Officer Marvin Evans, of Galax.

### To Present Play At Sparta "Hi" Friday Night

A play entitled "An Arizona Cowboy" is to be presented in Sparta high school auditorium on Friday night, March 15, at 7:30 o'clock, by teachers of Rector school, near Baywood, and people of that community.

What is said to be a strong feature of this play is the abundance of bustling, clean-cut breezy western comedy that eliminates all possibility of there being any dull or dead moments during the presentation. A mischievous little cowgirl, a bossy old woman, a funny Chinaman always in trouble and always looking for more, and Heskiah Bugg, the biggest liar in Arizona, will keep the audience in continual good humor, it is said.

A small admission charge will be made, the proceeds to be used for the benefit of the schools, and the public is invited to attend.

## Has Nothing To Confess, Says Bruno Hauptmann

Trenton, N. J., Mar. 12.—Bruno Richard Hauptmann told his spiritual adviser today he had "nothing to confess" about the Lindbergh baby kidnap-slaying.

The Rev. D. G. Werner, of New York city, whom Hauptmann selected to give him religious instruction, asked Hauptmann today to confess if he were guilty of the crime.

The clergyman said he told Hauptmann three of his six cellmates would go to the chair late this week, and he asked Hauptmann if that would unnerve him. "It will make no impression on me," he said Hauptmann replied. "I have nothing to confess."

## Evangelist Day To Hold Revival Meetings Here

### Prominent Minister Of Winston-Salem To Open Series On March 31 In Sparta Baptist Church

Evangelist Fred N. Day, of Winston-Salem, is scheduled to begin a series of revival meetings in Sparta Baptist church on Sunday, March 31, at 11 a. m. Mr. Day is an outstanding evangelist and is just now rounding out his five-hundredth revival series. He makes his living, it is said, from his large jewelry business, and has consistently given money from his meetings to the education of deserving girls. The community is considered fortunate in that it is to have Mr. Day here for this series of services.

Next Sunday at 3 p. m., a series of revival services is to begin at Scottville Baptist church with the Rev. Mr. Caudle, of Ashe county, delivering the sermons.

Friends of righteousness are asked by Dr. G. A. Martin, pastor of the local church, to pray for these meetings and attend all services possible.

The regular service will be held next Sunday at New Hope at 11 a. m. by the pastor. Some extra services, which are expected to be very interesting, are to be arranged for New Hope in the near future.

On account of the absence of Mrs. G. A. Martin from Sparta, the session of the Women's Missionary society of the local church has been moved up one week and will be held at the home of Mrs. Clint Halsey on Thursday of next week (March 21), at which time Mrs. Martin will make a report on the Durham meeting.

Dr. and Mrs. Martin spent several days of this week in Durham and Raleigh, the Convention of Baptist Women being held in Durham. Mrs. Martin also visited her father, who lives in Raleigh.

## Workers Report On Success With Milk Proposition

Galax business men and others who have been engaged during the past few days in having farmers of Grayson and Carroll counties and in nearby Alleghany county fill out questionnaires regarding the amount of milk they will be able to supply the Carnation Milk company, if the company decides to erect a milk condensing plant at Galax, met Monday night in Firemen-Legion hall, Galax, to report on the success with which they had met.

The business men were very enthusiastic concerning the prospects for the plant and much interest was shown in the matter. The workers are still engaged in signing up farmers in the three counties to supply milk for the proposed plant.

Dr. H. L. Lyon, Hillsville; J. M. Cassell, Hillsville, Carroll county farm agent, and D. T. Painter, Independence, Grayson county farm agent, have been giving considerable of their time to the matter also.

## Senate Blocs Tack Sectional Projects To Bill

### Begin Putting Into Relief Measure Projects Of Benefit Only To Certain Communities

Washington, Mar. 12.—Fighting Senate blocs today beat down administration opposition and began loading the \$4,880,000,000 works relief bill with projects of benefit only to individual communities or limited sections of the nation.

The factions were successful after party leaders had flung back the first determined assault to "earmark" the giant appropriation contrary to the wishes of President Roosevelt.

By a vote of 59 to 32 the Senate first rejected an amendment by Senator Edward P. Costigan (D), of Colorado, which would have made mandatory the expenditure of some of the money for public works projects.

Then it voted 75 to 5 against an amendment by Senator Huey P. Long (D), of Louisiana, to set aside \$1,000,000,000 of the fund to provide a college education for 80,000 boys and girls who cannot afford one now. Those who voted aye were Senators Lynn Frazier (R), of North Dakota; Peter Norbeck (R), of North Dakota; Elmer Thomas (D), of Oklahoma; Thomas D. Schall (R), of Minnesota, and Long.

It was the first time the upper house has had an opportunity to vote on one of the main planks of Long's "share-the-wealth" program which they have been hearing so much about from Long and the folks back home and they leaped upon it gleefully.

