

TODAY'S THOUGHT
He that wrestles with us
strengthens our nerves
and sharpens our skill.
Our antagonist is our
helper.—Edmund Burke.

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COURTING THE YOUNG
Political leaders are putting some emphasis on the "young" voter and hence we have the "Young Democrats" and the "Young Republicans" being received with open arms by the hard-boiled veterans and every effort being made by both parties to line up the youth of the land. The average citizen who wonders what it is all about might reflect that, according to the statistics, there will be 9,000,000 new voters next fall and that capture of this bloc is quite understandable to those who want to win.

CANCEL CONCESSION
The furore over the oil concession that the Ethiopian emperor gave out as a last effort to checkmate Mussolini, has died down with announcement of its cancellation by the American holders of the grant. Earlier it had been apparent that the United States government was not going to do anything particular to protect the rights of its citizens under the document. Secretary Hull, after a few days thinking, made it perfectly plain that the newly signed document would not affect the policy of the nation.

EMPLOYES INCREASE
The employees of the Federal government have increased from 560,000 when President Roosevelt assumed office to 729,769, of which 450,000 are under civil service. This number does not include, of course, the Army or the Navy, the CCC workers, the men on employment relief or the farmers who receive benefit payments. Breaking up the number of employees we find that the Postoffice department has 259,454, the War Department 66,722, and other agencies string along to bring up the total. The AAA has 6,379 and the Department of Agriculture 37,621. The Resettlement administration lists 9,949 and the TVA some 17,162. The total number of civil executive employees is only 12,500 below the peak figure reached during the World War.

A billion and a quarter dollars of Liberty Bonds, the last outstanding of the enormous war issues, have been called for October 15th and at the same time the Treasury seeks \$500,000,000 to add to its working balance. This will bring the national debt to \$29,500,000,000, an all-time high. However, due to refunding operations of the Treasury, which obtained lower interest rates, the government will save about \$100,000,000 a year in interest on the eight billion dollars of Liberty bonds that have been converted. Incidentally the government's working balance is only about \$1,200,000,000 with about one-third set aside to retire bank notes.

GOVERNMENT FINANCING
Critics of the administration point to the recent failure of the government to sell all of the \$100,000,000 of Farm Mortgage bonds at 1-1/2 per cent as a warning that there is a limit to the credit of the country. Others see nothing to it, pointing out that the low interest rate had to compete in an improving market and that failure of the public to subscribe to the full amount offered merely indicated that funds were finding other satisfactory investment areas. Also, one hears that Secretary Morgenthau is now ranged among those who seek an early balance of the national budget and George Creel, well known writer, says Treasury experts see this goal attained by 1939. However, President Roosevelt declared, when questioned, that he hadn't read the forecast and besides he didn't know who'd be President in 1939!

MANY POWER PROJECTS
A survey of power projects underway in the United States, made for the purpose of checking activity along this line, reveals twenty State and Federal developments that will cost \$630,350,000 when completed. Included in the list is the Boulder dam, a \$165,000,000 project now virtually completed. It was started long before the Roosevelt administration. However, the TVA is rapidly completing its three dams to cost \$94,000,000. The Missouri river development centering around Fort Peck, in Montana, to be completed in 1937, will cost \$84,000,000; the Grand Coulee project, on the Columbia river, also to be finished in 1937, will take \$68,000,000 and the Bonneville dam, also on the Columbia river, is to be completed in 1936 at a cost of \$55,000,000. Besides the twenty under construction there are numerous projects, either

Col. Roosevelt Scores Policies Of Distant Cousin

Says Relative In The White House Is Leading The United States Toward Communism Or Socialism

RISK IS ALSO HEARD

Son Of First Roosevelt White House Occupant Speaks To New England Young Republicans

Portsmouth, N. H., Sept. 10.—In a withering blast at new deal policies Saturday night, Col. Theodore Roosevelt charged that his distinguished and distant cousin, President Roosevelt, has "deliberately set about communizing or socializing the United States along the lines followed in Russia, Germany or Italy."

The occasion for his remarks was a week-end conference of the New England Young Republicans, at which Congressman-elect Charles F. Risk, of Rhode Island; former U. S. Senator George H. Moses, of New Hampshire, and Governor H. Styles Bridges, of New Hampshire, also spoke. Two weeks after the President had addressed the nation's Young Democrats, in a radio broadcast, Colonel Roosevelt told Young Republicans that "any folly of the government today is, if anything, more your concern than that of the older group, for ultimately you will have to pay the piper. It is you, therefore, who should be most deeply concerned with what this government is doing."

