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THE HOUSE REQUEST

One aftermath of the break between the President and Big Business, as represented by the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, was the House resolution asking the Chief Executive for a transcript of his press conference in the course of which Mr. Roosevelt walloped the trade organization, asserting that these commercial groups often misrepresent business sentiment and, in some instances, the sentiment of a majority of their own members.

Press conferences are notoriously "unquotable" except by specific authorization. They include many flippant, jocular and inconsequential remarks. To make public a transcript would advance the record to that of a public document, quotable from top to bottom, and set a precedent in future that might militate against the freedom of conversation, "off the record," that often imparts valuable background to White House news reports.

BIG BUSINESS SPEAKS

That Big Business, as represented by the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Manufacturers, and the American Bankers Association, is against the administration's program has been plain enough to those who know. Combined, these organizations may be taken as spokesmen for large enterprises in the field of industry, employers and bankers.

In the gloom of 1933 capital and finance joined hands with labor and others to vest great powers in the President's hands. He was given an ovation when he addressed the Chamber of Commerce in 1933. The next year the welcome was not so spontaneous, and there were undercurrents of hostility to the reform program.

THREE ORGANIZATIONS

After being snubbed by the Presidential silence in October, the guiding forces of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, taking note of the election results, met to state that the Presidential utterances encouraged the belief that Mr. Roosevelt was receptive to suggestions for "promotion of the common welfare" and there was some reference to the arrival of recovery. This year, however, the pent-up feelings of the Chamber were expressed, voicing opposition to most of the proposed legislation advocated by the administration.

The bankers association, just before the election last fall, managed to proffer an olive branch to the White House and the President attended a session of the convention, where he heard a Morgan banker say that no reasonable person could expect the specific pledges requested by the Chamber of Commerce the month before. Mr. Roosevelt, in reply, appealed for an "all-American recovery team" and was at peace officially with the bankers.

The National Association of Manufacturers, however, in December, 1934, called a business conference of "leaders" at White Sulphur Springs, where alarm and anger were noted, especially at the famous planning commission's report about spending 105 billions on work relief in twenty years. However, no harshness appeared in the resolutions making suggestions to the President. These opposed the relief supervision by political power, urged that private agencies conduct the dole, deplored work relief, asked a balanced budget by 1937, that social security legislation be deferred, that the government relinquish credit control, that the 1933

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Byrd Is Welcomed Back In United States On Friday

Governor Peery Extends Virginia's Welcome To Native Son Returning From Antarctica

REPLIES TO GOVERNOR

President Roosevelt Is Spokesman For Nation At Ceremonies Conducted In The National Capital

Washington, May 14.—Virginia opened her arms Friday to an explorer-son returned from adventures far away. Almost within sight of the Old Dominion, Rear Admiral Richard Evelyn Byrd—"Dick"—to his Virginia friends—was welcomed home by Governor Peery and a party of state dignitaries.

The Virginia governor, taller than ever in a high hat, was among the first to grasp Byrd's hand after President Roosevelt had extended the nation's greeting. Clustered around stood a special general assembly committee and a number of state officials as Peery spoke Virginia's welcome.

"It is my meet," he said, "that we perform this pleasant duty in the capital of the nation, where you and your men have received the admiration and gratitude of all the people of the nation. We come as sons of Virginia to receive a Virginian, and tell you that the old commonwealth is very proud of you.

"You have flown the Atlantic and have conquered both poles. You have discovered unknown lands and hope to chart unknown seas. You have enlarged the store of human knowledge. You have enriched science and you have carried your name high in the roster of attainment, achieved only by those of heroic mold.

"On behalf of Virginia we give you and your men a hearty welcome."

"Governor Peery," Byrd replied, "I want to express my deepest appreciation of the message you have brought from Virginia."

Close to the front of those who extended the explorer a hand of greeting were Secretary Swanson, another Virginian, Senator Carter Glass and Representatives Robertson and Darden, the latter three members of a special congressional reception committee.

Dr. P. L. Choate Is Representative Of C. M. T. C. Here

Dr. P. L. Choate, Sparta, has accepted appointment as county representative for Alleghany county to assist local youths to qualify for this summer's Citizens' Military Training camps, it was announced yesterday.

The county representative also made it known that he volunteers his services to the Government and will give free physical examinations to candidates for the training camps.

Young men of this county should apply for these examinations to Dr. Choate. A recent increase in appropriations by Congress has more than doubled the number of men who may attend the camps this year, and all youths between 17 and 24 years are eligible to apply.

The Government pays such necessary expenses as transportation to camp and return and furnishes wholesome food, uniforms, laundry service, and athletic equipment.

NRA EXTENSION VOTED

The U. S. Senate voted late Tuesday to extend the NRA until April 1, 1936, after eliminating its price-fixing provisions.

Cranberry Church Building To Be Repaired Saturday

On Saturday, May 18, some improvement work is to be done on Cranberry church building, near Furches. Doors are to be hung, the house is to be straightened and the foundation repaired.

May 18 has been selected as the day for this work to be done, with the thought in mind that, that being the regular May meeting date, more persons would probably be present and assist in the work.

All interested persons are urged to be present and tell others about the work to be done. J. M. Williams will deliver a sermon at Cranberry at the time mentioned above.

W. E. Johnson Passes Away At Jefferson Home

Cashier Of Bank Of Ashe Claimed By Sudden Death. Was Native Of Stratford, Alleghany County

W. E. Johnson, cashier of the Bank of Ashe for the past fifteen years, died suddenly at his home Saturday evening, May 4. He had suffered from heart attacks for years and on Saturday he is reported to have complained of not being able to breathe comfortably and had gone on the porch of his home for fresh air. Shortly thereafter he returned to his room and sat down in a chair where he died within a few minutes.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon from the Jefferson Methodist church with Rev. G. R. Stafford, his pastor, and Rev. R. H. Stone officiating. Pall bearers were W. H. and Joe Worth, Ira T. Johnston, W. B. Austin, L. P. Colvard and E. A. Waddell.

Mr. Johnson is survived by his wife, Mrs. Nettie Smith Johnson, and the following children: Carl, Roy, Walter, Joe, Polly and Jack. He was married in 1895 to Miss Lora Miller who with one child preceded him in death. He is also survived by one brother, Charlie Johnson, of Clifton, and three sisters: Mrs. Marianna Birdsall, of Chicago; Mrs. Lula Boyer, of Galax, and Mrs. Carrie Sanders, of Stratford.

The deceased was elected Clerk of the Court in Ashe county in 1914, having served as deputy clerk for 12 years prior to his election. He had also held the position as national bank inspector and as cashier of the Spring Hope bank before taking the cashiership at Jefferson. He is said to have been little short of a genius in figures and was known far and wide for his ability along this line.

Mr. Johnson was born in Alleghany county at Stratford, and was the son of Joseph and Alpha Miller Johnson. He was 62 years old on March 2. He made his home in Jefferson for 32 years. At the time of his death, Mr. Johnson was recording steward at the Jefferson Methodist church. He had served on the board of stewards for ten years.

Spring Term Of Alleghany Court Adjourns Friday

The Spring term of Alleghany Superior court, over which Judge J. Will Pless, of Marion, presided, adjourned Friday morning with the disposal of the civil cases on the docket.

Visiting lawyers in Sparta last week included Lon Folger, Mount Airy; Ira T. Johnston, Jefferson, and Zeb Gambill, West Jefferson.

Several cases were disposed of on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Robert L. Pierce, Cathel Whitaker, and Charles Brown were each given a sentence of four months on a charge of escaping from prison. Woodrow Crews was given six months on a similar charge.

Bert Settle, on a false pretense charge, must pay a fine of \$105.

Finals Program At Low Gap "Hi" To Open Tonight

Rev. J. R. Johnson, Of Mount Airy, And Dr. J. G. Greer, Thomasville, Are To Speak To Graduates

Commencement exercises at Low Gap high school are scheduled to open tonight (Thursday) with the presentation of an operetta, entitled "Golden Locks And The Three Bears," by the elementary students of the school.

On Saturday night, May 18, at eight o'clock, the Senior class play, entitled "For Pete's Sake," is to be presented.

Rev. J. R. Johnson, pastor of the First Baptist church of Mount Airy, is to deliver the commencement sermon on Sunday afternoon, May 19, at three o'clock. The Rev. Mr. Johnson is well known in the section in which the Low Gap school is situated, he having been, for several years prior to the late summer of 1933, pastor of the Galax Baptist church.

Recitation and declamation contests will be held on Monday night, May 20, the contests to be followed by the grammar grade graduation exercises.

Graduation exercises for the high school department will be held on Wednesday night, May 22, at eight o'clock, and at this time Dr. J. G. Greer, Superintendent of the Mills home, Thomasville, is to deliver the commencement address to the graduates.

