

HITS HOLDING COMPANIES

Last week President Roosevelt called for regulation on public utility holding companies in a special message to Congress, declaring that except where absolutely necessary, they must go.

CONTROL HAMPERS PARTY

Ordinarily, under party government, one would imagine that when a party secured undisputed control of the legislative and executive branches, the affairs of state would make progress and that the course of government would be smooth.

CONGRESS DOING LITTLE

As week after week rolls by without accomplishment, one wonders what the outcome will be. While some progress has been made, even on the bonus, the social security program, NRA extension, the future of the AAA, banking reform, labor proposals and other matters are ahead of us.

A TREASURY BULL'S EYE

Something like a bull's eye was scored by the Treasury Department when, by a stroke of the pen, it drew upon the Government's gold profits to the extent of \$675,000,000 to wipe out that much of the national debt by retiring two issues of long-standing bonds.

What the Treasury did was to use the money to call in, as of August 1st, a \$600,000,000 issue of refunded Spanish War bonds and a \$75,000,000 Panama Canal issue.

In return for the bonds, the government will give the Federal Reserve banks an equal amount in gold certificates, issued against the gold seized in devaluing the dollar.

BUSINESS AND CURRENCY

Some possibility of a currency increase exists because the reserve banks can issue circulation notes to the extent of \$1,687,500,000 against the certificates. This is done under the rule that allows such banks to circulate currency to the amount of \$100 for every \$40 of gold certificates in reserve.

Mariner S. Eccles, governor of the Federal Reserve Board, recently told the House Banking Committee that a redistribution of the national income is one way to solve the problem of the depression.

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Warren Would Give Alleghany School Control

Sparta Senator Introduces Bill That Would Name Committeemen For Sparta And Piney Creek Schools

Raleigh, Mar. 18.—Senator Dalton Warren, of Alleghany, introduced a bill in the Senate which is designed to "vest all authority to control the schools in the local community" in Alleghany county.

The bill, Senate Bill No. 323, was placed on the calendar for early action at the request of Senator Warren. The text of the bill follows:

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

"Section 1. There is hereby appointed a committee of three men for Sparta High School, Jay Hardin for a term of six years; G. L. Duncan for a term of four years and W. F. Osborne for a term of two years, and for Piney Creek High School, W. F. Parsons for a term of six years, Mack Woodie for a term of four years, and Everette Wyatt for a term of two years. It shall be the duty of these committeemen to elect teachers for their respective schools on or before May 1, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-five, and at the same time each year thereafter.

"Sec. 2. The patrons and taxpayers of all public schools in Alleghany county shall meet in their respective school districts on the fourth Saturday afternoon in April, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-five for the purpose of selecting three committeemen for each public school in the county. Every patron and taxpayer shall be entitled to a vote for said committeemen in their respective districts. When said committeemen have been chosen by the patrons, it shall be the duty of the committee so named, to elect a teacher or teachers for the schools for which they were elected. The teachers for each of the public schools in Alleghany county shall be elected on or before May 15, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-five and at the same time each year thereafter. The committee elected under the provisions of this section shall serve for a term of two, four and six years.

"Sec. 3. In case of the resignation or death of any persons or persons elected or appointed to serve on these committees, the said vacancy shall be filled by the remaining members of said committee, but it is understood that the patrons of the schools shall elect a new member of the committee when any members of the committee shall have expired. The purpose of this act being to vest all the authority to control the school in the local community.

"Sec. 4. All committees and boards now existing in Alleghany county that are in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby abolished.

"Sec. 5. All laws and clauses of law in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

"Sec. 6. That this act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification."

On March 13 House Bill 680, "To repeal the absentee ballot"

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Methodist W. M. S. Holds Meeting At Parsonage March 15

The Women's Missionary society of the Methodist church held its regular meeting March 15 at the parsonage with Mrs. Cecil G. Hefner acting as hostess.

Mrs. Jay Hardin was leader of an exceptionally interesting program. One new member, Mrs. L. K. Halsey, of Piney Creek, was enrolled.

Florida's Choice



MIAMI . . . On the brunette-curl wreathed brow of beautiful Miss Jessie Smith, of Miami (above), will rest the crown of Miss Florida for 1935. She is 18 years old. She won over 256 contestants.