He charged that in Washington, "a careful, planned attempt is being made to overthrow our American ideal of government."

"Mr. Roosevelt and his henchmen, Frankfurter, Cohen, Tamm, Clegg, Corcoran, et al., have deliberately set about communizing or socializing the United States along the lines followed in the old countries of Europe such as Russia, Germany or Italy," Colonel Roosevelt said.

The former governor-general of the Philippines charged President Roosevelt with failing to keep his campaign promises, held that the administration has "attacked the roots of our American representative government" and claimed it is "squandering the wealth of the nation . . . retarding recovery . . . mortgaging the future . . . and has thrown hundreds of thousands out of work."

"More wealth has been destroyed by this administration," Colonel Roosevelt said, "than ever has been destroyed in the history of the world in a like period, except by war or pestilence."

Roosevelt May Speak At Legion Meet In St. Louis

Hyde Park, N. Y., Sept. 10.—President Roosevelt seriously considered last night a stop at the American Legion convention in St. Louis late this month on his travel to the Pacific coast in response to an invitation presented to him here today.

The occasion offers opportunity for a discussion by the president of thoughts on the recurring issue for cash payment of the bonus insurance certificates.

Frank Belgrano, national commander of the legion, Colonel Henry Monroe Johnson, assistant secretary of commerce, and a member of the legion executive committee, presented the invitation. They reported the president was giving consideration to it.

The American Legion convention meets from September 23 to 26. The president talks over the air on the night of September 23 in inaugurating the annual mobilization for human needs and probably will start west immediately thereafter, probably from Washington.

FLAGS AT HALF MAST
Washington, Sept. 10.—Flags on the capitol and Senate and House office buildings were at half mast this morning as a sign of mourning for Senator Huey P. Long.

Taken By Death



Senator Huey P. Long (above), who died at 4:10 a. m. Tuesday in Lady Of The Lake hospital, Baton Rouge, La., from a bullet wound inflicted Sunday night in the Louisiana state capital by Dr. C. A. Weiss, Jr., whose body was immediately riddled with bullets by the bodyguard of the "Kingfish."

State To Get Share Of Work Relief Funds

Congressman Doughton, Senator Bailey And Governor Ehringhaus Confer With Hopkins

Washington, Sept. 10.—Representative Doughton, Senator Bailey and Governor Ehringhaus held a conference today with Works Progress Administrator Harry Hopkins, followed by a joint statement in which they said they had been positively assured that North Carolina would receive its full share of the \$4,800,000,000 work-relief fund and "there would be no discrimination as between states for political purposes or otherwise."

This means, according to the statement, that \$70,000,000 in round numbers will go to North Carolina, but just how it will be divided between WPA and PWA is yet to be determined.

The statement cleared State WPA Administrator Baity and State WPA Administrator Coan of any blame for the small amount of money yet allocated to North Carolina.

"Mr. Hopkins stated emphatically," the joint statement read, "that any report to the effect that any projects from the state had suffered by reason of delay was without foundation. On the other hand, he stated that Mr. Baity and Mr. Coan had filed their projects properly and in great number."

The North Carolinians arrived in Washington for their conference looking toward expediting the public works program in their state at a time when the clash between WPA Administrator Hopkins and PWA Administrator Ickes on spending the four-billion dollar work-relief fund was nearing the show-down stage.

Glade Valley High School Has Good Opening

Good attendance marked the opening of Glade Valley high school on Tuesday, September 3. Several new students have entered since the opening of the school.

At the opening exercises, Rev. R. L. Berry, pastor of the Carson Memorial Presbyterian church, Sparta, conducted devotional services, and Superintendent E. B. Eldridge made a short talk on the school and its work.

In an announcement of the faculty made some time ago, J. Howard Collins, Boone, was listed as having been engaged to fill a vacancy in the Science department of the school. However, Mr. Collins has resigned to continue his work with Appalachian State Teachers college, at Boone, and J. H. Ostwalt, Statesville, has been selected to fill the vacancy. Mr. Ostwalt has had considerable experience working with young people in religious fields.

New pupils who have entered

Senator Huey P. Long Dies From Effects Of Assassin's Bullet; State Funeral Thursday

Baton Rouge Eye Specialist Who Fired Fatal Shot Is Immediately Killed By Bodyguard

END COMES IN LADY OF THE LAKE HOSPITAL

Body To Lie In State Under Brown Spire Of Magnificent Louisiana State Capitol He Built

Baton Rouge, La., Sept. 10.—Over the bed of Huey P. Long in Lady Of The Lake hospital here today lights flickered out and with them went the life of the Louisiana Senator. The death of the "Kingfish" occurred at 4:10 a. m. today as the result of a gunshot wound inflicted here Sunday night in front of the governor's office by Dr. C. A. Weiss, Jr., Baton Rouge eye specialist.