Immediately after these two votes, however, the powerful Western group swung into action. In short order they forced adoption of amendments which "earmarked" the measure for expenditures on rivers and harbors, water conservation, transmountain water diversion, irrigation and reclamation.

While the results of today's voting did not comprise a revolt against the measure, the action reflected the displeasure of the majority of the Senate in giving to the Chief Executive nearly \$5,000,000,000 to spend in any way he sees fit.

### HOLC BILL PASSES

Washington, Mar. 12.—The House passed today the measure which provides an additional \$1,750,000,000 for the Home Owner's Loan corporation to help mortgage burdened home owners.

## Through State Capital Keyholes

By Bess Hinton Silver

NEW THREAT—Information emanating from Washington, D. C., indicates the certain candidacy of Congressman Lindsay C. Warren, of Washington, N. C., in opposition to Senator Josiah W. Bailey in 1936. While Senator Bailey has gone to the aid of President Roosevelt in recent weeks in a spectacular manner it is pointed out by Warren supporters that the primary of next spring "is just around the corner." Senator Bailey was said to have lost ground in his opposition to enactment of the Agricultural Adjustment Act, the Bankhead cotton control bill, the seed loan act, the St. Lawrence waterway act, the soldiers' bonus proposal, all except the last sponsored by President Roosevelt.

RECORD—Friends of Congressman Warren are pointing to his record on the foregoing legislation and say that his action meets with approval of all parties concerned. Unless something unforeseen happens it can now be safely said that Senator Bailey will face potent opposition next year and it is better than an even bet that Congressman Warren will provide a substantial part of that opposition. Warren is known as a liberal and enjoys the reputation of being close to President Roosevelt and Vice President John N. Garner.

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## Baptist Women Told Church Is In Good Shape

### Huggins Speaks At State Mission Meet Held In Durham First Baptist Church

Durham, Mar. 12.—Despite a downpour of rain, a great number of women of the North Carolina Baptist Woman's Missionary Union came into this city today, and tonight at the opening of their forty-fifth session filled the spacious auditorium of the First Baptist Church to overflowing, and heard M. A. Huggins, general secretary of North Carolina Baptists, declare that the Baptist denomination is in better shape today than it has been at any time since the beginning of the great slump which so seriously slowed down religious activities in this state.

Bringing a word of greeting from the State Baptist Convention, Mr. Huggins then turned his attention to the present and the future of the denomination in this state and affirmed one-fourth of the church members in the denomination could, by giving 10 per cent. of their income each year, stack up a greater sum total than the nearly half million members gave altogether last year. He brought a vivid account of the march of Baptist hosts through the years and held up a denominational goal so sound in principle and so meaningful to the religious life of the state that the great number of women were moved noticeably by the challenge.

He was followed by Dr. J. B. Lawrence, of the home mission board, Atlanta, who thrilled the packed building with a recitation of the attainments in that field, using as his theme, "A Heritage of Glorious Achievement." Judged by the enthusiastic gathering here tonight this will become one of the greatest gatherings of the Baptist women in this century.

## Models Choose Huey Long As "Ideal Lover"

New York, Mar. 12.—Huey (Kingfish) Long emerged in the role of a Casanova today when 300 professional models elected him their "ideal lover" by an overwhelming majority.

Such traditional Romeos as Clark Gable and Johnny Weissmuller received only a smattering of votes in the poll, conducted by the Professional Models League of America.

T. Fountain, former Lieutenant Governor, to run for the United States Senate in opposition of Senator J. W. Bailey and all comers next year. Fountain is a frequent visitor to legislative halls and can be seen often talking seriously with men who supported him against Governor Ehringhaus in the primaries of three years ago. The opinion is that his earnestness bears out his statement that he will run next spring, no matter which way the wind blows.

PAROLES—A small war, conducted mostly under cover, is being waged at the office of State Parole Commissioner. Some of the wise boys have been taking notes and avow that many attorneys who have been disappointed in pleas for executive clemency are in the ranks of the campaigners against Edwin M. Gill, Parole Commissioner. Establishment of a parole board of several members would only affect recommendations, since the Governor is the only man who can sign releases from prison in this State.

TAXES—Don't get too excited about the proposal to levy a three per cent income tax on dividends from stocks in domestic corporations. It may not be done. Many of the legislators who voted for the proposal in committee did it simply to get the revenue

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## Mt. Airy Officer Named New Galax Chief Of Police

At a special meeting of the Town Council of Galax, Va., held Tuesday night in the Municipal building, presided over by Mayor B. D. Beamer, Patrolman Joe Snow, of the Mount Airy police force, was elected Chief of Police of Galax to succeed the late Chief Posey Martin, who was murdered on Thursday night, February 21.

The new police chief will assume his new duties tomorrow (Friday), although Mr. Snow's family will remain in Mount Airy until the close of the Mount Airy schools.

