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**SCORES SHIPBUILDERS**  
That some private shipbuilders "are certainly not above suspicion of willingness to wave the flag or circulate war scares in the plain and simple interests of their own pocketbooks" is the conclusion of the Senate Munitions Committee, which says that their record, since 1927, "has not been an entirely pleasant and wholesome story." This just about summarizes the situation, but it comes as no surprise to those who have kept up with the revelations before the committee. That ships built in private yards cost several million more than those constructed in navy yards caused the senators to criticize the Navy Department for not having some "yardstick" with which to accurately measure the difference in cost.

**MITCHELL CHARGES FLOP**  
The charges of Ewing Y. Mitchell, aired before a Senate committee, did not amount to as much as one thought because the witness, repeatedly asked to specify the facts to support his contentions, contented himself for the most part with rehashing items uncovered by previous inquiries. If he hoped that Republican members would take up the issue he managed his testimony very badly, time after time straying to alleged derelictions of the Commerce Department prior to the present administration. His audience dwindled as the hearing continued, and the former official reiterated his statement that he had no direct evidence of graft or corruption.

**BUSINESS CONCERNED**  
Business leaders, we are advised, are showing some concern over cancellation of orders, which have developed since the death of NRA, and officials of the new organization fear that a sharp decline in activity may develop. Field agents report much price-cutting and widespread use of "loss leaders" by big and little stores. They also assert that labor standards are being cut. These evils appear in the consumers' goods industries, the service trades and in small establishments generally. In the manufacturing industries labor standards continue to be up to standard. Apparently the cancelled orders come in through anticipation that removal of wage and hour restrictions will mean cheaper prices and that there is no use in holding on to orders placed at prices under the old order.

**NO NEW RECOVERY LAW**  
Just now the idea is that Congress will go home without enacting any new recovery law, but industry will be invited to submit voluntary codes with the understanding that they will not be passed until the future NRA policy is decided upon. The President points out that since the Court decision lawyers have been searching for a substitute law and that once they thought a suitable act could be based on the right of Congress to define "interstate commerce" but that further study revealed difficulties. While the study continues there is not much prospect for immediate success or legislation.

**ICKES DEFENDS THE PWA**  
Secretary Ickes, PWA administrator, issued a vigorous defense of his policies in his recent book, dedicated to President Roosevelt, just as Harry Hopkins seems to be the man of the hour insofar as spending the work relief fund is concerned. Mr. Ickes freely admits that mistakes were made but he insists that he has kept politics out of his organization, which allotted only \$2,500,000,000 and had more than a billion of that tied up by insurmountable legal difficulties. He points out that the prosperity level of public construction exceeded ten billions of dollars annually and his sum was totally inadequate to end all unemployment. He insists that PWA kept an average of 500,000 men at work on construction sites in 1934 and provided jobs, directly and indirectly, for 2,000,000 more.

**THE 1936-LINE DRAWN**  
The general opinion is that the Republicans will put their faith next year in the conservatism of the past, without any effort to attach unto themselves dissatisfied Democrats, and that the Roosevelt strategy is a play to the left, which will line up all those that range from mild liberalism to extreme radicalism. The famous "grass roots" conference was taken as an indication of the attitude of the President in the past two weeks has been ample sign of his policy. This practically means a continuation of the fight of 1932, with new personalities

## President Puts Pressure Behind His Tax Plan

**Doughton And Other Leaders In White House Conference With Chief Executive Today**

### PROGRAM IS ATTACKED

**Alleghany County Congressman Denies That Tax Schedule Has Already Been Drawn**

Washington, July 4.—President Roosevelt put pressure behind his "rich-must-pay" program at a White House conference today, and congressional leaders announced hearings on the measure would start Monday. After talking with Mr. Roosevelt for two hours and a half, Chairman Robert L. Doughton, of the House ways and means committee, indicated nothing definite had been decided on the new rates of taxation.

In general, the President desires higher inheritance and gift taxes, an increase in the higher bracket income taxes and larger levies on corporate earnings. Experts called into consultation were said to favor an increase on upper middle class incomes. Doughton said the message Mr. Roosevelt sent to Congress recently would be the basis of the new taxes.

"He is leaving it up to our judgment what the rates will be," Doughton added. Doughton denied that the tax schedules already had been drawn, but said he expected Treasury experts to have them ready when the full ways and means committee began its hearings. The general estimate of the new revenue to be obtained from the taxes is \$340,000,000 a year. Some members of Congress, notably Chairman Pat Harrison, of the Senate finance committee, contend that figure is too high and that it will be nearer \$100,000,000 annually.

