

SUPREME COURT SPEAKS

Even now it is too early to determine how far-reaching were the opinions handed down by the United States Supreme Court on the NRA, the Frazier-Lemke act and the removal of William E. Humphrey as Federal Trade Commissioner. To say that they astounded the capital is the fact. Confusion for a while followed, with most of the chaos caused by the NRA opinion. Not only were government officials and employees dazed but Congress, labor and business wondered where they were.

IT'S VOICE UNANIMOUS

The fact that each of these decisions was by the unanimous verdict of the court is fortunate. No five-to-four rulings would have definitely delineated the respective rights and powers of Congress and the Chief Executive or placed any effective check upon future events. As it is one must recognize that the Court has spoken the last word as to constitutionality, leaving to the public, through its legislative powers the right to initiate new legislation that might serve the national needs.

In the Schechter case the learned judges held that Congress went too far in delegating legislative power to the President when it gave him the right to sign and promulgate codes and that its attempt to regulate intrastate transactions which affect interstate commerce only indirectly was beyond the powers of the Federal government. Every reader understands that the Court simply applied the United States Constitution, which provides that Congress shall legislate and limits its control to commerce between citizens of different States, leaving to each commonwealth the regulation of its own commerce.

CAN NRA BE RESUSCITATED?

Conflict of opinion as to whether new enactments can accomplish what the invalid statute attempted makes the next step uncertain but wise statesmanship ought to be able to evolve constitutional measures to save what is good in NRA, such as the effort to eliminate sweatshops, abolish child labor and unfair competitive practices and the establishment of fair standards of wages and hours of work. Perhaps the key is to be found in legislation that, while delegating certain powers to the executive, will at the same time, lay down definite rules for his guidance and directions, thus avoiding the "unfettered discretion" that the Court referred to. So far as interstate commerce is concerned we merely observe that the Court has been, in the past, exceedingly liberal defining this phrase as any one will observe by reading the various cases involving the efforts of municipalities to restrict the activity of peddlers and house to house salesmen.

While the decision will not take effect for about ten days all enforcement of codes was suspended and the NRA set-up wondered what will happen to the 4,500 employees and the 757 codes, administered by code authorities, and business representatives, not to mention some collateral agencies. The future of AAA, the farmers' relief measure, was also thought to be involved and action on amendments was suspended in both houses until the matter could be studied. Meanwhile, Gen. Hugh S. Johnson, first NRA administrator, remarking that he expected such a decision, said that he thought it would be possible to write a constitutional act preserving the principles of NRA.

TWO YEARS OF ILLEGALITY

Going back a bit one should recall that for two years NRA has functioned, imposing codes and penalties. For twenty-four months it has been the law of the land, nevertheless subject to the final decision of the Supreme Court, which was sought on a case involving the slaughter of chickens. Why should a law be permitted to go into effect, to work benefits on some and hardships on others, and involve the entire population, without its unconstitutionality being asserted by the Court? This reform, it seems, would not work any great burden upon the justices, who have what is virtually a second veto upon legislation. The President must veto any act within ten days and there is no reason in common sense why the Supreme Court cannot do likewise.

FRAZIER-LEMKE ACT VOID

The decision of the court in holding the Frazier-Lemke act invalid was not very surprising in

Stop-Gap NRA Extension Is Proposed Tues.

Roosevelt Gives His Plans For A Codeless Set-up As Substitute In Wake Of Court Ruling

OFFICE IS CROWDED

Refuses To Answer Questions Regarding Possible Efforts To Amend Constitution

Washington, June 4.—Apparently determined to have the nation decide on the business-control issues raised by the supreme court, President Roosevelt today proposed a fragmentary, stop-gap extension of the NRA.

Announcing that an agreement had been won from Democratic congressional leaders on the proposal, the president outlined plans for a codeless, "skeleton organization" that would keep business statistics and require that government contractors live up to minimum wage and maximum hour standards.

Mr. Roosevelt emphasized throughout a round of extraordinary conferences with cabinet, and Senate and House leaders that this projected shadow of the old blue eagle machine would not seek to enforce the working conditions or fair trade practices that existed under the code structure abolished by the supreme court's decision of Monday before last.

Indicating that the administration would seek to prove that conditions under the old NRA were better than would have existed without it, Mr. Roosevelt disclosed that one of the duties of the fragmentary NRA would be to list in parallel comparative columns statistics on industrial operations with and without the codes.

To newsmen who jammed every inch of his office late in the day, Mr. Roosevelt noted that the national labor relations board and subordinate boards for settling labor disputes had been abolished by the court's decision. Quickly he gave inferential approval to the Wagner labor disputes bill.

