

TODAY'S THOUGHT "Better little talent and much purpose than much talent and little purpose."—Emerson.

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A NARROW VICTORY

As clearly pointed out in this column last week, the TVA decision of the Supreme Court was an extremely narrow victory for the New Deal and leaves no indication of the Court's attitude toward the social and "power-yardstick" program.

While many critics of the New Deal have declared that this was its aim and that adverse decisions, by close votes were courted in an effort to affect popular sentiment, the fact is that the President, since his famous "horse and buggy" speech discussing the NRA decision, has apparently been inclined to accept the present situation, take what he can get in the way of "decisions," while waiting the opportunity to replace members of the Court.

IMPORTANT TESTS AHEAD

Other important tests await New Deal legislation, which now has two favorable decisions to its credit and six adverse decisions scored against it. The next case to come before the Supreme Court will be heard during the week of March 2nd, when the Court will consider the right of the Government to condemn land for PWA slum clearance in a case arising in Louisville, Ky.

CONGRESS SEES THE END

Congressional leaders retain their confidence that the 74th Congress will adjourn sometime around May 1st. When the session opened Congress expected that neutrality legislation and provision for work relief through the fiscal year 1936-37, plus the regular appropriation bills, would constitute its task.

INDEPENDENT MERCHANTS

Passage of the bonus was considered certain when Congress convened with the general idea that new taxes for this purpose would be avoided. While no one can tell how long it will take Congress to pass relief legislation or complete action on a tax bill these questions of themselves will not be sufficient to prolong the session past the tentative date of adjournment.

A 15-YEAR FIGHT

For fifteen years "equality for agriculture" has been a battle-cry throughout the land. The newly emphasized soil-conservation measure is the fifth major legislative attempt to settle the issue. First, there was the McNary-Haugen bill to subsidize exports through the collection of an "equalization" fee.

REVENUE INCREASES

Internal revenue, collected by the Treasury, during the first seven months of the fiscal year which began last July, was almost \$50,000,000 ahead of the same period of the previous year.

Relief Work Is Flayed By Landon In Neb. Address

Says Changes Pledged By Republicans Would Bring Order Out Of Chaos. Speech Broadcast

IS HEARD IN LINCOLN

Charges Administration With "Discrimination" In Agricultural Policies And Civil Service Debauchery

Lincoln, Neb., Mar. 3.—In an address here Saturday night, Gov. Alf M. Landon, of Kansas, called upon Republicans to make clear to the needy "that the changes we pledge will bring order out of chaos by purging federal relief of partisanship, of waste and of incompetence."

In a nationally broadcast address, Governor Landon said:

"When a national administration takes millions and millions paid in taxes by the American people to build a partisan political machine out of want and misery, that administration does an indefensible thing. "And a congress that failed to protect its own witnesses, when summoned to testify in regard to the waste of this tax money, would be guilty of deserting one of its gravest responsibilities under the constitution."

The prepared address, on a founder's day program here, did not specifically mention the case of Maj. Gen. Johnson Hagood, but it came at a time when Congress was debating an inquiry into Hagood's exile after he had criticized federal spending policies in House committee's testimony.

"In short," said Landon in his second speech since being mentioned as a possible Republican presidential candidate, "what we propose is to make relief both honest and effective."

Beyond his attack on federal relief policies, the Kansas governor charged the New Deal administration with "discrimination" in agricultural policies and a "political debauch" of the civil service. He urged a "sound and stable monetary system" and "more effective budget-making by the executive."

Jury List For Next Term Of Alleghany Court Drawn Mon.

The Alleghany Board of County Commissioners met in its regular monthly business session on Monday, March 2, and transacted the usual routine business. In addition to this, the jury list for the next term of court was drawn. The spring term of court in Alleghany county will start on April 2 which is the earliest date in many years for this term to begin.

The list of names drawn follows: R. L. Edwards, J. A. Higgins, G. S. Choate, D. C. Duncan, Chas. A. Doughton, J. R. Gambill, T. J. Carson, J. T. Miller, J. L. Hackler, J. C. Toliver, M. L. Gentry, W. C. Wilson, W. A. Coomes, A. V. Poole, W. C. Evans, Carl Glasco, Dillon Edwards, C. F. Osborne, Gwynn Sanders, W. R. Fugh, E. H. Halsey, Floyd Harden, J. M. Osborne, George Pugh, W. G. Richardson, S. M. Candill, P. C. Edwards, G. O. Edwards, J. E. Irwin, R. E. Richardson, Howard Joines, W. L. Edwards, R. G. Richardson, W. F. Doughton, W. G. Fender and Hort Miller.