Game Warden Says Farmers Can Be Of Help To Birds

Calls Attention To Fact That Spring Season Is Important Time In Life Of Birds, Small Animals

R. D. Gentry, Alleghany county game warden, desires that farmers of the county do as much as possible during the Spring season, when game birds and animals mate and raise their broods of young, toward leaving suitable nesting cover on the ground that will be least effected by heavy rains and floods.

Mr. Gentry says that, in order to get the best results, the nesting cover should be as evenly distributed over the farm as possible. If only one 40 acres is producing game, he says, one may never expect a maximum game population on a 160-acre farm.

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Miss York To Attend Beauty Pageant Mar. 29

Miss Ruby York will leave for Winston-Salem on Friday, March 29, to represent Alleghany county in the finals of the State-wide Beauty pageant which will be held there on the twenty-ninth. This affair will mark the termination of the movement which began last September for the purpose of choosing "Miss North Carolina" of 1935. There will be approximately 150 towns with contestants in the running for the title this year.

The several local contests have been sponsored by the high schools of the state. The finals will be sponsored by the Winston-Salem Junior Woman's club.

Several hundred tickets have already been sold to people who are anxious to witness the event. Those in charge expect the attendance this year to even exceed the 10,000 who were on hand to witness the selection of Miss Edna Taylor as "Miss North Carolina" 1933 at Wilmington, and the 15,000 who witnessed the selection and coronation of Miss Esther Coleman Hamby as "Miss North Carolina" 1934 at Greensboro last August.

The young lady named as "Miss North Carolina" this year will be given a trip to New York City. The 1933 winner was given a trip to Chicago. The 1934 winner was sent to Miami.

Fifteen lawyers, doctors, financiers and club women have been selected to serve in the creation of a new "Miss North Carolina." Paul Whiteman's internationally famous orchestra will furnish the

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Roosevelt May Be Invited To Visit State

W. W. Neal, Marion, Discusses Plans For Park Dedication With Washington Officials

Washington, Mar. 19.—Plans for the dedication of Great Smoky Mountains National Park with great fanfare of trumpets and ruffle of drums, were discussed here at the national park service by W. W. Neal, of Marion, N. C., a member of the North Carolina park commission.

Both North Carolina and Tennessee will participate in the event, according to plans. Neal is in Washington to appear tomorrow before the committee investigating NRA.

"We only have about 1,500 acres to acquire yet in the Sun-crest section before the park area will be completed," said Mr. Neal. "This will make the Smoky Mountain National Park in North Carolina and Tennessee a great body of virgin timber of about a half-million acres, or the largest of its kind in the world. The North Carolina commission will, at the proper time, discuss with the Tennessee commission appropriate ceremonies for opening the park, with the hope that it may be coincident with breaking dirt on the Appalachian Parkway."

Already there is talk of inviting President Roosevelt and Secretary Ickes, of the Department of the Interior, to the dedication of the park, which may be at Asheville. As President Roosevelt has already assured Representative A. L. Bulwinkle that he will stop for a day in Charlotte while on his way to spend several weeks at Warm Springs, Ga., next fall, it has been suggested in congressional circles that he spend two days in the Tar Heel state, the first to be at Asheville for the opening of the park, the next at Charlotte on his way to his winter home.

Whitehead Store Broken Into And Robbed Recently

M. L. Richardson's store at Whitehead was broken into and robbed Thursday night of last week. The thieves gained access to the store by sawing the bars on one of the front windows and breaking the glass.

The goods stolen included knives, hosiery, shirts, tobacco, cigarettes, etc. The thieves have not yet been apprehended but Sheriff Walter M. Irwin, who has been working on the case, has announced that he has definite and valuable clues.

Delp To Go On Trial Monday At Independence

Alleged Murderer Of Galax Police Chief To Be Tried In Neighboring Va. County Seat Town

Independence, Va., Mar. 19.—The regular term of the circuit court of Grayson county will convene March 25 when Howard Delp, accused of slaying Posey C. Martin, Chief of Police of Galax, will go on trial for his life, if present outlook holds.