MAN SHOTS WIFE AT HOME NEAR FURCHES SAT. NIGHT

During an altercation Saturday night, Frank Boone, who lives near Furches, shot his wife with a shotgun, the shot entering Mrs. Boone's shoulder and arm without seriously wounding her. The shooting took place in the bedroom and part of the load of the shot entered the headboard of the bed. Following the shooting, Boone fled and has not yet been apprehended.

N. C. GETS \$1,882,825 FOR MAY RELIEF WORK

Raleigh, May 14.—North Carolina has received a total of \$1,882,825 from the federal government for May relief work. Of that sum \$80,000 was earmarked for educational work; \$16,000 for transient relief; \$36,825 for student aid; \$500,000 for rural rehabilitation, and \$1,250,000 for general relief.

Through State Capital Keyholes

By Bess Hinton Silver

GOT THE JUMP—Lieutenant Governor A. H. Graham got the jump on Clyde R. Hoey, the Shelby Democratic giant, in announcing his candidacy for governor. Both hopefuls had announced that they would tell the dear public of their intentions after the general assembly adjourned but "Sandy" Graham made it almost "immediately if not sooner," in announcing while the legislature was marking time in order that bills might be ratified. If Mr. Hoey hasn't spoken when you read this you may expect to hear from him ere long, and a good political time will be had by one and all.

NEW THREAT—A lot of people around Raleigh and elsewhere are hoping that they can persuade Senator Carl L. Bailey, of Washington county, to run for lieutenant governor. Already numerous candidates have been mentioned with Senator Paul D. Grady, of Johnston, and former Senator George McNeill as the go-getters of the campaign so far. Senator W. G. Clark may take the boys on but it is rumored along the old grapevine that he might withdraw if a triple threat to Grady can be found. Some of the wise boys think Bailey is the man. The senator from Washington has a good legislative record to lean upon if he should decide to run.

UNPOPULAR—Senator U. L. Spence, of Moore, went home from the legislature much less popular than when he came to Raleigh for the simple reason that

Diplomas Awarded To 32 Sparta "Hi" Graduates May 13

Ira T. Johnston, Jefferson, Is Speaker At Graduation Exercises. Successful Term Is Brought To Close

Graduation exercises for Sparta high school were held on Monday night, May 13, at which time diplomas were presented to thirty-two Seniors, who had finished the prescribed four-year high school course of study.

Ernest Honaker, president of the Senior class, presented those who participated in the class program. Those presented were Miss Virginia Osborne, Salutatorian; Miss Mattie Lou Edwards, Historian; Everett Richardson, Prophet, and Leo Irwin, Vaedictorian. The Vaedictory address was followed by a piano solo rendered by Miss Mary Cecil Higgins.

R. Floyd Crouse, Sparta lawyer, then introduced the main speaker of the occasion, Ira T. Johnstone, of Jefferson, who delivered a most entertaining and inspiring address to the graduates. After Mr. Johnston's address, Charles R. Roe, principal of the school, awarded diplomas to the following graduates: Dorothy Andrews, Mildred Black, Sadie Crouse, Edith Douglas, Ora Duncan, Jessie Edwards, Mattie Lou Edwards, Ora Goodman, Myrtle Harris, Pauline Hash, Jennie Hines, Ruth Hines, Marie Jones, Elizabeth Jones, Bertie Mathis, Virginia Osborne, Wanda Reeves, Ruth Richardson, Edna Walls, Ruby York, Reece Billings, Connie Cheek, Ernest Honaker, Charlie Hash, Leo Irwin, Gwyn Musgrove, Ivan Musgrove, Everett Richardson, Hobart Royall, Claude Sexton, Lyle Smith and Fred Williams.

Gifts were presented to various members of the Senior class, and other deserving students by John M. Cheek, Superintendent of Alleghany county schools. The girls' reading medal, donated by the Bank of Sparta and the B. & T. Drug store, was won by Cleo Jones, and the Herff-Jones scholarship medal was awarded to Leo Irwin, vaedictorian of the graduating class. At this time Superintendent Cheek stated that the vaedictorian had a perfect school attendance record for eleven years, and that he had also been on the honor roll throughout the eleven school years.

Commencement exercises got under way Friday night, May 10, (continued on back page)

To Hold Sheepmen's Meeting In Sparta On Sat., May 18

Wool prices are starting off much lower than last year, according to R. E. Black, Alleghany county farm agent, but "prospects are good for the price to get better," said Mr. Black, "if the farmers will hold together for a little while. The pooled wool has always brought a better price than wool sold in small quantities."