Also to meet the problem created by the lapse of 7-A—the labor section of the NRA act—he called for a \$600,000 appropriation to "enable the secretary of labor to conduct additional mediation and conciliation activities and thus take over a small portion of the work of the boards which are abolished."

Mr. Roosevelt, apparently in

Thompson Succeeds Cheek As Supt. Of Alleghany Schools

An appointment of great local interest was made at the meeting of the Alleghany county Board of Commissioners held here Monday, when Clay Thompson was named to succeed John M. Cheek as Superintendent of Alleghany county schools.

Mr. Cheek has served the county in this capacity very satisfactorily, as is attested by the number of years he held the office.

He is succeeded, it has been said since the appointment, by one who is also well prepared to administer the affairs of the county school system. Mr. Thompson, the son of C. C. Thompson, Glade Valley, was educated at Davidson college, and for the past three years, has taught in Glade Valley high school.

At the meeting of the commissioners held Monday, an unusual amount of business was transacted, and aside from the usual routine of "first Monday" business matters, several important decisions were made.

GRAYSON COURT TERM IS POSTPONED UNTIL JUNE 11

Grayson county (Va.) circuit court was to have convened Monday of this week in Independence for the June term, but, due to the illness of Judge Horace Sutherland, Galax, the opening has been postponed until Tuesday, June 11.

The outstanding case expected to be heard at this term is that of Willie Davis, who is charged with the murder of James Blevins, near Whitetop, in March.

Couldn't Be Red



CHICAGO . . . Above is Miss Lucille Norton whose uncle, C. E. Walgreen, took her out of the University of Chicago, claiming the university leaned toward communism in teaching. A state senate committee was named to investigate.

Governorship To Be Sought By Sales Tax Foes

Dr. Burrus, High Point, Or Dr. McDonald, Expected To Announce For State's Highest Office Soon

Charlotte, June 4.—Merchants, labor and teachers united their front here this afternoon at the closing session of the North Carolina Merchants Association with the determination to bring out an anti-sales tax gubernatorial ticket and blast the power of Governor Ehringhaus in the state.

Either Dr. John T. Burrus, of High Point, or Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, bitter enemy of the sales tax, will announce himself for Governor in the near future on the anti-sales tax ticket. Another enemy of the sales tax, Representative W. L. Lumpkin, who stood in the legislature with McDonald, will be the candidate for lieutenant governor.

These plans were formed here late this afternoon at a conference between anti-sales tax leaders in the General Assembly, merchants, representatives of teachers and by labor leaders; headed

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Former Sparta Child Struck By Automobile In Va.

The news story which follows is reprinted from the May 20 issue of the Richmond (Va.) Times-Dispatch, under a Hopewell, Va., date line. Mr. and Mrs. Brooks, parents of the injured child, recently moved to Hopewell from Sparta.—Editor.

Hopewell, May 19. — Louis Brooks, six-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Brooks, of Chesterfield county, was seriously injured about his head at 4:15 p. m. today when struck by an automobile on the Hopewell-Richmond highway, two miles from the Appomattox River bridge.

The child was brought to the Hopewell Community Hospital in a semi-conscious condition and an X-ray will be made Monday to determine the extent of his injuries. It is feared that he has a fractured skull.

Desk Sergeant Clyde H. Scott and Officer J. M. Renn, of the local police force, who investigated the accident, reported that the Brooks child was playing with another small child in the yard of his home and ran out into the highway and hit the right rear fender of an automobile operated by Willie Stultz, of 647 South Jefferson Street, Petersburg. The machine was owned by Charles Fowles, of 600 South Sycamore Street, Petersburg.

The injured boy and his parents were brought to the Hopewell hospital by Mr. Stultz.

Later reports indicated that the child was much improved at the hospital.

SERVICES TO BE HELD AT CRANBERRY CHURCH

There will be preaching at Cranberry church on the third Saturday and Sunday in June. A number of elders are expected to be present and take part in the services.

European Trend May Be Issue In 1936, Hoover Says

Former President Visits Ex-Gov. Lowden, Of Ill., On Way To N. Y. Will Return To Ill. Next Week

Chicago, June 4.—Herbert Hoover predicted today that a major issue of the 1936 presidential campaign will be based on what he termed a trend of the Roosevelt administration toward "a European form of government."

His prediction came a few hours after a conference with former Governor Frank O. Lowden, of Illinois, at whose Oregon (Ill.) farm home the former president was a guest last night. Lowden has been invited to guide delegates in forming a farm policy at the forthcoming "grassroots" convention of Midwest Republicans at Springfield. There have been reports that he would become the spearhead of the G. O. P. presidential drive.