Dr. Weiss was a son-in-law of Judge B. H. Pavy, of Opelousas, La., bitter Long foe. One of the bills before the current session of Long's legislature has for its purpose the ouster of Judge Pavy by changing the judicial district from which he is elected. It first was thought this prompted the young doctor to turn killer, but members of the dead man's family today denied emphatically that Dr. Weiss even felt strongly on this subject.

The young doctor spent the afternoon and evening before the assassination attempt and his own prompt slaying on an outing with his family. They swam and played on a river bank, and Dr. Weiss never seemed happier or more carefree, they said.

Long saw the pistol pointed at his stomach a second before it blazed lead through his body, witnesses said, and attempted to seize the weapon. This resulted in the bullet striking him in the side, instead of from in front.

Two shots were fired. The second went wild and struck the thumb of a Long bodyguard, who already had his pistol leveled. The guard, Murphy Roden, grappling with Dr. Weiss, then stepped back and shot him. As the doctor fell, other bodyguards poured 15 bullets into his body.

The body lay on the state house floor, just outside the office of Governor O. K. Allen, an hour, guarded by police.

Long did not collapse immediately. Still on his feet, he said to his companion, James O'Connor, public service commissioner, "I'm shot," as he walked slowly toward O'Connor.

"You're joking," replied unbelieving O'Connor, who had drawn his pistol. Then O'Connor

Union Veterans To Fight Plans For Joint Meet

Grand Rapids, Mich., Sept. 9.—Members of the Grand Army of the Republic, gathered here for their national encampment, settled down tonight for a finish fight on the proposal for a joint convention at Gettysburg in 1938 with the United Confederate Veterans.

Pennsylvania's delegation which would be host to the proposed joint encampment, will meet tomorrow to formulate an expression of policy for the delegation.

James W. Willett, Tama, Iowa, former commander-in-chief, and announced today he would "fight with all my strength" against the plan.

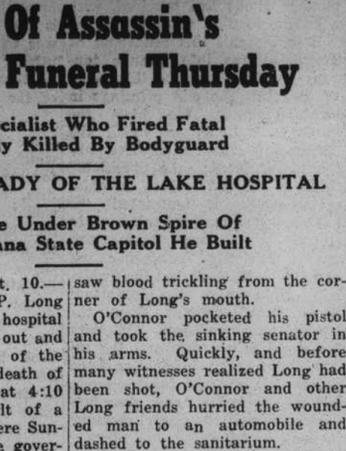
Pelley To Seek Presidency On New Ticket

Asheville, Sept. 9.—William Dudley Pelley, organizer of the now defunct Silver Shirts of America, announced today he would organize a new political party on whose ticket he would oppose Franklin D. Roosevelt for the presidency in 1936.

The new organization will be called the "Christian Party." Pelley informed the public in a circular distributed here today. Its battle cry will be "For Christ and the Constitution."

Pelley, a former New England writer, said his party will advocate free "Americanism" as opposed to the "bolshivism" which has been adopted during the past few years.

Winner In Contest



Duke Bledsoe (above), owner of Alleghany Motor Sales, Sparta, who was recently awarded a trip to the California Pacific exposition, San Diego, Calif., as guest of the Ford Motor company, with all expenses paid. The trip was won in a Ford dealers' contest. He was accompanied by Earl Wagoner, of the same firm, who also won a trip to the exposition.

The state house was in turmoil. House and Senate adjourned immediately. Guards cleared the building of all but officials.

Senator Long died surrounded by the men he had raised to power in his empire of Louisiana. At the foot of his bed his wife—a girl he met when he was a flour salesman and she was a champion cake-baker—held her head in her hands and wept.

Every resource of medical science failed in the attempt to preserve the life that was attacked Sunday night when the assassin's bullet plowed through Long's body. Oxygen tanks were used to the end and the blood of five men—everybody from Lieutenant Governor James Noe to a highway policeman contributing — was pumped into Long's arteries in a vain attempt to revive him.

The end for the turbulent Long came quietly. He was lying in a room on the second floor of Our Lady of the Lake Sanitarium. Only once in the hours just before dawn was he conscious enough to recognize anyone. That was the man who stood at his right hand in all his fights—Governor O. K. Allen.

