

President Roosevelt took his ten-day fishing cruise without apparently being much concerned with the status of legislation in Congress. He seeks a rest from the tiring task of making daily decisions, many of them hard to determine and involving compromises that are not always preferred. He left the capital with most of the country feeling that a definite sag had appeared in his popular support and with many observers feeling that Congress might run wild over various contested legislative matters.

However, last year the President left Washington for his vacation on the same day that a rebellious House overrode his veto of the veterans' pension bill, which led many to believe that the Chief Executive was losing his grip. Later, he returned, much refreshed, and secured from the Congress, in about two months, many legislative grants of power and now legislation.

Just now, when there is an idea that nothing has been done and that not much will be done, it might be well to list what happened after the Presidential vacation in 1934. Congress empowered the President to negotiate reciprocal tariff treaties, revised the bankruptcy laws, established the Securities Exchange Commission, created the Federal Housing Administration, authorized the RFC to make direct loans to industry, set up the Federal Communications Commission, passed the Bankhead cotton act, and the Jones-Costigan sugar act, as well as a revenue act and the ratification of a new treaty with Cuba, abrogating the Platt amendment.

#### LEAVES CONGRESS UNSETTLED

Today the situation seems much the same as it was then. The House has passed the Patman bonus measure in the face of the American Legion's preference for the Vinson bill, and in the teeth of a certain veto. The Senate has just ended a prolonged wrangle over the works-relief bill, with the result that other administration proposals are in the "being considered" stage. What will happen in a few weeks is uncertain and all that the average citizen can do is to wait and see.

#### HOOVER ISSUES A CALL

Former President Hoover recently addressed a letter to a group of California Republicans which is generally taken to mean that he intends to assert something like leadership. Taken in connection with his utterance last month at Tuscon advocating resumption of gold payments and stabilization of the dollar at its present value, it seems to indicate that he will actively attempt to unseat President Roosevelt and cause the defeat of his policies. The nation, says Mr. Hoover, is entitled to pass judgment upon the present administration and the Republicans must give them that opportunity at the ballot box by raising the standard in defense of "fundamental American principles," including the maintenance and perfection of our system of orderly individual liberty under constitutionally conducted government.

#### HULL'S TRADE POLICIES

Secretary Hull is eloquent and consistent in pointing out the evils of nationalism. He makes out the intimate relationship between prosperity and our foreign trade, saying that the depression accompanied the fall of our exports from \$5,000,000,000 in 1920 to about \$1,600,000,000 in 1932, and that partial recovery was seen in 1934 when our exports rose to \$2,133,000,000. This theory has been admirably presented by the Secretary of State a number of times and the question arises, after two years in office, what has been done to remedy the situation that is said to exist.

Mr. Hull is able to hold up reciprocal trade agreements with only three nations, Cuba, Brazil and Belgium, and these affect a very small percentage of our foreign trade. His critics, and some of them friendly, point out that his most-favored nation principle seemingly militates against ready bargaining agreements, involving worth-while concessions from other nations. They say the time has come to attack the least excusable sections of our own tariff wall, regardless of what other nations do, and thus secure immediate increases in trade while con-

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## Doughton Does Much To Repeal "Pink Slip" Law

Alleghanian's Plea For Repeal Said To Have Been Most Effective Speech In This Session Of Congress

### PASSES FOUR TO ONE

"Lion's Share" Of Credit For Repeal Of Income Tax Publicity Provision Goes To "Farmer Bob"

Washington, April 2.—To Congressman Robert L. Doughton goes the lion's share of the credit for the repeal of Section 55 (b) of the 1934 Revenue Act, more popularly known as the "pink slip" income tax publicity provision.

The bill was introduced by Mr. Doughton and referred to the Ways and Means Committee of which he is Chairman. When first presented to the Committee, Mr. Doughton received little encouragement from the "Administration leaders" on the Committee. But Mr. Doughton insisted on a favorable report by the Committee on his measure and succeeded in obtaining this victory by a substantial margin.

When the bill was brought up on the floor of the House, Mr. Doughton delivered an impassioned plea for its passage, said to have been the most effective speech made by anyone at this session of Congress, and obtained an overwhelming vote of three to one in favor of repeal of the "pink slip" provision.

The Senate, following the leadership of the House, in spite of forecasts by leaders predicting its defeat in the Senate, passed the measure by a four-to-one vote.

Section 55 (b) of the Revenue Act of 1934, the pink slip provision—directs full publicity be given the gross income, deductions, net income, and tax payable, if any, from all persons filing an income tax return, regardless of whether the individual paid a tax on his income or not. It does not apply to the other provisions of the act directing the Secretary of the Treasury to report annually to Congress on all salaries paid to officers and employees of corporations where their total compensation exceeds \$15,000.

It was charged that the exposure of such information required under the pink slip provision, stimulated "snooper," encouraged kidnapping, blackmail and malicious gossip, resulting in injury to the small business man at the hands of prying competitors.

## Extra Term Of Court Ordered For Wilkes Co.

North Wilkesboro, April 1.—Wilkes county's first term of court provided in a measure introduced and passed in both houses of the legislature several days ago, will convene in Wilkesboro on Monday, April 22.

The April court will be for two weeks and will be for the trial of both criminal and civil actions, although it is expected that the criminal docket will occupy the greater part of the time in the term next month.

Due to the congested dockets of the courts in the county the Wilkes Bar Association recommended that additional terms of court be provided for the county and the new law prescribes a two-week term in April and another in November, in addition to the regular terms in March, June, August and November. However, grand juries will serve only at the March and August terms as heretofore.

Although a great many cases were removed from the criminal docket by trial and not pros at the March term, there are over 200 still pending. Solicitor John R. Jones has stated his determination to clear the docket as nearly as possible during the April term.

## N. WILKESBORO TO HAVE NEW LIVESTOCK MARKET

Beginning on Thursday, April 11, a livestock market will be operated in North Wilkesboro, at which all kinds of livestock will be handled. Sales will be held at 10 a. m. each Thursday.

## On Trial For Life



Howard Delp (above), who is on trial for his life at Independence, charged with the murder of the late Chief of Police Posey C. Martin, of Galax.

## Daring Robbery Attempt Is Made At Reeves Home

Intruders Make Effort To Enter Home After Spartan Theatre Had Closed Thurs. Night

A daring attempt at robbery was staged late Thursday night at the home of W. G. Reeves, a short distance from town, a few minutes after Ben G. Reeves had returned home after closing the Spartan theatre. Young Mr. Reeves was alone in the living room of the home when he heard a noise and looking toward a door which opens onto a porch, saw that it had been opened and that a shotgun was leveled at him. Showing great presence of mind he jumped behind the door and slammed it shut. The would-be intruder or intruders then ran away before other members of the family were aware that any attempt at robbery had been made.

Mr. Reeves in an interview later stated that he caught only a glance of one man outside the door, that this man was partly

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## Farmers May Get Government Crop Loans For 1935

Farmers who are unable to obtain funds elsewhere, for the purpose of buying seed, fertilizer, and feed for stock, may now make their application for a loan with the Farm Credit Administration, Emergency Crop Loan section.

Loans will be made in an amount actually required for the purposes specified in the application and not to exceed the sum of \$500.00. No loan will be made for an amount less than the sum of \$10.00. Notes will bear interest from the date until paid at the rate of 5 1/2 per cent per annum and interest to the maturity date will be deducted at the time the loan is made.

All crop loans will require as security a first lien on the crops grown during 1935.

Applicants for Emergency Crop Loans in 1935 who desire \$100.00 or more for the production of crops other than fruit and/or vegetables or who desire \$300.00 or more for the production of the last named crops must, to be eligible therefor, produce a written statement from a production credit association showing the amount applied for and indicating that the association is unable to grant a loan of such amount or of any amount which will be sufficient for the applicants' needs.

Farmers in Alleghany county may make their applications in Sparta at the courthouse.

## Elkin To Have "Trade Days" April 12, 13

Merchants Of Surry County Town Plan Big Program Of Activities For Two-Day Event

Elkin merchants, working in cooperation with the Elkin Merchants association, will Friday and Saturday of next week, stage two days of value giving and entertainment, which in addition to sensational bargains at the various stores participating, will feature a mule race, a horn-blowing contest, greased pig race, and many other features, the winners of which will be awarded handsome cash prizes.

