

NATIONS RELIEF BILL

The Treasury Department, at the request of the New York Times, recently drew up a table showing the amount of money provided for relief during the past three fiscal years and also the amount spent. In 1934, out of \$4,693,000,000 available, there was expended \$2,385,900,000; in 1935, with \$2,681,600,000 appropriated, the expenditures were \$3,194,400,000; for 1936, the allocation was \$2,260,900,000 and the expenditure, up to the middle of March, has been \$2,136,000,000 and the estimate is that at the end of the fiscal year on June 30th, it will go up to \$2,985,000,000. In the three years \$9,635,500,000 have been allocated for relief and by the end of this fiscal year about \$8,500,000,000 will have been spent for this purpose.

UNEMPLOYMENT VIEWS

The President intimated very plainly in his relief message that the extent of government aid will depend upon the number of unemployed given work by private industry. Replying, business organizations declare that private employment would be greatly accelerated if the Government removes all restrictions and permits private initiative to function. On the side, the American Federation of Labor points out that in the last half of 1935 profits of 120 large corporations increased 140 per cent and that these increased earnings made possible a substantial lifting of wages. Actually, average wage rates were reduced by one cent per hour and the average work week increased three hours, and the Labor organization insists that by these increased hours "more than one million jobs were denied to the unemployed."

CONGRESSMEN WATCHING

It is quite probable that Congressmen, facing the President's tax suggestions, have been stalling for time in order to see what the income tax collections bring in. In the last budget, income tax collections for the present fiscal year were estimated at \$1,434,000,000. The Congressmen know that from January 1st to March 16th, collections increased 45.6 per cent over last year and expect the first payments on 1935 incomes to show a tremendous gain. In fact, it would not be surprising if this source of revenue proves to be \$300,000,000 above budgetary figures. If this is established, Congress feels that it would be relieved of the necessity of raising a like amount by taxation.

THE RAILROAD PROBLEM

There is little indication that the Railroad Management Committee and the Labor executives will be able to reach any agreement on the problem of taking care of employees certain to be displaced by consolidation and unification of railroad facilities. Nine executives represented the Class One roads, and twenty-one railroad union chiefs spoke for 1,150,000 employees, about 16 per cent of whom will lose their jobs if certain operating economies are effected.

To understand the problem involved, it is necessary to go back to the Interstate Commerce Commission's approval of the five-system plan of consolidation. This occurred in 1931 and numerous parleys have taken place since that year, with the unions combating any consolidations that will reduce the employment level below that of June 16, 1933. Recently Joseph B. Eastman, Federal Coordinator of Transportation, proposed economies affecting eleven terminals.

This led to the present effort on the part of Management and Labor to get together, and Labor leaders, fearing the end of protective legislation on June 16th, are moving to secure passage of the Wheeler-Crosser bill in Congress. This would protect employees affected by consolidations by giving them new jobs or two-thirds pay while idle, or a year's wages if the employee leaves the service. The negotiations may break down before this is printed but it is encouraging that both sides prefer a voluntary arrangement.

COMPETITIVE DANGERS

The question is extremely complex, with many factors involved. The railroads, facing acute bus competition, find economies necessary in order to secure and hold business. Employees, many untrained for other work, face hardships if they lose their jobs. The question must be settled somehow, because other forms of transportation will prove

Hauptmann Saved For 48 Hours By Keeper Of Prison

Preparations Had Been Made For Execution And Hour Was Almost Near When Stay Is Announced

PRISONER VERY HAPPY

Continues To Deny Any Knowledge Of Crime. Writes "Farewell" Letter To Governor Hoffman

Trenton, N. J., Mar. 31.—For the second time, Bruno Richard Hauptmann—"the man with the charmed life"—was hauled back from death in the electric chair tonight when Warden Mark O. Kimberling, of Trenton state prison, postponed his execution for 48 hours.

Kimberling's action was taken at the request of the Mercer county grand jury which is investigating the case of Paul H. Wendel, disbarred Trenton attorney, who confessed that he murdered Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr., and then repudiated the confession.

Wendel still is held in Mercer county jail on the charge of murder and the grand jury met this afternoon to consider whether it should indict him. It still was in session when the clock on the corridor of Trenton death prison crawled past 8 p. m.—the hour set for Hauptmann's death.

The telephone rang. "That's something," a newspaperman commented. It was Kimberling came out of his office, a piece of paper held in a hand that trembled with the excitement and suspense of this incredible day.

"I have received a telephone call from Alynne Freeman, foreman of the Mercer county grand jury," he said.

"He said the grand jury had requested him to call me and ask me to postpone the Hauptmann execution for 48 hours. He said they still were investigating the Wendel case and wanted to look into some very interesting angles. "For that reason I have decided to delay Hauptmann's execution for 48 hours."

