

"There is not one wise man in twenty who will praise himself."—Shakespeare.

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TAX BILL PROGRESS

The new tax bill ought to reach the House sometime this week or early next week. Until it does, it is impossible to say exactly what it will contain although the chances are that the measure will be somewhat short of the \$792,000,000 requested by President Roosevelt for three years. Inasmuch as the President has insisted that new appropriations, not included in the earlier budget, must be backed by new revenue, it is safe to assume that the Chief Executive will insist upon legislation to raise the full amount needed. Probably the House will stick to its own bill and the responsibility of meeting the full revenue payment will be passed to the Senate.

Two weeks ago, the seven Republican members of the House Committee on Ways and Means walked out of the deliberations and left to the eighteen Democrats the task of writing the measure. Hearings before the committee included attacks on the proposed tax on undivided corporations' profits, launched by manufacturers, bankers and representatives of the business world, who insisted that it would be unjust to thrifty corporations and dangerous to business stability.

OLIPHANT EXPLAINS

On the other hand, Herman Oliphant, general counsel of the Treasury, termed the levy the "most important tax reform since the adoption of the income tax law." Explaining his reasoning, Mr. Oliphant said that money needed by the Government could come only from the income of the people which is composed of salaries, rents, interest and profits. Of these, he said, rents have only begun to rise, salaries are still low and interest is on the decline. Profits, however, have increased an average of forty per cent. He admitted that corporations probably would pay less taxes annually than under existing rates because they would naturally divide more of their profits, but pointed out that the Treasury would get a large increase in taxes from stockholders who received the increased dividends.

WAGNER HOUSING BILL

The Wagner Housing Bill comes up for public discussion this week, with little opposition indicated. The New York senator has been active in promoting legislation designed for social welfare and is anxious to secure passage of housing legislation at this session. His bill has met with some approval among industrialists who like the encouragement given to the realty and private construction markets and the substitution of the loan policy for the subsidy plan in the housing field.

Senator Wagner's bill aims to facilitate the re-entry of private industry into the housing field where it can operate profitably and to provide low-cost housing projects, with Federal financial support, where private capital cannot profitably engage. Under his plan, local authorities would condemn where necessary, construct and perhaps operate slum-clearance projects through the aid of Federal money at about three per cent. interest. Remodeling would be encouraged with loans and grants. Mr. Wagner hopes that his measure will provide new and remodeled dwellings where the small income group can live cleanly, comfortably and with dignity at a rate of \$5 a room per month.

TO ADJOURN IN JUNE

The second session of the Seventy-Fourth Congress is expected to adjourn the first week in June. The pace of legislation has not been remarkable. Besides the regular annual appropriation bills, the Adjusted Compensation Payment Act, passed over the President's veto in January, and the Soil Conservation Act, passed in February, are about the only measures worthy of particular note, although attention should be called to the repeal of various acts wrecked by the overthrow of the AAA.

TWO MEASURES VITAL

Before Congress are the two main measures of the President's program—taxes and relief—and a number of routine measures. The tax suggestion made by President Roosevelt on March 8th, has been the cause of many headaches in Congress. It will hardly get to the Senate before next month and may be among the last-minute matters in June. The relief appropriation items, based on former practices of the Administration,

Commencement At Glade Valley To Begin Sat. Night

"A Wild Flower Of The Hills" To Be Presented Mon. Night By Seniors. Graduation On Monday

ALUMNI TO HOLD MEET

Elkin Minister Will Deliver Sermon. Banner Elk Man To Deliver Literary Address

The twenty-sixth annual commencement exercises for Glade Valley high school are scheduled to open on Saturday night, April 25, with a music recital at eight o'clock by Music pupils of the school.

On Sunday morning, April 25, at eleven o'clock, the commencement sermon is to be preached by Rev. W. P. Boyle, pastor of the Elkin Presbyterian church.

Rev. Maurice Murray, a graduate of Glade Valley high school and now Presbyterian pastor at Lees-McRae college, Banner Elk, will deliver a sermon Sunday night at eight o'clock.

Graduation exercises are to take place on Monday morning, April 27, at ten o'clock. At this time, the literary address is to be delivered by Dr. P. H. Gwyn, Jr., professor of Education at Davidson college.

Monday afternoon, contests in recitation and declamation will be held.

As a closing feature of the commencement activities, the Senior play, "A Wild Flower Of The Hills," is to be presented on Monday night, April 27, at eight o'clock, by ten boys and girls.

This play is a comedy-drama in three acts, by Lillian Mortimer, and the scene is laid in the Kentucky hills.

The cast of characters is as follows: Mammy—the old colored servant at the Burke's, Una Norman; Lily—her daughter, Josie Roten; Mose—Lily's husband, Bill Spencer; Mrs. Caroline Burke—a jealous woman, Pansy Phillips; Chloe—an unwelcome wife, Evon Eldridge; Sue Jackson—a designing girl, Vivian Blevins; Snow-White—Chloe's unacknowledged father, George Blevins; John Burke—Mrs. Burke's younger son, Britt Wyatt; Jed Burke—her elder son, Bruce Harless; and Zack Jackson—Sue's brother, an attorney, Bill Brown.

At three o'clock Monday afternoon, an alumni meeting is to be held and all graduates of the school are urged to be present. In celebration of the 25th anniversary of the founding of the school, there was a home-coming held last Thanksgiving day and at that time an alumni organization was formed.

Roosevelt Says U. S. Will Seek Arms Reduction

Washington, April 21.—President Roosevelt asserted in a message to the Daughters of the American Revolution last night that the United States will continue to press for an international arms reduction agreement and would not increase armaments unless forced to do so by other nations.

The president was forced to cancel a personal appearance before the organization, meeting here, because of the death of his secretary, Louis McHenry Howe, and the message was in the form of a letter.

Discussing an "adequate national defense," the chief executive said the question of what is adequate is constantly changing with new international situations.

Hoey To Speak In Sparta April 27

Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor of North Carolina, is scheduled to speak in Sparta at the court house on Monday afternoon, April 27, at one o'clock, instead of April 28, as was published last week.

Mr. Hoey has the reputation of being one of the greatest of the South's "silver-tongued" orators.

Judge Warlick To Hold Alleghany Court Next Week

The Spring term of Alleghany County Superior court will open in Sparta on Monday, April 27, with Judge Wilson Warlick presiding.

A number of cases are scheduled for trial, although there are no criminal cases of outstanding importance docketed.

The calendar is expected to be cleared well within the week.

Taken By Death



Dr. H. T. Smith (above), member of the Virginia House of Delegates from Grayson county, and native of Alleghany county, who died Friday night at his home in Independence, Va.

Senator Steiwer To Be Keynote For Republicans

Will Be Temporary Chairman Of Meeting At Cleveland. Choice Is Unanimously Made

Cleveland, Ohio, April 21.—For keynote speaker and temporary chairman at the Republican national convention to be held here in June, Senator Frederick Steiwer, of Oregon, was chosen today.

Senator Steiwer is a World War veteran and is generally conceded to be a "middle-of-the-roader" in party affairs. The choice was unanimously made by the Republican national committee.

"Steiwer" was the only name placed formally in nomination," said Henry P. Fletcher, committee chairman. "The selection was unanimous."

Ralph Williams, of Oregon.

Howe, Secretary To Roosevelt, Is Taken By Death

Washington, April 21.—Death claimed Saturday at 11:30 P. M., Louis McHenry Howe, long-time political advisor of President Roosevelt.

Mr. Howe, who also was secretary to the president, died peacefully in his sleep at the Naval hospital after having been ill for more than a year.

Death was caused by heart and chest complications.

President Roosevelt was informed of his old friend's death when he returned to the White House from the Gridiron dinner at the Willard hotel.

Mrs. Roosevelt immediately telephoned to Mrs. Howe, who was at the Howe home in Fall River, Mass.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at four o'clock in the high-ceilinged East Room of the White House, scene of many state functions. Burial was at Fall River, Mass., Howe's home town which he visited on the infrequent occasions when he left his "other home," the White House.

Dr. H. T. Smith Passes Away Friday Night At His Home In Independence; Funeral Sun.

Body Found Reclining On Bed Sat. Morning By Negro Servant. Death Is Attributed To A Heart Attack

OTHER MEMBERS OF FAMILY ABSENT FROM HOME

Perhaps The Largest Assemblage Ever To Gather In Independence Attends Funeral. Burial In Alleghany

Persons living in Independence and Grayson and Alleghany counties, and elsewhere were greatly shocked to learn Saturday morning that Dr. Harrison Talmadge Smith, 52, of Independence, had passed away at his home in the Grayson county seat town sometime Friday night.

The body was found lying on a bed early Saturday morning by William McMillan (colored), when he entered the house to cook breakfast. All other members of the family being absent at the time.

Dr. Smith, at the time of his death, was a member of the Virginia House of Delegates from Grayson county and was serving his fifth term in that office. He was first elected in 1925 on the Republican ticket and had served continuously since that time with the exception of one term (from January 1, 1932 to January 1, 1934) served by Dr. John C. Phipps, Fries.

Death of the popular Independence physician was attributed to heart trouble, from which, friends say, he had suffered for some time. He was prominent in professional, business, civic and church affairs and was widely known in southwestern Virginia and Northwestern North Carolina.

Surviving are the widow, who was, before her marriage, Miss Ada Bryant, and the following children: Elizabeth, a student at Brenau college, Gainesville, Ga.; Charles Harrison Smith, a cadet at Augusta Military academy, Fort Defiance, Va., and Thomas Tucker Smith, a high school student in Greensboro. There are three brothers, Judge Thomas Smith, Trenton, N. J.; John H. Smith, Galax, and William Smith, of Oregon, also survive, as does one sister, Mrs. William Ross, Mouth of Wilson, Va.

At the time of her husband's death, Mrs. Smith was at Charlottesville, Va., with her father, E. Bryant, who was seriously ill, and the daughter and two sons had returned to their schools after the Easter holidays.

Dr. Smith's body was found reclining on the bed with his feet on the floor and one arm outstretched as if he had collapsed on the bed, apparently, while eating an apple. Persons who knew of his heart attacks said that, as a relief, he often ate sweets, followed by an apple. Late Friday, he had attended a patient at Spring Valley, