



#### REPUBLICAN WINS

The election of Charles F. Risk, Republican candidate, to Congress to take the seat formerly held by Judge Frank B. Condon, of the Rhode Island Supreme Court, will be the basis of many a political argument. In 1934, Condon won the seat for the Democrats with a vote of 70,518 against the 49,087 of his Republican opponent. Last week Risk went in by a margin that impressively went over 10,000 votes. The issue was mainly the Washington administration although neither national committee took any active part although Senator Gerry, Democrat, and Senator Metcalf, Republican, left Washington long enough to make campaign speeches for their party candidate.

#### DEMOCRATS SUFFER LOSS

Judge Risk's main attack was leveled at the AAA, alleging that the interests of his state were being sacrificed for the "benefit of other parts of the country." He pointed out that the processing taxes had closed several mills, and that while the Federal government thus collected \$4,458 to the farmers of Rhode Island while the remainder was distributed to Southern and Middle Western farmers. The Democrats countered with reference to public works, relief employment, the HOLC and the benefits of the New Deal. The winner was for paying the bonus immediately while the loser was lukewarm.

#### POLITICAL ARGUMENTS

The election may or may not be of the sentiment in the rest of the nation but it will tend to strengthen the belief of Republicans that the tide is running against the New Deal and the President. It will encourage the party workers and bolster the faith of those who feel certain that victory lies ahead. Leaders are making plans for an aggressive attack and the party headquarters have taken on new activity, with a "radio man" and the publication of a special bulletin to Republican and independent newspapers. Chairman Fletcher says the constitution will be the issue and charges the New Deal is trying to prevent or subvert the document. In addition emphasis will be placed upon socialist experiments, high cost of living, loss of foreign markets, increase of debt and taxes and attacks upon the Supreme Court.

#### CONFIDENT PREDICTIONS

Predictions being in order, inasmuch as the campaign is underway already. James A. Farley, Democratic chieftain, beats the gun by declaring he has no doubt of the result of the 1936 election but he doubted if any Republican thought success was possible for his party. By way of answer Col. Frank Knox, of Chicago, widely known newspaper man, mentioned as a possible candidate, after a visit to former President Hoover predicted that a Republican would take over the Presidency in 1937 on a program opposed to "planned economy." His view was approved by other party leaders.

#### ROOSEVELT TO SPEAK

Meanwhile, with Congress nearing the end of its prolonged session, the President's advisers maintain that he has revealed his hand and that the country can now pass judgment upon his program, which needs only the final decisions of the Supreme Court to become law or useless legislation. Mr. Roosevelt, it is said, is anxious to open his campaign for reelection by stating the issues to the people and this will be done on his trip to the West coast when he will visit fifteen to twenty states. He hopes to stem the current that seems to be drifting against him by vindicating the legislation that he has sponsored dealing with agriculture, regulation of business, reform of banking, social security and labor relations. That he will take the offensive is an easy prediction but exactly how remains to be disclosed.

#### COURT OPINIONS COMING

Undoubtedly, future decisions of the Supreme Court will have some effect upon the issues before the public. That the judicial body will declare some of the New Deal acts unconstitutional is no longer doubted and if enough of them are set aside it may be that the limitations thus placed upon Federal power to deal with special problems will create the paramount issue. The Democrats will, it seems clear, have to stand for a broader interpretation of Federal authority and, equally clear, the Republican will take the other side. The court will yet give its opinion on the processing taxes, the Wagoner Industrial Disputes act, and any social security measures.

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#### TODAY'S THOUGHT

Our doubts are traitors,  
and make us lose the  
good we oft might win  
by fearing to attempt—  
Shakespeare.

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## Roosevelt To Sign Social Security Bill

Considers Measure  
The Most Important  
Legislation Of This  
Session Of Congress

### IS NEW EXPERIMENT

Bill Is Designed To  
Protect Millions Of  
Workers In Old Age  
And Unemployment

Washington, Aug. 13.—President Roosevelt plans to sign into law tomorrow what he considers the most important legislation of the session—the social security program designed to protect millions of workers during old age and times of unemployment.

The measure was scheduled for signing at the White House at 3:30 p. m. There were indications the law would be put into immediate operation by the appointment of the social security board of three members to administer it.

Secretary Perkins discussed the legislation with the president today and later expressed a belief the board would be appointed promptly. She was believed to have consulted with the president about the personnel.

Signing of the bill tomorrow will launch the nation into a new and far-reaching experiment in social reform. It will also write onto the statute books the biggest tax program ever approved by Congress.

Approximately 25,000,000 workers are estimated to be covered by the two major features of the measure, the nation-wide old age pension system and the proposed state unemployment reserve systems.

## Methodists Plan To Heal Slavery Split By Reunion

Evanston, Ill., Aug. 13.—A schism which nearly a century ago split the powerful Methodist Episcopal Church into warring Northern and Southern factions, will be healed by 1944, if a plan offered to church leaders here today is successful.

A reunion of the two groups would make the Methodist Church the strongest Protestant organization in the country, with a membership of about 7,000,000 persons.

The slavery issue, later to plunge the nation into civil war, precipitated the breach 91 years ago.

### LeROY MARTIN CONFERS WITH PWA OFFICIALS

Washington, Aug. 13.—ReLoy Martin, secretary of the North Carolina School Commission, was in Washington today conferring with PWA officials regarding a grant for constructing 1,100 new school buses.

The state has agreed to put up \$550,000 and Martin is seeking a PWA grant for \$450,000. A similar arrangement was entered into under the old PWA fund and these buses are now in use.

### QUAIL TO BE DISCUSSED IN WBT BROADCAST AUGUST 20

Raleigh, Aug. 14.—"How Quail Can Be Made To Pay Taxes On Farm Lands" is the title of an interesting broadcast to be given over the facilities of Station WBT on Tuesday evening, August 20, at 7:45 p. m. This program is one of a series jointly sponsored by the North Carolina Emergency Relief Administration and the State Department of Conservation and Development.

The number of quail in the state will be depleted unless measures are taken for their conservation. In this program to be broadcast a plan will be proposed whereby hunters can help support quail farms, thus assuring a continuing supply, as well as making an equal distribution of the cost, and assuring the farmer a return for providing a refuge.

### TO REORGANIZE RELIEF

Raleigh, Aug. 13.—The state's 29 relief districts will be reorganized soon into eight districts to conform with the WPA set-up.

## Bulk Sales Barred In Liquor Measure Passed By Senate

Washington, Aug. 13.—Ignoring a charge of Majority Leader Joe T. Robinson that a distillers-bottlers combination has given the country "the most beautiful bottles in history and the worst liquor," the Senate voted 59 to 24 today to continue the present bottle sale.

The vote came just before passage of the administration's bill restoring federal control of the liquor industry, which went out the window with the NRA codes. The bill now goes to conference with the House, which voted to permit bulk sales.

The Senate finance committee recommended the elimination of bulk sales, to which the treasury was strongly opposed.

## Hoover Wants New Deal To Explain Plans

Says Nation Has Right To Know What Changes In Constitution Planned By The Administration

Chicago, Aug. 11.—In a statement made today by former President Herbert Hoover, the former chief executive declared "the nation has a right to know before this session of Congress ends what changes this administration proposes in the Constitution."

Breaking a silence on political affairs which he had maintained since departing last week on a business trip to New York city, the Republican leader, during a six-hour stop-over between trains, asserted the Roosevelt administration had by its attitude toward the Constitution created one of the momentous issues since the Civil war.

The administration's acts and utterances since the Supreme Court's decision on the NRA have, Mr. Hoover said, evinced "a continuous intent to change the Constitution directly so as to authorize concentration of power."

"The time has come when these full purposes should be disclosed," Mr. Hoover's statement added.

Passing over questions as to his own political plans and declining comment on the Republican congressional victory in Rhode Island and other recent developments, Mr. Hoover hurried from the northwestern depot this morning to a lakeshore hotel.

His arrival was unnoted at first by the scattered groups of travelers in the station until a photographer began taking his picture. Then a small crowd gathered. As they applauded, the former president, 62 years of age yesterday, smilingly lifted his hat.

At his hotel quarters, he conferred with Arch W. Shaw, of suburban Winnetka, and other personal friends and prepared the statement which constituted his only comment before he boarded a fast afternoon train to continue his trip to New York. Friends said he saw no Republican leaders here.

## Federation Of Labor To Fight Sales Tax Laws

Atlantic City, N. J., Aug. 13.—Abolition of all state sales taxes at the earliest possible moment was urged today by the American Federation of Labor's executive council.

The council instructed William Green, president, to urge affiliated state federations to work for sales tax repeal in states that have such levies at the next meetings of their legislatures.

Every effort to prevent sales tax adoption in states that so far have not enacted any likewise will be urged. "These taxes," Green said, "are bearing down very heavily upon the laboring people. They transfer the burden of relief to the poor—even to the unemployed. Millions of dollars are being collected from people who are unable to pay."

## N. C. WPA Viewed By Hancock As A One-Man Set-Up

Charges That Coan Is Running Office To Build Up Political Machine For Bailey

Washington, Aug. 13.—Resentment in the North Carolina House delegation against the way patronage is being handled by the works progress administration in North Carolina, flared again here today when Representative Frank Hancock issued a statement in which he charged by inference that George W. Coan, Jr., state WPA director, was running his office to build up a political machine for Senator Josiah W. Bailey.

"It is quite apparent," Hancock said, "that the majority of key appointments in the WPA offices in our state are being made upon the expressed recommendations or with the tacit approval of Senator Bailey."

The Fifth North Carolina district representative expressed the opinion that the WPA in North Carolina was a "one-man set-up," but added that "under our political system no one can justly blame a man for using every legitimate means of promoting his own political welfare."

Coan comes from Winston-Salem, which is in Hancock's district. Hancock was not consulted regarding the appointment until it was ready to go through, Senator Bailey, Representative Doughton and S. Clay Williams having engineered it. Hancock then joined in the recommendation, which was essential before Doughton would give his final consent.

Shortly after Coan was appointed, House members began to complain about the lack of consideration in the WPA set-up in the state and off on they have privately expressed resentment over lack of consideration in patronage matters.

Hancock's statement today, however, is the first time a member of the House delegation has publicly linked Senator Bailey with the WPA organization and gone so far as to say a Bailey political machine was in the making. Senator Reynolds has had little to say regarding WPA patronage. His office stated the other day that the junior senator had not been consulted in any way in setting up the state organization.

## Roosevelt Will Speak To Scouts Over Radio Aug. 21

Washington, Aug. 13.—President Franklin D. Roosevelt will be heard over the nation-wide Columbia Broadcasting System and NBC networks on Wednesday, August 21, when he speaks to the Boy Scouts of America from the oval room of the White House. He will talk between 8:45 and 9 p. m., e. s. t.

Scouts throughout the nation will be assembled in special meetings to hear the nation's chief executive speak.

### DRIVERS' LICENSES TO BE AVAILABLE SOON

Raleigh, Aug. 13.—State drivers' licenses will be available to the public about September 1, George G. Scott, director of accounts of the department of revenue, announced today.

One million application blanks for operators' licenses are being printed, he said, and two hundred thousand applications for chauffeur's licenses.

The application blanks will be distributed to the 870 automobile dealers in the state, county clerks of court and other offices where they will be easily accessible to drivers.

### ALLEGHANY MOTOR SALES WINS EXPOSITION TICKETS

News has been received here that Alleghany Motor Sales has won two round-trip tickets to the California Pacific exposition, San Diego, Calif., as prizes offered for making the most sales of Ford automobiles in their territory, in a given period of time.

More details have not been learned.

## Says President Influenced Tax Measure Changes

Hastings Says Bill Is A Roosevelt Measure And Wants Democrats To Make The Most Of It

Washington, Aug. 13.—A direct inference that President Roosevelt influenced the Senate finance committee's sudden reversal on the tax bill was made in a statement tonight by Senator Hastings (R., Del.).

"It is a Roosevelt measure and I want him and the Democratic party to take it and make the most of it," the Delaware Republican added.

In his statement, issued on the eve of formal Senate consideration of the bill with all provisions for boosting taxes on little incomes eliminated, Hastings said he left the city Saturday with the understanding all rates had been agreed upon by the finance committee of which he is a member.

"Senator Barkley (D., Ky.) returns on Monday, after having spent a week-end with the president," Hastings said, "and a meeting is had on Monday at two o'clock and the bill rewritten practically in accordance with the president's desires."

It was Barkley who moved reconsideration of the La Follette amendments, previously approved on Saturday, which lowered personal income tax exemptions from \$2,500 to \$2,000 for married persons and from \$1,000 to \$800 for single persons, and raised surtaxes in the lower as well as the higher bracketed incomes. These amendments were stricken yesterday by an 8 to 7 vote.

"So far as I am concerned," Hastings said, "I am done with it (the bill) except casting my vote upon the various proposals and upon the bill itself."

His statement was issued after Senator La Follette (Prog., Wis.) announced he would reoffer his small-income amendments on the floor for another show down. If they fail of adoption he will offer less drastic alternative proposals.

Democratic leaders expressed confidence meanwhile that all efforts to raise taxes on small incomes, not mentioned in the president's message, would be rejected. They expected debate which begins tomorrow to last the remainder of the week.

All extraneous riders will be met by tabling motions shutting off debate, according to strategy plans mapped out at a meeting of the Democratic steering and policy committees last week.

### Produce Prices

Prices being paid yesterday (Wednesday) by Sparta business houses for produce were as follows:

Eggs, 20 cents; Butter, 12 cents; Ham, 18 cents, Country Bacon, 14 cents; Chickens—old, 13 and 14 cents; fryers, 13 and 14 cents; roosters, 7 cents; Leghorn fryers, 11 cents; Onions, 65 cents per bushel, and Potatoes (No. 1), 50 cents per bushel.

### TEACHERS' CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT JEFFERSON

The annual conference for elementary and high school principals of Alleghany and Ashe counties is to be held at Jefferson on Thursday, August 22, at 9:30 a. m. This meeting, according to W. C. Thompson, Alleghany county superintendent, is very important as it will acquaint teachers with plans and changes for the coming school year.

All principals in the two counties are expected to attend, and all teachers are urged to be present at the conference.

### ISAAC SMITHEY INJURED WHEN THROWN FROM TRUCK

Isaac Smithey, of North Wilkesboro, who has been in Sparta since the beginning of the construction of a store building by his uncle, N. B. Smithey, was thrown from the rear of a pickup truck late Tuesday afternoon. Smithey was thought to have received a fractured skull, and, suffering heavy convulsions, was taken to the North Wilkesboro hospital, where an X-ray revealed no fractured bones.

It is thought he will recover satisfactorily.

## "Vets" Of Spanish War To Get Pension Under New Measure

Washington, Aug. 13.—Pension payments to 50,000 Spanish-American War veterans and their widows will be resumed immediately, as the result of today's eleventh hour executive approval of the veterans' benefit restoration bill.

President Roosevelt signed the measure almost on the deadline of the tenth day since it was sent to the White House, thereby preventing its becoming law by default. Had he failed to act before Congress adjourned for the day, constitutional authorities said, the bill automatically would have been validated.

In signing the measure, which will add \$45,000,000 to the national deficit, Mr. Roosevelt explained that he had not discriminated against World War veterans, whose efforts to collect full premiums on the adjusted service certificates repeatedly have been repulsed by the White House.

## Long's Friends Throw His Hat Into 1936 Race

Hoover Canvasses Political Situation In New York. Moses Boosts Colonel Knox

Washington, Aug. 13.—A side door announcement that Senator Long (D., La.), would run for the presidency in 1936 and talk of a state-wide test of new deal strength in Ohio this fall today centered a widespread series of political developments.

They included: President Roosevelt arranged for a conference tomorrow with Governor Davey, of Ohio, at the latter's request, arousing immediate speculation over the possibility of a special election to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Representative-at-large Truax, (D. Ohio).

Former President Hoover canvassed the political situation with Republican leaders in a series of conferences in New York.

Former Senator George H. Moses, of New Hampshire, said Col. Frank Knox, the Chicago publisher, had more supporters than any other for the Republican presidential nomination.

Long, although refusing to comment on reports by colleagues of his plans to seek the Democratic presidential nomination next year and failing that to run independently, disclosed that he had arranged to speak at the Long family reunion at Lebanon, Pa., the last Saturday in this month.