It was reported that the Hoover-Lowden conference agreed the 1936 campaign would be fought on "proposed changes in our national form of government."

Mr. Hoover, on his way to New York by automobile from Des Moines, Iowa, where Drake University awarded him an honorary degree of doctor of laws, said he had discussed the political situation with Lowden.

"Our discussion," he said, "centered around the effects on the future America of administration proposals to change to a European form of government in this country."

"That question, in my opinion, will be the issue of the 1936 campaign."

Hoover said he and Lowden discussed the "grass roots" convention, which opens Monday, "somewhat briefly."

Although he will return to Illinois next week on his way back to his home at Pala Alto, Calif., Mr. Hoover said he would not attend the convention.

Through State Capital Keyholes

By Bess Hinton Silver

AMUSING

—Along about this time of the year preceding State-wide primaries, candidates for the big posts begin to visit Washington to ascertain how they stand with the boys from the home State who have proved their vote-getting ability. So far, not a single one has returned discouraged. The lads who get to Congress must be good at politics and must be better to stay there. They know better than to give office-seekers the impression that his congressman is not his friend. It's the old army game of science and skill but it still works.

SCRAPPING

—North Carolina power industries are going after the Rayburn bill, now in the United States Senate, out in the open. Some of the companies are running advertisements in the State newspapers giving the public their side of the case. Privately some power officials express the opinion that there is so much of the undesirable in the measure to put unprecedented control of local business in the hands of the Federal Power Commission that the public can be trusted to decide against the Rayburn bill. Be that as it may, Tar Heel members of Congress have reported that their mail has been filled with protests against the power control bill.

IN THE MAKING

—It now appears that Wrightsville Beach, near Wilmington, may be given a new lease on life by the building of a bridge to the island and constructing a road on the sound side beyond the center of public attraction. New Hanover

Letter Carriers Hold Annual Meet Near Twin Oaks

Alleghany Organization Members Gather At Home Of Mr. And Mrs. Reeves. Honor Guests Present

The Alleghany county unit of the North Carolina Rural Letter Carriers association held its annual county convention on Thursday, May 30, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lon Mac Reeves near Twin Oaks. A banquet for the occasion was sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Reeves and Mr. and Mrs. Vance Choate.

The Alleghany unit was organized in 1928 with a 100% membership, and has retained a 100% membership ever since its formation.

At the recent meeting the same officers were reelected for their fourth terms, as follows: Carl Irwin, president; Lon Mac Reeves, vice president; and Glenn Taylor, secretary and treasurer.

The Ladies auxiliary was organized in 1931 with a 100% membership, which has been retained thus far. Old officers were reelected for the auxiliary as follows: Mrs. Carl Irwin, president, and Mrs. Edd Pugh, secretary and treasurer. All members of the unit were present at the meeting, and 9 of the 10 members of the ladies auxiliary were in attendance. Mrs. Mack Woodie was the absent member.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Gentry, Independence, were present as guests of honor. Mr. Gentry, after having served as a rural carrier out from the Independence office for 30 years, is to retire from service on June 30. He has been, and remains, it is said, a life-long friend of the association, and has played an important part in holding the memberships in Grayson, Alleghany and adjoining counties.

Robert Pugh, Greensboro, a railway mail clerk between Greensboro and Charlotte, and Mrs. Pugh and son were also present at the meeting.

ELDER THOMPSON TO DELIVER SERMONS.

Elder Everett Thompson is to deliver a sermon at Cranberry church on Tuesday, June 11, and also one at Antioch church, on Wednesday, June 12, both at eleven o'clock.

NEUTRAL?

—As things are now snapping up it appears the Ehringhaus administration will be neutral in the coming gubernatorial primary. In 1932 charges were hurled that the Gardner forces favored Ehringhaus over his opponent, R. T. Fountain. This time Lieutenant Governor A. H. Graham and Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, brother-in-law of former Governor Gardner, are considered the chief contenders for the red leather chair and the Mansion on Blount Street in Raleigh, but so far there has been no indication that the present Governor desires to play favorites. In fact, different key men in the Ehringhaus organization are favoring first one and then the other of the two big-shot candidates.

NO SHOCK-ABSORBER

—Native living along former county dirt roads have gone along uncompromisingly paying their gasoline tax of six cents on the gallon. They were content under

Fights For Seat



WASHINGTON . . . U. S. Senator-elect Rush D. Holt (above), of West Virginia will be 30 years old on June 19th, at which time he hopes to be seated. He has occupied a seat during this session of congress but could not vote. If seated he will be the youngest U. S. Senator.

Petition For Error Writ In Delp Case Filed

Defense Lawyer Files Application With High Court In Wytheville. Bausell Cases On Docket

A petition asking for a writ of error in the case of the Commonwealth of Virginia against Howard Delp, charged with the murder of Chief of Police Posey Martin, of Galax, last February 21, was filed in the office of the clerk of the supreme court of appeals at Wytheville Tuesday. The petition was filed by Stuart B. Campbell, of Wytheville, attorney for Delp.

Delp was convicted in the circuit court of Grayson county (Va.) of the murder of the Galax police officer in March and was sentenced by Judge Horace Sutherland, Galax, to die in the electric chair on Friday, June 28.

Commonwealth's Attorney H. P. Burnett, of Grayson county, has until Monday, June 10, to answer the petition. After the answer is filed, the petition for the writ of error will be formally presented to the court of appeals. Mr. Campbell has indicated that he will ask to be

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Methodist Dist. Conference Is Well Attended

Record crowds attended the Mount Airy District Conference held in Salem Methodist Church near Mount Airy, Wednesday and Thursday of last week, and reports from all over the district showed a financial record of 42 per cent of salaries and benevolences paid to date which is perhaps the highest percentage ever paid at this season of the year.

The pastors of the thirty churches in the district were present and 120 delegates were registered and the church schools, colleges, papers and orphanages were represented. In all the attendance reached about 800.

An excellent dinner was served on the church lawn Thursday to all who attended.

Rev. A. C. Gibbs, presiding elder of the district, was in charge. Dr. A. W. Pyle, of Greensboro, represented the Christian Advocate. Supt. O. V. Woosley, of the Children's Home, Winston-Salem, was present with a singing class from the home.

A touching tribute was paid to the late Rev. J. S. Stanbury, of Boone, who for years attended these district meetings, and his son, Rev. Walter Stanbury, pastor of the West Market Street Church, of Greensboro, was present.

Work Expected To Begin Soon On Scenic Parkway

Bids For Construction Of Section Between Low Gap And Roaring Gap To Be Opened On June 12

HOPES ARE REVIVED

Status Of Right-Of-Way Situation For 12 Miles Somewhat Clarified By Exchange Of Messages

Washington, June 4.—An announcement made here Saturday by the Bureau of Public Roads indicates that construction on the sixteen-million dollar parkway connecting the Great Smoky Mountain and Shenandoah National parks is soon to pass from the realm of hopes into one of actuality.

The bureau announced that it was advertising for bids on a section of parkway between Low Gap, Va., and the vicinity of Roaring Gap, in North Carolina. Bids are to be opened at Roanoke, Va., on June 12 and contract will be awarded.

After this is done dirt will soon be flying and the parkway, it is said, will be forever nailed down for North Carolina. While this was accomplished several months ago when Secretary of Interior Ickes located the parkway along the North Carolina border, those interested in the project have said they would feel better when the dirt actually began to fly and there was no possible chance for the plans to be changed.

The stretch of parkway on which bids will be asked is for only 12 miles, but contracts for other sections are expected to be let in rapid order.

An exchange of telegrams and telephone messages today between federal and state officials clarified to some extent the status of the right-of-way for the 12-mile stretch to be let to contract between Low Gap and Roaring Gap.

With a general desire on the part of those interested in the parkway to get a portion of the parkway under contract for construction before the old PWA law expires, June 16, every effort is being made to make right-of-way adjustments so as to receive bids on June 12.

Unless the contract is let on the 12-mile stretch by June 16 a new PWA allocation will have

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Family Reunion Held Sunday At Weaver Home

A family reunion was held on Sunday, June 2, at the home of W. H. Weaver, in the Mt. Zion community, near Piney Creek.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Weaver, Mrs. Delia Weaver, Rev. John Weaver, of Kentucky, Nathan Weaver, Egerton, W. Va., Hobert Weaver, Stratford, George Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. George McMillan, Crumpler, Mrs. Florence Cliborn, of Kentucky, Allie and Martha Weaver and H. Clay Smith.

All present seemed to enjoy the occasion.

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BUT IF THEY DIDN'T HAVE WHAT YOU WANT WHY DID YOU BUY ALL THAT STUFF?

"We cannot always oblige, but we can always speak obligingly."

JUNE

4—British peace-seeking delegates arrive in U. S., 1918.

5—9,584,000 men register under U. S. draft law, 1917.

6—Last volunteer troops leave the Philippines, 1901.

7—First patent on bicycle tire is issued, 1892.

8—Hall of New York makes first ice cream in U. S., 1788.

9—"Tipperary" was the song hit, published, 1912.

10—Tripoli declares war against United States, 1801.