"Get back, Oscar, and give me some air," Long was reported to have muttered to him while the oxygen tanks hissed gently, pouring life-giving gas into his lungs. The rest was incoherent. Now he would babble about his new book, "My First Days in the White House." Then he would talk of new plans for Louisiana and the nation.

Then again he would whisper and nuns say his last words were a prayer.

The hospital room went black. (continued on back page)

Baby Girl, 23 Months Old, Is Found Prodigy

San Francisco, Sept. 9.—Joan McGlamery, twenty-three-months-old, blue-eyed daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander McGlamery, Saturday had been termed "exceptional if not prodigy" by psychologists at Stanford University, where she demonstrated her baby vocabulary of 450 words, all of which she uses glibly.

The baby's other accomplishments include ability to count to 10, spell her first name, sing "Yankee Doodle," recite correctly numerous nursery rhymes, and do all these untiringly for bewildered scientists who record the evidences of her unique mentality on paper.

State To Wage War On Slot Machines That Are Unlicensed

Raleigh, Sept. 9.—North Carolina's revenue department has declared war for unlicensed slot machines.

After conferring today with several slot machine operators, A. J. Maxwell, state commissioner of revenue, announced that a "drive" will begin on September 20 to force uniform compliance with the law which requires payment of licenses on such machines.

"The law requires not only the payment of a license on each slot machine operated," stated Maxwell, "but that the license in each case shall be attached to the slot machine."

Doughton Family Holds Reunion In Sparta Last Sun.



Home Of Former Lieut. Gov. R. A. Doughton Is Scene Of Gathering. Many Members Present

JUDGE PADGETT SPEAKS

Members Of Family Referred To As Giants, Physically, Morally, Spiritually And Mentally

Members of the Doughton family, of Alleghany county, gathered here Sunday for a reunion, and the occasion will probably be long remembered as a time of great enjoyment for all who were present.

In speaking of the reunion, one who was present had the following to say: "A home-coming of the Giants, physically as benefits a race grown great in the top of the Blue Ridge. Giants, morally as become worthy descendants of noble ancestors. Giants, mentally by reason of which they stand in the front rank of the best men. Giants, spiritually because of the evidences of God's handiwork as seen in the towering peaks and the nearby stars at night. And did they come! All the way from Baltimore, Washington, Virginia and from many places in the Old North State."

"As these mingled in cordial fellowship with faces radiant with joy, it was a scene to make the gods glad. What an array of talent! What an influence; what a power in these noble people! They met for the gala occasion in the splendid home of the eldest brother, Ex-Lieutenant Governor R. A. Doughton, a home that, despite the flight of years, still dispenses that old-fashioned Southern hospitality. No one knows better how to bestow those queenly graces than Mrs. R. A. Doughton and her honored husband. And what a dinner, and how those hungry seventy and more did eat! And no wonder. There was just enough fall tang in the breeze to whet appetites."

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After luncheon Judge J. C. Padgett, Independence, Va., addressed those present, reciting, in an interesting manner, some of the notable achievements of these "gifted sons and noble sires." The Independence lawyer—a gifted after-dinner speaker and did the occasion ample justice.

Dr. G. A. Martin, pastor of the Sparta Baptist church, and, as such, pastor of the Doughtons, spoke feelingly and tenderly of the mother of these "giants," who lived to be almost ninety-six years of age before she "slipped off to the Glory Land a little more than a year ago."

The occasion was brought to a happy closing with fitting words

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Work On Scenic Parkway Link To Begin Very Soon

The first work toward the construction of the first link of the Park-to-Park Scenic highway began Wednesday morning, when a few men were employed by the contractor to assist in unloading and moving machinery to Low Gap, where the first dirt will be moved.

It is understood that steam shovels will begin moving dirt there on next Monday morning. Several car loads of machinery were expected in Galax, Va., Wednesday. Mr. Johnston, who is Superintendent for the contractor who has the contract for the construction of the first twelve miles, has already moved to Sparta.

It is understood that about 110 men will be employed. The contract allows one year for the construction of the first 12 miles, but it is understood that the contractor expects to complete it in 200 working days.

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GOSH! I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT THE SIMPLE QUESTION, BUT IN TOO MANY CASES I AM ASKED TO ANSWER.

- SEPTEMBER
- 10—Admiral Perry lifts British fleet on Lake Erie, 1812.
- 11—Start of the bloody Teanish Indian War, 1811.
- 12—National Prohibition Party is organized, 1899.
- 13—250,000 march in great New York N. R. A. parade, 1935.
- 14—The American Army evacuates New York City, 1776.
- 15—William Howard Taft, 26th president, born 1857.
- 16—Napoleon sets back Moscow, then retreats, 1812.