"Does that mean he will be executed Thursday night?" Kimberling was asked. "Probably so, but I will make an official announcement about that tomorrow," the warden said.

Trenton, N. J., Mar. 31.—Bruno Richard Hauptmann wrote a "farewell" letter today to Governor Harold G. Hoffman, protesting again he was innocent and said "in a short time I will stand before a higher judge."

"In living my last hours of life, I wish I could bring some light in this case."

He criticized the state's case against him and asked why Dr. John F. (Jafsie) Condon, Lindbergh ransom intermediary, "hides so many things he knows."

Turkey Knob School To Be Scene Of Box Supper Sat., Apr. 11

A box supper is to be held at Turkey Knob school on Saturday night, April 11.

Proceeds will be used toward the erection of a new church building at Turkey Knob.

Hearst Bitterly Attacked In Senate

Washington, Mar. 31.—A bitterly-worried attack upon William Randolph Hearst—during which he was termed an advocate of fascism and as publisher of stolen documents—was loosed in the senate today, with Hearst soon afterward replying in court to allegations of the senate lobby committee.

WATCH, CLOCK, JEWELRY REPAIR SHOP OPENED HERE

Sherman Call and Hubert Call have opened a watch, clock and jewelry repair shop in the store-room formerly occupied by the post office. Both men are experienced watchmakers and repair men and in an advertisement in this issue they solicit the patronage of TIMES readers.

Gaither To Explain New Farm Program Here Next Thursday

R. W. Gaither, of the North Carolina Extension service, is to be in Sparta on Thursday, April 9, at 1 p. m., to explain the new farm program.

Every farmer in Alleghany county, it is said, should be here at that time to hear the new program explained, in view of the fact that it is not yet certain just how the program will apply to Alleghany. However, the best way to find this out, it is explained, is to attend this meeting.

Hull Says U. S. Is Leading The World For Peace

Cabinet Member Places Assertion Before Congress Tues. Praises Policy Of The "Good Neighbor"

Washington, Mar. 31.—An assertion that the United States was leading the world against war through its trade, naval arms reduction and "good neighbor" policies was placed before Congress today by Secretary of State Cordell Hull.

"The primary purpose of American foreign policy," he said, "is the maintenance and promotion of peace, not only between the United States and foreign nations but throughout the world."

"Whenever war prevails, the progress of civilization is retarded, commerce and industry are impaired, heavy tax burdens are imposed upon people and humanity in general suffers."

In testimony before a House appropriations subcommittee—made public for the first time today—and considered significant, since it stood in the nature of his sole annual report to Congress—the secretary of state said:

"In seeking to promote political peace, this government has dedicated itself unequivocally to the policy of the good neighbor. We have endeavored consistently to cooperate with the other nations of the world in strengthening the machinery of peace and in devising new ways of preventing the possibility of war."

Expl. said the "good neighbor" policy had been carried out through participation in the Pan-American conference where five peace pacts were signed; signing of a new treaty with Cuba calling for abolition of the Platt amendment which permitted American intervention in that nation and the withdrawal of marines from Haiti.

WSM Radio Stars Render Programs To Packed Houses

Such an assemblage of people gathered at the Spartan theatre on Wednesday night, March 25, for the "Grand Ole Opry" musical program that all available seating space was occupied and all who were present could not be accommodated, despite the fact that three programs were presented.

Many old-time mountain tunes, as well as some of the latest and most popular numbers, were rendered by four radio stars from Station WSM, Nashville, Tenn.

The program head-liners were the Delmore brothers, George Wilkerson, of the "Fruit Jar Drinkers," and Curt Poulton. Such familiar tunes as "Old Joe Clark," "The Maple On The Hill," "Old McDonald Had A Farm," and the modern number, "The Music Goes Round And Round," in addition to many others, drew forth much applause from the audience.

BIG LOAD OF NITRATE ARRIVES AT WILMINGTON

The Swedish motor vessel Pajain, 3,655 tons, drawing 29.6 feet of water and carrying over 12,000 tons of Chilean nitrate of soda arrived in port recently at Wilmington.

Doughton Speaks On "New Tax Bill" Last Thurs. Night

Address Is Broadcast From Studios Of WJSV, Columbia's Station For The Nation's Capital

(Following is some excerpts from an address by Representative Robert L. Doughton, of Alleghany county, and chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, over the Columbia Broadcasting System Thursday, March 26, at 8:45 p. m. EST. Representative Doughton's topic was "The New Tax Bill." He spoke from the studios of WJSV, Columbia's station for the nation's capital.—Editor.)

"The Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives is now engaged in drafting legislation to carry out the recommendations for substitute and additional taxes contained in the President's message of March 3. It should be a familiar fact to all Americans that all tax legislation must originate in the House of Representatives and that it is the Ways and Means Committee of the House which has the duty and responsibility of preparing and originating all tax bills.

"The preliminary work is usually done by a subcommittee and that is the way it is being done in this case. The subcommittee, whose Chairman is the Honorable Samuel B. Hill of the State of Washington, and of which I am a member, has been at work continuously since the receipt of the President's message in the House. It has had the assistance of its own staff of tax experts and representatives of the Treasury Department. The subcommittee made a report to the full committee today, and the full committee will begin public hearings next Monday, March 30th.

"The necessity for substitute taxes arises from the decision of the Supreme Court on January 6, outlawing the processing taxes levied under the Agricultural Adjustment Act. The effect of this decision has been to deprive the Treasury of more than 500 million dollars of revenue which it had expected to receive in this fiscal year, which ends next June 30. To replace this revenue we must provide some temporary taxes to reimburse the Treasury. Then, in order to continue the farm program, which has been of such great benefit to American agriculture and has greatly benefited all business and industry of the country by putting agriculture on a sounder basis, we must have substitute taxes which will be permanent taxes in the amount of about 500 million dollars annually. We must also provide for the payment of the bonus nine years in advance of the due date, which means an additional one thousand million dollars to be raised in a period of nine years, in addition to the amounts that have already been budgeted in anticipation of the bonus payment in 1945. This calls for about 120 million dollars of new revenue a year for nine years.

Miss Halsey Will Receive Seed Loan Applications Here

Miss Bettie Halsey has been appointed Receiver, in Alleghany county, for Applications for seed loans. All farmers interested in obtaining these loans should see Miss Halsey within the next three weeks. She will be in the office of the county agent on Mondays and Saturdays only, beginning Saturday, April 4, for the purpose of taking applications for loans.

"Funny Phinnie" To Be Given April 18 By S. H. S. Seniors

"Funny Phinnie" is the title of a play to be presented by the Senior class of Sparta high school on Saturday night, April 18.

Announcement of the cast of characters will be made later, it is understood.

Wagoner, Moxley And Landreth On Elections Board

Amos Wagoner and Jesse Moxley, Sparta, and W. W. Landreth, Piney Creek, have been named by the North Carolina State Board of Elections as members of the County Board of Elections for Alleghany county.

The first two names are those of Democrats, while the latter is a Republican.

Rep. Doughton In Favor Of Special Assembly Session

Thinks Provisions For Social Security Should Be Made. Studies Figures Released By Board

Washington, Mar. 31.—The hope was again expressed today by Representative Robert L. Doughton, dean of the North Carolina House delegation and chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, that Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus, of North Carolina, will call a special session of the legislature for the purpose of passing social security legislation. Figures released today by the social security board concerning the average old-age pension in the 22 states whose social security plans have been approved caused Congressman Doughton to express this hope.

The figures of the board show that, in the 22 states the average pension will be \$19.66 a month, half of which will be paid by the states and half by the federal government. They also show that approximately 224,000 persons will be classified as needy eligibles past 65 or an average of about 10,000 per state.

Using these figures as a basis for calculation, it is estimated that the maximum cost to the state of North Carolina for old age pensions, should they be adopted and approved, would be around \$3,600,000.

This figure is only a little more than a third of the \$9,000,000 which Governor Ehringhaus has said the pensions would cost the state, which figure he has given as his chief reason for not calling a special session to consider the social security legislation.

Ehringhaus' figures have been based on the assumption that 50,000 persons in his state would be classified as needy eligibles, and that each of these would receive a pension of \$30, the maximum under the federal law, half of which would be borne by the state.

However, the board's figures indicate that only a few more than 10,000 persons is the average number of eligibles in the 22 states whose old age plans have been approved.

When Doughton saw the figures he declared:

"The administration of the law in other states is a practical demonstration of the fact that it will not cost any such sum to match the national social security act as has been mentioned by Governor Ehringhaus and others in North Carolina."

Young Man Makes Good In School, Despite Handicap

Ernest Honaker, son of Martin Honaker, Sparta, who lost his right hand in a railway accident in New York about four years ago, following his discharge from the hospital, returned home, re-entered school and graduated from the Sparta high school last year.

Although handicapped physically, he made an excellent scholastic record.

Last fall, the young man entered the University of North Carolina, where he is maintaining the good record he established here.

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To Hold Pie Supper At Glade Valley Sat.

A pie supper, sponsored by the Women's auxiliary of the Presbyterian church, is to be held at the dormitory of Glade Valley high school on Saturday night, April 4, at 7:30 o'clock.