Organized opposition to the new taxes began to appear tonight. The American Liberty League, representing the conservative forces of the country listed nine objections tonight to the new levies:  
"1. They were advanced at this time for political rather than economic reasons.  
"2. They represent a gesture to satisfy radical agitation for a redistribution of wealth.  
"3. The taxing power is invoked for social ends rather than to raise revenue.  
"4. This is not a sincere effort to balance the budget because

## Galax Firemen Now In Midst Of Celebration

The annual Galax firemen's Fourth of July celebration is now in full swing, and large crowds are attending each night, when carnival attractions are being furnished by Bunts Greater Shows. The celebration opened Monday, and Tuesday night a big torchlight parade was held by the firemen, who marched out Main street to the carnival grounds at Felts park. Today (Thursday) the attendance was good, despite the down-pour of rain in the afternoon, which boosted business at the Bingo stand by driving many persons under the canvas seeking shelter. However, the rain stopped and the weather was ideal for the night program, which was attended by a crowd estimated at more than 4,000 persons, who thronged the midway.

The celebration will come to an end Saturday night, July 6. The Galax American Legion Junior Drum and Bugle corps is participating in all the parades of the firemen. **MEMORIAL SERVICES TO BE AT MT. ZION SUNDAY** Memorial services at Mt. Zion cemetery are to be conducted on Sunday, July 7, by Rev. T. J. Houck. Decoration and memorial services Sunday will follow the cleaning of the cemetery, which took place today (Thursday).

## Several From Alleghany Now At A. S. T. C.

The following students from Alleghany county are attending summer school at Appalachian State Teachers college: Misses Biddie Miller, Nancy Miller, Clyde Higgins, Beulah Osborne, Leona Church, Blanche Gambill, Bettie Joines, Annie Sue McMillan, Rachel Halsey, Edna Gentry, Rosalie Hoppers, Mrs. Bessie McMillan, Mrs. Rebecca Choate, Mrs. Edna Perry, and Robert Taylor, C. G. Fender, Emmett Evans, Bryan Taylor, Hugh Choate, Mack F. Parsons, Emerson Warden, and Claude Evans. The faculty of the college entertained the student body last Friday with an ice cream and cake social.

## School Building Program For This County Discussed

**Request Of Board Of Education For PWA Sum Of \$80,000 Includes A New High School Here**

At a joint meeting of the county Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education held on Monday, July 1, the Board of Education made a formal request to the Commissioners to secure a sum of \$80,000 from the Public Works administration for the schools of Alleghany county, the purpose of this request being to put the schools of the county in such condition as to meet the pressing needs of the schools and the State's requirements, so as to avoid the embarrassment of having them condemned. In their present condition, they are greatly in danger.

This money would be used in all the districts of the county in proportion to their needs and pupil enrollment. The plan of expenditure is as follows: A new brick building in the Glade Creek district for the elementary grades, containing five class rooms and an auditorium, at an estimated cost of \$12,000. The same as above for the Whitehead district, located at Laurel Springs. At Sparta, a high school unit, installation of water and sewage systems, repairs on the old building, cost, \$34,000. At Piney Creek, remodeling old building.

## Key Brothers Set New Plane Endurance Mark

Meridian, Miss., July 1.—The longest continuous airplane flight in history ended late today. Two daring young aviators, Fred and Al Key, brought down their plane, the Ole Miss, from the skies through which she had dipped and circled for 27 days without cessation. Their history-making endurance flight topped every record on the books, official and unofficial. At noon today they passed the former sustained flight record, not recognized by the National Aeronautics Association. This time, 647½ hours, was massed by Dale Jackson and Forrest O'Brien five years ago at St. Louis. The Keys passed the official record of 553½ hours, set by John and Kenneth Hunter at Chicago in 1930, last Thursday. The Keys made a perfect landing at 6:05 (c.s.t.). National Guardsmen and police threw a cordon around them to protect them from the hilarious greeting of the crowd of some 18,000 persons. The brothers taxied the Ole Miss to a hangar, where they crawled stiffly out for their first contact with the soil since June 4.

At the hangar they were greeted by their wives and other members of their families. The brothers were rushed away from the field to the Lamar hotel to receive baths, stimulants, massages and other preparations for their first sound sleep in nearly a month. **PEDRATIC CLINIC BEING HELD AT ROARING GAP** Dr. L. J. Butler and Dr. V. D. Offut are holding a Pedratic clinic at the Roaring Gap Baby hospital on Saturday afternoons, having begun on Saturday, June 29. **TIMES A DAY LATE** This issue of THE TIMES is published a day late this week because of the arrangements made to give the entire force a full Fourth of July holiday.



DES MOINES, Ia. . . . Generous rains and abundant sunshine throughout America's food belt, Texas to Minnesota, now indicate bumper crops this year with drought weeks and dust storms of last year forgotten. Photo shows June Caldwell, former Iowa 4-H Club queen, waist deep in a heavily filled wheat field near here.