Electrification Bill Is Clipped

Washington, Mar. 3.—A conference of administration aides and Senator Norris (R., Neb.), today clipped the latter's billion-dollar rural electrification bill more than in half. The proposed spending under the measure was cut to \$420,000,000 over a ten-year period. President Roosevelt, who did not sit on the conference, expressed to a press conference his satisfaction with the bill in its revised form. The President is currently engaged in budgetary revision and revenue raising efforts.

"Ad Girl" Choice



CHICAGO... Miss Charlotte Gooding (above), is a slim brunette standing 5 feet, 7 inches tall, weighs 128 lbs., and is 20 years old. She is the choice of Chicago Advertising Clubs of the nation's ad girl models.

Major Problems Before Congress Are Taxes, Relief

Administration Leaders Hope This Week Marks Beginning Of Final Two Months Of Work

Washington, Mar. 3.—Here is the status of major legislation in Congress midway of the May 1 adjournment goal:

Passed and signed into law—neutrality extension, \$367,770,000 deficiency appropriation bill, repeal of cotton, tobacco and potato control acts and soil conservation-subsidy bill. Passed over veto—cash bonus payment authorization. Vetoed—\$50,000,000 seed and feed loan authorization. "Must" legislation not yet drafted—\$766,000,000 tax bill and unemployment relief appropriation.

Passed Senate but beaten in House—exemption from taxation of bank obligations held by reconstruction corporation.

Washington, Mar. 2.—A politically conscious Congress started today with administration leaders hope will be its final two months of labor with only two major obstacles ahead—taxes and relief.

Both of these issues are regarded as loaded with potential dynamite that may have detonating effects in the coming presidential campaign. The whole fiscal policy of the government is bound up in the subjects saved for the pre-adjournment floor battles. There will be other fights, of course, before the legislators trek homeward for political fence-building, but administration chiefs in most instances are not worried over their outcome.

Supreme Court Justices May Delay Vacation

Washington, Mar. 3.—Information was obtained Sunday from an authoritative source that justices of the supreme court are willing to delay their summer vacation—if necessary—to expedite final decisions in new deal cases brought to them promptly.

This development was learned as the court prepared to convene Monday after a two weeks' recess. It will hear arguments in the next fortnight on the constitutionality of three Roosevelt administration laws.

Earlier, some court attaches had expressed the opinion that the pending controversies—involving the 1936 securities act, the Guffey coal control law, and PWA's right to condemn land for slum clearance—would be the last decided this term.

It was learned, however, that the justices, who ordinarily stop work on the last Monday in May or the first Monday in June, will remain in session until June 8 if that should prove necessary to dispose of additional new deal cases appealed soon.

Roosevelt Makes Proposal To Alter System Of Taxes

Suggests That Sum Of \$620,000,000 Be Added To Corporate Industry's Annual Tax Bill

Washington, Mar. 3.—An obviously apprehensive Congress was stirred today to immediate controversy by a White House proposal that \$620,000,000 be added to corporate industry's annual tax bill through a major revision of the federal revenue system.

In a special message, President Roosevelt suggested that farm relief and payment of the bonus be financed from a tax on profits which corporations amass in their treasuries as surplus instead of distributing as dividends.

Later, speaking to the press, he drew a broad distinction between reserves—to provide working capital and cover depreciation of equipment—and surplus, which he said represented earnings, needed by the smaller stockholders, which should be taxed or distributed.

In both the message and at his press conference he condemned the accumulation of undistributed profits as a method of evading taxation. The message termed this an "evil" that "has now reached disturbing proportions from the standpoint of the inequality it represents and of its serious effect on the federal revenue."

With some Democrats applauding while others were openly critical, or frowning, with many Republicans frank in their denunciation, and administration leaders emphasizing that the President's plan was only a "suggestion," machinery was geared for starting a tax bill through Congress.

Even a vigorous row developed on the House floor. The ways and means committee, which will frame the measure, relegated the whole subject to a subcommittee, which will begin its task tomorrow. Chairman Doughton (D., N. C.) said open hearing before the full committee would follow.

Representative Knutson (R., Minn.), touched off an explosive floor interchange with a critical speech. Minority Leader Snell added a caustic assertion that, but for corporation reserves unemployment would have been greater. Representative O'Connor (D., N. Y.), accused the Republicans of already playing politics with the tax proposal.

Chairman Harrison (D., Miss.), of the Senate finance committee, which will take charge of the tax bill when it emerges from the House, termed the message a "complete answer to those who have been shouting about unbalanced budgets." He hoped they would "cheerfully pay their share."

Ehringhaus Tells University Students To Have A Purpose

Chapel Hill, Mar. 2.—Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus told university students that they were "lost" if they did not have a definite purpose in attending college, in an address at chapel period today. "You cannot make real progress unless you find yourselves," he said. "Unless we keep our compass pointed in the right direction we are wasting time. Find yourselves in relationship to your family, your fellow students, your state and to the infinite and you can come back to this campus in later years, as I have, with a feeling of gratitude."

Senator Bailey To Speak To Graduates Of Campbell College

Buie's Creek, Mar. 3.—Senator Josiah William Bailey, one of North Carolina's two representatives in the upper house of the national Congress, has accepted an invitation to deliver the commencement address to the graduating class of Campbell college on Thursday, May 29. Senator Bailey spoke here three years ago on Founder's Day.

Parkway Work In Virginia Moving At Rapid Speed

South Carolina Firm Is Low Bidder On Work Of Constructing Nine Bridges In Alleghany

Bent Mountain, Va., Mar. 3.—Grading is already approximately 65 per cent, complete on 2,800 feet of the 8.3-mile section of the Blue Ridge parkway, known as project 1P1, being constructed from Adney Gap to Pine Spur, although operations have been underway for less than two weeks.

An additional half mile of the right-of-way has been cleared by a crew of 15 men engaged only in this work, and is ready for grading.

Present operations are in what is known in this section as Sweet Annie's Hollow, the location being in the edge of Floyd county about two miles south of Adney Gap, the northern extremity of the project. Grading was begun about one and one-half miles south of Adney, and will continue to be carried on southward.

It was pointed out today that the first two miles of this project, from Adney Gap south, will include several hundreds yards south of route 221 and will be almost parallel with this highway. However, from a point about two miles south of the tip the new road turns southward and is never again this close to highway 221.

It was also pointed out today that the elevation of the section now being graded is approximately 2,900 feet above sea level. It was said the elevation is above 3,000 feet on the right-of-way a little farther south. E. G. Middleton, of the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads, who is resident engineer for all five of the Blue Ridge Parkway projects between Adney Gap and the Pinnacles of Dan, about 48 miles farther south, and was inspecting project 1P1 today, said that he expects work to be underway on all five projects by the first part of April.

He said W. W. Tuck, Virginia contractor, is now moving equipment for construction of the second section, south of this project, which runs from Smart to Tuggle Gap, and is known as project R, and that work will likely begin on this project within two weeks. Mr. Middleton, who maintains an office at Floyd, asserted that he had heard nothing as to when contracts might be let for the stretch of about 30 miles between the Pinnacles of Dan and the North Carolina line. Neither did he know, he said, when decision would be made as to the route from Adney Gap north toward Buena Vista.

Simons & Mayrant Co., of Charleston, S. C., yesterday posted a low bid of \$156,550 on the construction of nine stone and reinforced concrete bridges on the Blue Ridge Parkway in Alleghany county, N. C.

Specifications call for the use of 245,000 pounds of reinforcing steel on the nine bridges. The longest span will be 44 feet and 4 inches; the longest wings, 143 feet. Longest of the bridges will be approximately 180 feet. The project will be let by the Department of Interior, Washington.

Wolf Branch Students Make Feb. Honor Roll

Following is a list of students who were eligible for the February honor roll at Wolf Branch school. First grade—Mabel Crouse, Betty Andrews and Reeves Brooks; Second grade—Earnest Andrews, Dale Holloway and Junior D. Watson; Third grade—Wilma Crouse, Lorene Brooks, Conright Bell and Clay Crouse; Fourth grade—Allie Holcomb and Doris Wagner; Fifth grade—Gene Atwood, Katherine Andrews, Ruth Crouse, Pawns Brooks and Junior Harless, and Seventh grade—Roy Choate and Marie Crouse. Claude Crouse is principal of Wolf Branch school and Miss Gertrude Andrews is primary teacher.

Mrs. Col. Stoopnagle



BALTIMORE... She now signs her name, Mrs. F. Chase Taylor. She is the new bride of Mr. Taylor, known on stage and radio as Col. Lemuel Q. Stoopnagle. Mrs. Taylor is the former Kay Bell, secretary to Paul Whiteman.

Three-Act Play To Be Presented Here On March 14

"Plain Jane," A 3-Act Comedy, To Be Given By Junior Class Of Sparta High School

"Plain Jane," a farce-comedy in three acts, by Jay Tobias, is to be staged by the Junior class of Sparta high school on Saturday night, March 14.

A cowgirl, from sombrero to spurs, with a six-gun, lariat and quirt, a pet rattlesnake and a bronco called "Dynamite"—a name much too mild—such is the embryonic rodeo represented by Jane Judkins, and played by Elsie Perry, who descends out of the West upon eccentric Aunt Emma, represented by Jean Hoemaker, and the eastern tribe of Marsdens. Freckled-faced, ignorant Jane, a riding fury and a roping fool, has been selected by Aunt Emma to be the bride of one of the Marsden boys. Jane, warm-hearted and romantically inclined, finds herself in an atmosphere of frigidity, selfishness and intrigue. Pathetic as her situation becomes, her boundless energy is a match for it. Ensuing complications make a rare combination of comedy, pathos, character, heart interest, and hilarity. How "Dynamite" settles the marriage question and Mamie, the pet snake, figures in a near tragedy, are surprising elements. Ellen, the Irish cook, played by Jewell Richardson, is a good fairy to Jane. The Marsden boys all sit up and take notice. Those in authority say that

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Hauptmann Case Causes Political Dispute In N. J.

Trenton, N. J., Mar. 3.—Strained relations, resulting indirectly from Governor Harold G. Hoffman's activities in the Hauptmann case, now exist between leaders of the Democratic party in New Jersey, it was learned tonight from an authoritative source. This authority said the dispute centers around the reappointment of Col. H. Norman Schwarzkopf as head of the state police.

Schwarzkopf's five-year term expires in June and reports have long been current the governor, who has been critical of state police work in the Lindbergh kidnap case, does not intend to re-name him. Friends of Schwarzkopf have urged his reappointment, and on February 3 Henry Young, Jr., Essex county assemblyman and member of the Republican group opposed to Hoffman's financial policies, introduced a bill to protect Schwarzkopf by continuing him in office until a successor is confirmed.

The bill was sidetracked last night. Hauptmann, who is under sentence to die the week of March 30, was visited today by his wife, Anna.

The governor, a reliable source has said, will sign a new law for Hauptmann.

Roosevelt Ends Third Year As Chief Executive

Heads Toward Campaign For Relection On Basis Of Accomplishments Of New Deal Administration

DOES UNEXPECTED

Many Think President Will Seek Few Other Major Changes Before Taking To The Platform

Washington, Mar. 3.—Heading toward a campaign for reelection on the basis of the new deal, President Roosevelt tonight rounded out his third year in office—completing a period that has seen the breaking of many precedents.

Twenty-four hours, almost to the minute, before entering his fourth year in the White House, the executive again did the unexpected. He submitted to congress a suggestion for a hitherto unparalleled revision of corporate taxation.

The move was part of presidential efforts to replace chunks taken out of his program by the supreme court and to bulwark a battered budget.

His suggestion that industry be taxed \$620,000,000 more a year to pay for farm relief and the bonus met such opposition cries in congress, however, that the issue promised to stir throughout the campaign.

A companion effort to smooth dents in the new deal program swung into action as Mr. Roosevelt's third year in office ended. His aides headed for Memphis and Chicago to explain and start into operation his \$500,000,000 a year soil conservation as a replacement for the supreme court invalidated AAA.

With a farm plan enacted, a tax suggestion made, and a relief request in process of formation, many close to the White House felt Mr. Roosevelt would seek few other major changes before taking the platform to explain his record to the voters.

Roosevelt Drive In New Hampshire Begun By Farley

Manchester, N. H., Mar. 2.—A campaign to re-elect President Roosevelt was launched tonight by Postmaster General James A. Farley, Democratic national committee chairman, in the metropolitan of New Hampshire, which eight days hence will be the first state to hold 1936 presidential primaries.

In a speech broadcast by a New England radio chain, Farley announced the opening of a campaign "that will bring victory to our party and victory to the nation," at a dinner of the young Democratic Clubs of New Hampshire.

MEAT IS STOLEN HERE

A thief, or thieves, broke into a smokehouse (or meat house), belonging to R. A. Doughton Friday night and stole two hams and a shoulder of meat.

No one has been arrested in connection with the case as there were few clues to work upon.

ALMANAC section with various small notices and advertisements.