Dr. Martin Delivers Farewell Sermon At Local Church Sunday

Dr. G. A. Martin, who has been pastor of the Sparta Baptist church for the past three years, recently resigned and will go to Creswell.

Dr. Martin preached his farewell sermon at the local church on Sunday, March 29, at 11:00 o'clock. A large assemblage, consisting of members of his churches, and many from the other churches, was present to hear him in his farewell address. A number, on this occasion arose to express their regret over the departure of Dr. and Mrs. Martin, and to express the appreciation of the people for the work they have done while here.

Among the speakers were R. A. Doughton and W. B. Reeves, all of whom capably expressed the sentiment of the congregation.

Seniors Of H. S. Here Entertained Fri. By Juniors

Enjoyable Affair Held In Gymnasium Of Sparta High School. Games And Contests Engaged In

Last Friday night, March 27, Sparta high school gymnasium was the scene of one of the most delightful social functions of the year when the Junior class entertained the Seniors.

The Juniors showed themselves to be able hosts and hostesses as it came their time to do the honors on the annual occasion of entertaining the members of the graduating class and high school faculty.

Tasteful decorations of evergreens and crepe paper ribbons followed a color scheme of green and white throughout, with enough shamsrocks to show that St. Patrick and his native land furnished the inspiration.

From the moment when each guest arrived and was presented a little green and white Irish cap until the last morsel of delicious refreshments was swallowed, there seemed to be no dull minutes.

Many fascinating games and contests, Irish and otherwise, were engaged in and prizes were awarded winners.

Sparta Boys And Piney Creek Girls Win Games Here

In one of the closest basketball games of the season, the Piney Creek high school girls team was victorious by a score of 16 to 10 in a game played with the girls of Sparta high school on the local court on Thursday night, March 26.

The game was one of a double-header, as the boys teams of the two Alleghany schools also met each other here.

The Sparta boys closed a very successful season by winning from the boys from Piney Creek by a score of 22 to 14.

The lead in the game changed as many as four times but in the last half, Sparta piled up the score by a barrage of short, swift passes and accurate shooting.

Richardson starred by making 12 points.

Auto Goes Over High Embankment

An automobile accident, in which three persons miraculously escaped possible death, occurred Sunday morning about 2:30 o'clock when a roadster, driven by Wayne Stoker, and a pick-up truck, driven by Carl Kirby, collided on the Sparta-Elkin highway just south of Sparta.

The shock of the collision sent the automobiles off a twenty-foot embankment and both machines were badly damaged. Both Stoker and Kirby were uninjured.

Cabert Wyatt, companion of Kirby, was also unhurt.

1936 Basketball Tourney In Twin City Is History

Pilot Mountain H. S. Girls And Copeland Boys, Of Surry, Are Champions. Ninety-Three Teams Play

SPARTA REPRESENTED

Girls From Statesville High School, South Piedmont Champions, Go Into Quarter Finals

Another edition—that for 1936—of the Annual Journal and Sentinel Northwest North Carolina Basketball tournament, held recently in Winston-Salem, is now history.

The eleventh tournament offered by the newspapers of Winston-Salem for high schools in 20 Northwest North Carolina counties has been stamped as the most successful in history and brought a claim as the "world's largest tournament held under one roof."

Ninety-six teams returned their entry blanks for the tournament, and, despite unfavorable weather and heavy snows in the mountains of the northwest, only three teams were forced to withdraw, leaving a group of 93 teams, 51 in the boys' division, and 42 in the girls' division to take part in the play.

This total surpassed by 11 the number of teams entered in the Greenville, S. C., textile tournament earlier in the season, recognized at that time as being the largest in the world.

Four nights of play were all that were necessary to find that the Winston-Salem high school boys were the class of this section in 1936, while this year, 91 games, played in nine afternoons and 13 nights, were necessary before the Pilot Mountain girls and Copeland boys captured the state's most sought-after basketball title.

It was the third consecutive northwest tournament title for the Pilot Mountain girls, tying the Winston-Salem and Dobson boys as the only three-time winners of the tournament. Although it was the first title for the Copeland boys, it marked the fourth straight year that a Surry county quintet has carried off the laurels and gave Surry seven of the eight championship titles during the past four years.

Teams from Sparta high school were among those entered in the tourney.

The Statesville high school girls team, champions of the South Piedmont conference during the past season, also took part in the twin city contests and went to the quarter finals before losing a close battle.

Prominent Speakers To Be At Sparta H. S.

Some prominent speaker will be present at Sparta high school for one chapel period each week until commencement.

The speaker for next week is to be W. C. Thompson, superintendent of Alleghany county schools.

A cordial invitation to be present is extended the public.

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