Chief Martin was murdered in the city hall of Galax on the evening of February 21, while arranging bond for Dowe Leonard, who was confined in jail with Howard Delp and two other prisoners. When Chief Martin opened the cell door to release Leonard, Delp attempted to come out. The chief told him no one was bonding him and pushed him back in the cell. It was then that Delp stabbed Martin in the neck, severing the jugular vein. Martin died as he reached the hospital, which is just across the street from the city hall.

When Martin was stabbed he called to Frank Dotson, a night officer, and who was then in an adjoining room. Dotson rushed in and was attacked by Delp and was cut several times about the head and face. Some four or five other people were present but in the confusion Delp made his escape and evaded a posse of several hundred people for several days. Delp was captured five days later near North Wilkesboro, N. C., and was taken to Wytheville and lodged in jail, where he will remain until his trial.

The city hall in Galax is located on the line between Carroll and Grayson counties and it is said the actual stabbing took place about one foot on the Carroll side. Chief Martin died on the Grayson side just as he reached the hospital. Commonwealth's Attorney H. P. Burnett, of Grayson county, who will have charge of the prosecution, said that Grayson county had jurisdiction to try Delp on two grounds under the code of Virginia. One section of the code provides that where a crime is committed on the border line of two counties, or within 100 yards thereof, then the crime may be prosecuted in either county. Another section of the code provides that where a person is wounded in one county and dies as a result of the wound in another county, then the offense may be prosecuted in either county. Mr. Burnett further stated that the common-

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Through State Capital Keyholes

By Bess Hinton Silver

SMART—A lot of folks think proponents of the Hill liquor bill played a smart hand when they sent the measure to the Senate finance committee for reconsideration. It is pointed out that the State revenue and appropriations bills are about two million dollars out of balance and legislative pay has ended. Some observers believe the liquor bill, which would permit twelve or more counties to vote for State-operated liquor stores, will repose in the money committee until the anticipated 100-day deadlock on the revenue bill occurs. Then the Hill bill could be trotted out to balance the budget for the next two years. Already pending is an amendment which would put liquor taxes and profits in the general State instead of earmarking it for relief purposes as set forth in the bill.

TALKS AGAINST VOTE—It was generally agreed that Senator Horton, of Chatham, made the most unusual talk on the Hill liquor bill in the Senate. The Chatham Lawmaker said he was voting against the measure because his constituents seemed to want it but warned drys that they "must take their heads out of the sand and face the true facts" concerning liquor conditions in this State. He said he was disappointed in the small votes cast in the 1933 repeal election but added he did not propose to take

it upon himself to do for the people what they failed to do for themselves when the opportunity was at hand.

DECENT—The Senate education committee has given approval to a bill which would require the State to pay actual expenses in the cases of children hurt or killed in school bus accidents. The committee, headed by Senator Griffin, of Chowan, took the position that the State compels parents to send their children to school in these busses it is no more than decent that the State should pay the bill if a child is killed or hurt. No damages are allowed under the bill above actual expenses.

RAIDERS—Would-be raiders of the gasoline tax fund still have their sights trained on the millions of dollars extracted from motorists in taxes each year. Efforts will be renewed in House and Senate to divert an additional \$650,000 of automobile owners' money into the general fund. Many members of the General Assembly are opposed to diversion but they will need all their strength to keep the load of budget balancing off the back of car owners who pay more than half the total tax load of the whole State government. The \$3,000,000 recently appropriated for im-

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Comedy Costs Wife



LOS ANGELES . . . Ned Sparks (above), won fame as a "grouchy" husband in movie comedies. His wife was given a divorce last week on the ground that he had developed the same "ingrown" disposition at home.

Bryant Defends Increase In Appropriations

Says Amounts Set Up For Operation Of Public Schools Of State Is Not Excessive

Raleigh, Mar. 19.—Chairman Victor Bryant, Durham, of the House Appropriations Committee, made what is almost universally classed as a "masterful" presentation of the Appropriations Bill in the House last week and admirably defended the increases made in the appropriations to the State's departments, institutions and agencies.

Respecting the 20,031,000 set up for public schools the first year and \$20,900,000 for the second year. Chairman Bryant maintained that the 20 per cent allowed the first year and 25 the second year for increases in instructional cost, largely teachers' salaries, is not excessive—in fact, he called attention to the provision that would make the increase 25 per cent for the first year, if the revenues justify that much.

The state has balanced its budget the past two years and increased the value of its outstanding bonds from about 71 cents to more than \$1 on the 100 cents, but this balancing has been done at the expense of the State employees, largely teachers, and

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Unnatural Deaths Claim Six During Week-end In N. C.

Raleigh, Mar. 19.—Six North Carolinians died from unnatural causes during the past week-end. Two of these were victims of murder and four died in highway mishaps.

Parker Brewer was fatally shot by John Hackney near Putman. Hackney surrendered and was jailed at Carthage. Hackney said Brewer threatened his life.

A Negro woman fatally stabbed her husband in Pitt county.

Miss Bertha Hollifield, 21, was killed and four were hurt when an automobile crashed into a parked car near Glen Alpine. Miss Hollifield resided at Marion.

Vance Downer, 41, of Rockingham was killed when his machine left the road and overturned on a curve near Steele's Mills.

Henry Fry, of Carthage, died of injuries suffered when struck by an automobile on the Pinehurst road.

Will Lucas, Rockingham Negro, was fatally injured when he fell while trying to board a moving truck. He was hurled under the wheels of the truck.

HENRY WHITTER'S GROUP TO GIVE PROGRAM SAT. Henry Whitter and his "Yodeling Hill Billy's" will present a musical and black-face comedy program at Laurel Springs school on Saturday night, March 23, at 7:30 o'clock.

A small admission charge will be made and the public is invited to attend.

Roosevelt To Change Tactics Toward Congress

Administration, For First Time, Must Get Legislation Through Body By Compromise

Washington, Mar. 19.—The administration, meeting stubborn resistance in Congress, embarked today on a policy of legislation through compromise.

The decision marked a definite turning point in the Roosevelt administration. Congress thus far has shown but little of the "rubber stamp" tendencies of last year.

Faced by a balky Senate and House the administration decided upon a course of conciliation in pushing ahead with the more controversial parts of its program.

House leaders, indicating a receptive attitude, were ready to discard some of the pending "reform" legislation, if the administration gives the word, in order to hurry adjournment.

"Business would be better off if Congress could complete its labors and adjourn," Speaker Joseph W. Byrns said. "It would be helpful if we could postpone some legislation."

The first major indication of a policy of conciliation was given when a compromise broke the Senate deadlock over the work-relief bill. Compromise probably will enter into consideration of the social security program, NRA, labor legislation and the soldiers' bonus.

Byrns suggested the omnibus banking bill might be passed over this session, but said the McSwain bill to take the profit out of war may be put ahead. Present House plans are to consider the security bill immediately after the bonus is disposed of.

Byrns predicted that with an appreciable speedup Congress could quit by June 15. The House, he believed, might be ready by May 15.

The present Congress, carrying even greater new deal majorities than the 73rd which accepted White House dictation without question, has presented a serious problem to administration leaders.

Defeated in the Senate on the world court issue, the administration found itself harassed by a combination of Senate blocs which, constantly shifting, made the winning even of a bare majority a difficult matter.

These blocs consisted of little groups representing varied views. Some favored conservative principles, some were mildly liberal, others bore sharply to the left.

COMMITTEE WIDENS PRISON CAMP PROBE

Raleigh, Mar. 19.—The state legislature's penal institutions committee decided today to widen the scope of its prison camp investigation to include a Wake county camp and one in Martin county.

Previously the investigation had been confined mainly to Camp 413, Mecklenburg county, where Woodrow Wilson Shropshire and Robert Barnes, Negroes, allegedly received treatment which caused amputations of their feet.

A subcommittee voted today to requisition papers by which Barnes and Shropshire were committed to solitary confinement.

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"This rule in gardening never forget: to sow dry and set wet."

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19—Royal patent is issued for Massachusetts Colony, 1628.
20—Newton, discoverer of law of gravity, dies, 1727.
21—Forty Pittsburgh councilmen indicted for bribery, 1910.
22—Laura Jean Libbey, novelist of love, born, 1862.
23—P. Henry asks "for liberty or for death," 1774.
24—Spain acknowledges the United States' independence, 1783.
25—First Congressional Medal given to G. Washington, 1776.