The event, to be staged twice annually, will be known as "Elkin's Semi-Annual Bargain Days," and every effort will be made to make it really worthwhile to citizens of this section and neighboring towns and communities. Elkin merchants have for many weeks been preparing for the event by stocking their shelves with special merchandise which will bring to all attending really worthwhile savings.

Elkin stores offer a wide range of merchandise and everything that can be purchased in neighboring cities can be purchased here, thus doing away with the necessity of a long tiresome trip to larger towns.

In addition to the entertainment features listed above, it is also planned to release a large number of chickens on the street during the event, those persons who catch them to be keepers. Others features will be announced later.

Everyone who is interested in saving money on their purchases and in having a good time in addition, is urged to visit Elkin during the two big trade days.

## WAGONER IS NAMED NEW COUNTY COMMISSIONER

J. McD. Wagoner, of Whitehead, was appointed on Monday, April 1, by A. F. Reeves, Clerk of Alleghany Superior court, to serve the unexpired term of D. C. Duncan, who recently resigned as County Commissioner.

Mr. Wagoner is said to be amply qualified for this position of responsibility and it is expected that he will serve the county in a very satisfactory manner.

## LEOPOLD HAS OPERATION

Joliet, Ill., April 2.—Nathan Leopold, serving 99 years with Richard Loeb for the murder of Bobby Franks, has undergone an operation for removal of a boil.

## Through State Capital Keyholes

By Bea Hinton Silver

GETTING WARM—Congressman Frank Hancock, of the Fifth District, paid a brief visit to Raleigh and looked over the legislative situation. He would not answer questions pertaining to his chances of opposing Senator J. W. Bailey next spring but the general impression in some quarters here is that he will not run. Hancock said he is being swamped with mail from North Carolina urging him to oppose the Rayburn bill to give the federal government unprecedented control over the power producing industry. "I have never had such a fire built under me" Hancock said and added that in his opinion the Rayburn bill will be greatly modified before it passes Congress.

LEAKED OUT—Friends of Thad Eure, principal clerk of the House, who have been urging him to run for Secretary of State against Stacy W. Wade were trying to keep their little matter a secret but it just can't be done. Making a speech on the floor of the House, Representative Spruill of Bertie, let the cat out of the bag. He referred to Eure as "the man who will make the best Secretary of State we ever had if he runs." Everybody, including Mr. Wade, knew what that meant.

SAVINGS—Democrats are planning to take something back home to their folks when the General Assembly adjourns that will make

## Huey Long Not Yet Ready To Battle Bailey

Does Not Regard Present As "Proper Time" To Wage Campaign Against Election Of N. C. Senator Again

Washington, April 1.—Senator Huey Long does not regard now as the "proper time" to go into North Carolina to wage his campaign against re-election of Senator Josiah W. Bailey.

The Kingfish made this known today when Senator Reynolds extended to him an invitation to speak at a festival at Kingston on April 10. Reynolds explained to Long that Senator La Follette was speaking at Smithfield on April 9, and that Kingston had requested him to get the Wisconsin Progressive to speak there the following day. "If I can't get Senator La Follette they want me to invite you," Reynolds told Long.

"No, I am not accepting any dates at this time," the Louisiana senator replied. "In fact I am turning them down every day."

Asked if he did not plan to do some speaking in North Carolina during the next senatorial campaign, Long said he did, "but now is not the proper time." Long brushed aside the question as to what he thought would be the proper time, but said not to worry, there would be a "proper time."

Senator Bailey is still away from Washington. He is expected to return tomorrow. It developed in the Senate today that he is expected to lead the fight against enactment of the Copeland pure food drug law which has given rise to much controversy.

## Thieves Enter B. & T. Drug Store Here

The B. & T. drug store in Sparta, was broken into Wednesday night, Mar. 27, and a small amount of cash and a shotgun stolen. The theft was thought to be the work of the narcotic thieves who have been operating in this section.

The condition of the store indicated that a search had been made in an attempt to find concealed supplies. However, the supply was nearly exhausted and little was taken. Many valuable articles were discarded that might have easily been carried away by the robbers, further indicating their single purpose.

No arrests have been made in the case.

## Trial Of Howard Delp For Murder Of Galax Police Chief Nears Completion In Grayson Court At Independence

Case Was Expected To Reach Hands Of Jury Yesterday Afternoon, Following Arguments

### RELIEF CLIENTS ASKED TO PLANT CERTIFIED POTATOES

All Rural Rehabilitation clients are requested to plant only certified seed potatoes. They are requested by the Head Case worker for Alleghany county to go to the relief office here on April 5 or 6 for seed and fertilizer.

All FERA clients are requested to report to the relief office for seed and fertilizer on April 9 and 10.

### TESTIMONY IS ENDED

Defense Lawyer Nephew Of Former Va. Governor. Defendant's Wife Sits In Court For Part Of Trial

At noon Wednesday, testimony in the trial of Howard Delp for the alleged murder of the late Chief of Police Posey Martin, of Galax, in progress in Grayson county circuit court at Independence, had been completed and Judge Horace Sutherland, of Galax, who is presiding, and attorneys in the case were conferring in chambers concerning instructions to the jury, which were to follow the noon recess. It was thought that arguments, which were to follow the instructions, would be completed yesterday afternoon and the case would reach the hands of the jury some time during the day.

The alleged murderer went on trial Saturday morning following a verdict reached last Thursday by the jury in a sanity hearing given the defendant, that Delp is sane.

No court was held last Friday because of the death of Allie E. Parsons, brother of Ex-Senator John M. Parsons, a prominent member of the Grayson county bar.

The jury in the murder trial is comprised of the following Grayson citizens: Charlie Spencer, A. G. Owen, A. R. Shaw, L. J. Long, Felix Long, J. C. Griffith, Vance Phipps, L. B. Bryant, E. D. Cox, Edd H. Boyer, Rotz Dolinger and C. M. Sells.

When court adjourned late Saturday, the prosecution had completed its testimony in chief and one defense witness had been examined. This was Mrs. Madge Delp Isaacs, mother of the defendant, who told of "queer spells" she said her son often had prior to the Martin murder, on February 21.

Practically all of the state's witnesses presented Saturday were persons who actually saw the murder or who saw Delp shortly before the murder. Most of these witnesses seemed to be under the impression that the defendant was not drunk at the time of the tragedy to the point of not "knowing what he was doing." This testimony was pitted against that offered by a number of defense witnesses, who seemed to think that Delp was "pretty drunk" shortly before the killing. However, most of the large number of witnesses put on the stand by the defense told of actions and circumstances concerning Delp intended to bear out the contention of the defense that the defendant is mentally abnormal.

Delp, throughout the sanity hearing and thus far in the murder trial, has maintained a nervous and indifferent attitude while in the court room. He apparently pays no attention to the pro-

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## Jury List Is Drawn For Next Term Of Court

A jury list, comprised of the following citizens of Alleghany county, has been drawn for the next term of Alleghany Superior court, which is to begin in Sparta on Monday, May 6:

Gap Civil township: Coy M. Wolfe, Glenn Duncan, C. G. Fender, Charlie Crouse, J. M. Wagoner, R. L. Nichols and Bain Doughton.

Cherry Lane township: C. C. Thompson, S. M. McKnight, F. A. Stoker, Sowell Woodruff and George Woodruff.

Glade Creek township: Kyle Edwards, P. L. Evans, John Richardson, Andy Evans, Morris Edwards and Everett Handy.

Piney Creek township—Everett Miller, A. M. Osborne, J. F. Busic, J. T. Finney, R. M. Mabe and Charlie Hash.

Prathers Creek township—Wiley Mabe, Eugene Mitchell, W. F. Perry, D. M. Pugh and Fred Weaver.

Whitehead township: Joe M. Choate, Lonnie Edwards, Bert Edwards and Mack Edwards.

Cranberry township: Jones Tilley, T. L. Moxley and Kemp Miller.

## ALMANAC

"Flattery is counterfeit money to which our vanity gives circulation."

APRIL

1—First movie theatre opens at Los Angeles, 1912.

2—Edward Everett Hale, famous author, born 1822.

4—Airship Akron destroyed at sea, 79 per cent, 1933.

6—Willard whips Jack Johnson at Havana, 26 rounds, 1915.

7—First post of the U. S. A. founded, Decatur, Illinois, 1800.

7—The sale of 32 hour watches began in United States, 1925.

8—First U. S. Air Squadron assigned to the front, 1918.

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