Officer Frank Dotson, who was seriously wounded when Chief Martin was murdered, and Officer J. O. Jones, it is understood, will continue as members of the Galax police force.

## Ehringhaus Is Presented Birth Certificate Tues.

### Presentation Is Feature Of "Register Your Baby" Campaign Nearing End In North Carolina

Raleigh, Mar. 12.—Governor John Christopher Blucher Ehringhaus was presented today with a certificate of his birth more than half a century ago by Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, acting State health officer and secretary of the State Board of Health.

Dr. Reynolds related briefly the achievements of Burbank with plants and of biologists in producing specimens approaching perfection. He congratulated Governor Ehringhaus on his parents and the excellent specimen of manhood they produced in him as he presented the little copy of the Governor's "citizenship papers."

"I thank you, Dr. Reynolds, and appreciate this evidence that I was born," said Governor Ehringhaus. "Your campaign should have the hearty and full cooperation of the citizens of the State. Children now will live to appreciate the care their parents exercise now in making sure that their births are registered. I appreciate mine."

Governor Ehringhaus, the certificate he proudly displayed shows, was born in Elizabeth City, N. C., February 5, 1882, the son of Erskine and Carrie Colville (Mathews) Ehringhaus. His father was 28 and his mother 25 years old when he was born. He was born "without benefit of bookkeeping," as births were not required by law to be registered until 1914. His mother had died, as had the attending physician, Dr. W. L. Lumsden.

Only his father, Erskine Ehringhaus, now approaching his 82nd birthday anniversary, is living, of those whose word as to, the

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## Coughlin Flays Johnson Monday In Radio Talk

Detroit, Mar. 12.—The Rev. Charles E. Coughlin last night assailed General Hugh S. Johnson as "a cracked gramophone record squawking the messages of his master's voice."

The priest's radio reply to Johnson's blistering attack of a week ago on him and Senator Huey P. Long of Louisiana asserted: "I need not condemn you before the court of public opinion. You have condemned yourself." The priest asserted the recent treasury monetary action was the answer to his demand for money reform and the reply to Johnson's attack.

Coughlin declared Johnson attacked him personally "but not once did you dare attack the truths which I teach." He opened his 45-minute address with a defense of the priest's right to participate in public affairs.

"I am mindful that as a Catholic priest, whose voice has been

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## Regrets To Leave After Serving As Farm Agent Here

### W. B. Collins Briefly Reviews Work In This County Before Going To New Work In Watauga

### County Agent's Office In Sparta To Be Closed Until Arrangements Are Made For A Successor

W. B. Collins, who is to leave tomorrow for Boone to assume his new duties as agricultural agent of Watauga county after having served in that capacity in Alleghany for the past several years, has written a letter of farewell, in which he briefly reviews the years of his service here and expresses his regret at leaving.

The letter follows: On March 15th I will be transferred to Watauga county to do county agent work there. The county agent's office at Sparta will be closed until arrangements are made for placing another agent in Alleghany county.

It is with much regret that I am leaving Alleghany county, but I have been offered an increase in salary and an assistant county agent in Watauga. So I have thought it best to make this change.

During the five and one-half years I have worked in this county, we have gone through one of the worst depressions that most of us have ever seen. During this time I have kept one objective in mind, and that was to help the farmers when and where I could regardless of who it hurt. This attitude has brought on considerable criticism of my work by some individuals, some of which was probably just criticism, but I have preferred being criticized for doing too much rather than being criticized for doing too little.

The following is some of the work that has been accomplished in the county in the last five and one-half years that has permanent value:

A large number of purebred bulls and rams have been placed in the county to improve the beef cattle and sheep business. The number of docked and castrated lambs have increased from a few flocks in 1929 to about 90 per cent of the lambs in the county being docked and castrated in 1934.

A successful system of cooperative marketing of lambs and wool has been worked out, with a large saving to the sheep growers of the county.

The death rate from blackleg in calves has been reduced to such an extent that very few calves died from this disease in 1934.

A large number of farmers have been taught to drench their sheep for stomach worms.

The amount of legume crops grown on the farms of the county in the form of lespedeza has increased from a few pounds sown in 1929 to where there will probably be 20,000 pounds of seed sown in 1935.

The farmers have been given a start in growing certified seed potatoes, stringless green pod

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THIS IS A NICE SMOOTH ROAD.

He who follows sciences shall soon find it the path to distress.

MARCH 12—Four feet of snow falls in New York City, 1908.

13—Diamond found in meteorite, Canyon Diablo, Ariz., 1891.

14—First bird reservation created in Florida, 1903.

15—Andrew Jackson, 7th president, born 1767.

16—U. S. takes possession part of Samoa Islands, 1900.

17—Camp Fire Girls are organized at Washington, 1913.

18—Billings George of Green are mentioned, 1913, 1920.