In quarters close to Long, it was said that he probably would discuss his political plans at that meeting.

## Three California Police Chiefs Are Slain Recently

Sacramento, Calif., Aug. 13.—The third chief of police to be shot down in northern California in recent weeks was killed early Sunday by bullets from a prowler's pistol.

The victim was Erskine G. Fish, 47-year old police chief of North Sacramento. Shot in an exchange of gunfire with two men, he bled to death within 20 minutes.

Muttered talk of lynch law was heard in the streets of the Sacramento suburb a few hours after a suspect was placed in jail.

One man was arrested and booked as George A. Wallace, 27, of Oakland. He was picked up by Deputy Sheriff C. K. Harder, of Sacramento, who had been called to the neighborhood by citizens complaining of prowlers. The deputy sheriff did not learn of the slaying of Chief Fish until he had brought his prisoner to headquarters here.

Other police department heads who have been slain in recent weeks in northern California were F. R. Daw, of Dunsmuir, and Police Chief O'Neil, of Santa Rosa.

## Two Men Killed In Truck Mishap West Of Sparta

Cas Atwood, 40, And Everett Irwin, 36, Are Victims. Gwyn Whitaker Is Struck By Truck

GEORGE IRWIN DRIVER

Funerals At Prathers Creek And Antioch Are Attended By Large Numbers Of People

Two men were killed and two others injured, one seriously, Friday night in a truck accident three miles west of Sparta.

Those killed are Cas Atwood, 40, and Everett Irwin, 36. Both were from Stratford, in Alleghany county. Atwood and Irwin were riding in a light pickup truck, driven by George Irwin, which left the highway, going over an embankment near the Twin Oaks garage, after striking Gwyn Whitaker, Twin Oaks, who was walking along the highway, together with Harlow Pollard and Gwyn Pollard. Whitaker was knocked unconscious and suffered a dislocated ankle and cuts and bruises. George Irwin received severe bruises and minor cuts. Bower Irwin and Roy Evans, who were riding in the back of the pick-up, were uninjured, except that Irwin received a cut on his hand.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday at Prathers Creek for Everett Irwin and was attended by one of the largest crowds ever attending a funeral in Alleghany which attested to the number of friends possessed by the deceased. Services were conducted by Revs. Coy Walker, Lee Hampton, Johnny Tolliver, Joanny Williams and Shelby Atwood. Irwin's survivors were by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Irwin, three brothers, Lester Irwin, Sparta; Wiley Irwin, Stratford, and Lester Irwin, of Maryland, and four sisters, Mrs. Lester Jones, Furches; Mrs. Will Church, Scottville; Mrs. Robert Watson, of Maryland, and Mrs. Mack Watson, High Point.

Interment was in the church cemetery at Prathers Creek.

Funeral services were conducted for Atwood Monday at 11:00 o'clock at Antioch church, also in the presence of a large crowd of people.

Surviving Atwood are his parents, Elder and Mrs. Shelby Atwood, seven sisters, Mrs. Eula Boone, Mrs. Fannie Reeves, Mrs. Merlie Reeves, and Jennie, Besie, Ruth and Ruby Atwood, and one brother, Ben Atwood. Two sisters, Lucy and Verda, are deceased.

Services were conducted by Elder Johnny Williams, Elder J. C. Sparks and Elder Isom Fender.

Interment was in the church cemetery.

### CAMPBELL HEADS VA. BAR

Stuart B. Campbell, prominent attorney of Wytheville, Va., was elected president of the Virginia State Bar association at the recent annual meeting of the organization held at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.

He succeeds C. O'Connor Goolrick, Fredericksburg.

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LISTEN TO  
HERE ANY  
NUTTIN'  
I DON'T  
KNOW!

"He who boasts of his own knowledge proclaims his own ignorance."

AUGUST

13—Manila surrenders to U. S. fleet and army, 1898.

14—John Galsworthy, English novelist, born 1867.

15—Indian massacre at Ft. Dearborn (Chicago), 1812.

16—First Siamese twins shown in U. S. at Boston, 1829.

17—The Sioux Indians go on the war path, 1862.

18—Patent leather invented by Seth Boyden, 1822.

19—U. S. S. Constitution captures the Guerriere, 1812.