A meeting is to be held at the courthouse in Sparta on Saturday, May 18, for the purpose of getting the farmers organized to sell their wool and lambs this year. Mr. Black desires that every sheep raiser in the county be present, and he especially wants every township in the county to be represented.

Doughton Decision Brings Flood Of Letters To Office

Communications Express Both Disappointment And Gratification That He Will Not Run For Governor

Washington, May 14.—Letters expressing gratification and disappointment continue to pour into the office of Congressman R. L. Doughton in connection with his recent decision not to be a candidate for the gubernatorial nomination in the 1936 primaries. A large majority of the letters coming from the Ninth Congressional District—which he has represented for a quarter of a century—congratulate Mr. Doughton on his long and remarkable career in Congress and express gratification that he did not enter the race for Governor.

Letters coming from other sections of the state outside of Mr. Doughton's district, almost without exception, express keen disappointment that the Congressman did not toss his hat into the ring.

Editorial comment, appearing in practically all state papers, dailies and weeklies, briefly summarized, indicates:

1. That as Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, Mr. Doughton is in a position to be of as much service to the State as that of Governor.

2. That it would be a distinct loss to the state and nation should he relinquish the post as Chairman of the most powerful committee in Congress.

3. That the Ninth District especially would be reluctant to give him up as their Representative, following his long and illustrious career in Congress. Certainly no man in the public life of North Carolina in recent years has received so much favorable comment and attention as Congressman Doughton. And it can be truthfully said that no one could be more grateful for the very generous and almost superlative commendation and praise of his record of service than is Mr. Doughton.

Patman Bonus Bill Is Still Held In Senate

Washington, May 14.—Carefully seeking to avoid any move that might catch them unprepared, Senate supporters of the Patman inflationary soldier bonus bill delayed sending the measure to the White House today where a veto awaits it.

Fearful lest President Roosevelt veto the bill and return it to Congress while Patman bloc members were absent, bonus advocates decided to hold it up for several days.

Hoey Enters Race For Governor Of North Carolina

"Silver-Tongued" Orator Of Shelby Says He Is In Favor Of More Adequate Pay For School Teachers

ISSUES STATEMENT

Says, If Elected, He Will Treat People Of State As His Only Client. To Be A Candidate In Own Right

Shelby, May 14.—Announcement was made today of the candidacy of Clyde R. Hoey, of this city, "silver-tongued" North Carolina orator and prominent in legal and political circles for many years, for the governorship of North Carolina in the Democratic primary to be held in 1936.

His interest in childhood and youth and in adequate educational facilities for all children of the state was given by Mr. Hoey in a statement issued along with the announcement of his candidacy, as one of his principal reasons for seeking the office. He declares he favors more adequate compensation for school teachers and salary and wage classes generally.

Pledging that if elected he would seek to render real service to the people of the state the candidate states that if he is elected governor he will treat the people of North Carolina as his only client and promises to "dedicate myself wholly and unreservedly to their service."

His statement in full follows: "I have decided to become a candidate for governor of North Carolina in the Democratic primary next year.

"Frankly, I have no purely personal ambition to hold public office, not even to be governor. However, I am tremendously interested in childhood and youth, in adequate educational facilities for all the children of the state. In fostering higher education, in having the state meet the challenging demand to do something constructive and permanent in translating the tenant classes into home owners and to more equitably compensate the school teachers and the salary and wage classes generally, and to make more secure their future, and to provide for the reasonable necessities of old age among all the people.

"I feel an abiding interest in public affairs. I recognize the obligation of the citizen to share the responsibility of government and to actively participate in every movement which promises fuller opportunities for the masses of our people. The passion of a free people should be for the maintenance of a just government, and the state and nation should strive steadily toward that goal, with a definite purpose to deal fairly with every interest, great or small, and to approach the solution of the complex problems of government in this new day with an open mind.

"The movement inaugurated by Aycock in the beginning of this century to build a balanced commonwealth should be courageously carried forward and it will re-

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- 14—First Japanese Embassy reaches the United States, 1860.
- 15—Revised Version Bible published in London and New York, 1885.
- 16—Indians massacre British, Sandusky, Ohio, 1763.
- 17—Richard French is first to patent a Reaper, 1801.
- 18—Hague Peace Tribunal dies for first time, 1899.
- 19—Samuel G. Blythe, political writer, born, 1868.
- 20—Christopher Columbus dies at Valladolid, 1506.

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