## Appreciative Letter Written To Doughton

**Spencer Man Says His Recollections Of Alleghany Solon Go Back To Childhood**

Congressman Robert L. Doughton, of Alleghany county, now in Washington attending the current session of Congress, has recently received a letter from James T. Gobbel, Spencer, expressing his admiration of the popular chairman of the powerful House Ways and Means committee, and his appreciation for his long career of services to the people of North Carolina.

The letter written by Mr. Gobbel to Congressman Doughton follows: "My Dear Congressman Doughton: "As a life-long Democrat and resident of your District I wish to express my admiration of your long career in the service of the people of North Carolina. I know that I express the sentiment of the people of our state when I say that your life has been a source of inspiration to all of us in our efforts for self-betterment. Those of us who have been fortunate enough to have known you personally are better citizens and stronger men and women because of our contact with a man of your great ability, character, and understanding of the problems confronting our nation. "My earliest recollection of any man in public life goes back to my childhood when I heard my mother speak of our great Congressman, "Farmer Bob" Doughton. Since then your every action has served to increase the admiration and respect I held for you then. Like thousands of other Tar Heels I was disappointed when you decided not to run for the governorship of our state. However, North Carolina's loss was the Nation's gain. President Roosevelt needs real men like you to help him in his fight for the economic and social recovery of our country.

"In closing, allow me to express my conviction that you will live always in the hearts of North Carolinians as a great patriot and statesman who puts duty to his country above all personal ambitions. Your place in our state and national history is secure for all time. "From a young man who is a better citizen and a stronger Christian because of his contact with you."

**JAMES T. GOBBEL**

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## NEA Puts Force Behind Freedom For Instructors

**Would Allow Teachers To Teach All Sides Of Controversial Questions. Meeting Held In Denver**

Denver, Colo., July 4.—The National Education association put its organized force today behind full freedom for instructors to teach all sides of controversial questions and simultaneously pledged itself to teach that the American government is the best so far designed by men.

Agreement on the explosive subject of "academic freedom" came when distinguished educators cast aside hair splitting differences and joined in a plan to establish an association committee empowered to engage actively in a fight against interference with classroom teachers. The action was considered by many convention delegates to be a victory for educators of liberal tendencies. The conservatives, however, rushed through without opposition the "democracy" resolution with the apparent intention to keep radical educators from employing the academic freedom resolution as authority to advocate Communism, Socialism or any other form of government.

More than 5,000 delegates trooped from the resolutions discussion toward ballot boxes and an evening assembly where Senator Gerald P. Nye asserted enactment of the program against war profits evolved by the munitions inquiry committee would "eliminate at least 75 per cent of the danger of America being called upon to participate in more war." He asked the educators' cooperation.

Miss Agnes Samuelson, of Des Moines, Iowa's state superintendent of schools, was elected president of the association today. She succeeds Dr. Henry Lester Smith, dean of the school of education of the University of Indiana. Miss Samuelson was announced the winner over Dr. Annie C. Woodward, of Somerville, Mass., and Dr. Caroline S. Woodruff, of Castleton, Vermont. R. E. Offenaur, of Lima, Ohio, was reelected treasurer of the association. He defeated W. T. Longshore, of Kansas City. No vote totals were announced.

**TO CLEAN CRAB CREEK CEMETERY ON JULY 26** The cemetery at Crab Creek will be cleaned on Friday, July 26, and all persons who are interested in the care and upkeep of this cemetery are requested to meet at the time mentioned to assist in the work.

**INDEPENDENCE CHOIR TO SING AT LIBERTY** Mr. Barlow, with his choir from Independence, Va., will sing at the service to be held at Liberty church, at Whitehead, on Sunday night, July 7. The public is invited to attend the service and hear these singers.

## Many Lambs Sold Monday At Galax Livestock Sale

At the weekly auction sale held Monday in Felts park at Galax by the Grayson-Carroll Livestock market, top lambs sold for \$7.50 per hundred pounds; top veal calves brought \$7.85 per hundred; top heifers brought \$6.05; top steers sold for \$6.65; top butcher cows, \$5.35, and top butcher bulls, \$5.26 per hundred pounds. A total of 780 lambs was sold at Monday's auction, and also a large amount of stock in all other classes. J. T. Horney, president of the market, who also owns and operates livestock markets at Savannah, Ga., and Columbia, S. C., was present for the sale.

## Liberty Being Attacked, Says Herbert Hoover

**Former President Is Heard By Cheering Crowd At Calif. Fourth Of July Celebration**

Grass Valley, Calif., July 4.—Former President Herbert Hoover warned that liberty is being "questioned and attacked from both home and abroad" in a speech before a cheering Fourth of July crowd today.

America's mission, he declared, speaking under a blazing sun, is "preservation of individual liberty." He called upon all Americans to hold fast to "the fundamentals of the great constitutional charter of our liberties." Again the former president let out no inkling of what part he would play—if any—in the 1936 political drama. He followed generally the same points sounded in other recent addresses.

"Liberty," Mr. Hoover said, speaking from a platform in the town ball park where cars had begun parking hours before his arrival, "is under attack over the entire world. "It has already fallen in countries holding 500,000,000 human beings. Losing confidence in themselves, whole nations have surrendered their liberties to dictators. "It is a time of discouragement and disillusion in which with a sort of slave psychology men would rather be safe than free. And it has turned out they are not safe. Under despotism there is a life of fear and coercion. There is no security of life or property. Speech and opinion, radios, universities and the press are strangled." He said the birth of American independence was significant not only for its political aspects but

## School Trustees Select Teachers At Recent Meeting

T. R. Burgess, W. F. Osborne and R. B. McMillan, school trustees, have announced the names of the teachers elected at a recent meeting held by them for the schools in their district. The selections are as follows: Sparta high school: High School—C. R. Roe, principal; Mrs. C. R. Roe, Mrs. Dalton Warren, Miss Ina Jean Reeves, F. H. Jackson, agricultural teacher, and Herbert Estep. Grammar School—Mrs. Rebecca Choate, Mrs. Bessie McMillan, Misses Grace Crouse, June Crouse, Clyde Higgins and Annie Sue McMillan and B. F. McCann. Tolliver school, Miss Blanche Gambill; Chestnut Grove, Miss Coralie Gambill; Wolf Branch, Silas Nichols and Miss Gertrude Andrews; Pine Swamp, Mrs. Vera Wagoner Edwards; Glade Valley, Mrs. Bruce Wagoner; Cherry Lane, Miss Hazel Burchette; Liberty Knob, Miss Ivalette Taylor; Whitehead, Mrs. Robert Fender and Miss Evelyn Caudill; Airbel-lows, Miss Maribel Caudill; New Hope, Miss Alma Crouse; Irwin Grocery, Emmett Evans, and Elk Creek, Hugh Choate.

## States' Rights Pleas Dominate Talks On Fourth

**Roosevelt Policies Scored And Praised By Politicians In Speeches In Various Sections**

### BLEASE IS HEARD

**Senator Byrd, Va., Is Speaker At Celebration In Washington At Foot Of Washington Monument**

Washington, July 4.—Pleas for the protection of individual liberties and the rights of the states today dominated fourth of July oratory, lending a strong political tinge to the holiday celebration. So worded were the addresses of several headlined speakers of both parties that in some observers read indirect thrusts at the new deal. Others were loaded with loudly-spoken specific denunciations of President Roosevelt's activities. Still others carried his praise.

Leading one wing of the parade, former President Herbert Hoover asserted that "wherever in the world individual liberty has been maintained" the people have been better fed, clothed and housed, happier and more self-respecting.

From the south came a call for safeguarding state rights, with Governor Talmadge, of Georgia, outspoken new deal critic, demanding abandonment of the Roosevelt program "as the only road to recovery." Also from within the Democratic party, Senator Byrd, of Virginia, headlining the capital's own celebration at the foot of the Washington monument, stressed President Washington's views on individual freedom and praised him as "for his day a conservative in thought and judgment."

The holiday found President Roosevelt working quietly in the executive mansion, with a congressional conference on taxes the major item of his program. Later, he worked away upon his ever accumulating correspondence. Washington's celebration, in many respects a counterpart of thousands throughout the nation, consisted of a band concert, the Byrd speech, fireworks and ceremonies in Arlington national cemetery, where Senator Clark (D, Mo.), denounced world-wide armament races as ominously inevitable breeders of war.

From the south, too, came a defense of the president, Senator Russell (D, Ga.), described the chief executive as "a man who did not and will not yield to demagogues." Talk that Mr. Roosevelt is assuming the powers of a dictatorship he denounced as "utter folly." Events following the supreme court's NEA decision, he said were proof that the administration is willing to let the constitution stand.

Cole L. Blease, former U. S. senator and twice governor of South Carolina, denounced the national administration in a Fourth of July address at Forest City, N. C., today for what he

**ALMANAC**

MY HOW ME'S GROWN!

SO BIG HONEST

"A lie is like a snowball; the farther you roll it, the bigger it becomes."

JULY

- 1—Perry starts successful North Pole discovery trip, 1893.
- 2—Spanish Carver's boat sunk by U. S. Navy, 1896.
- 3—"America" first used in public at Boston, 1832.
- 4—New Haven, Connecticut, is pillaged by the British, 1776.
- 5—United States adopts decimal system of coinage, 1785.
- 6—King's College (New Columbia) is opened, 1755.
- 7—John D. Rockefeller, oil king, born 1839.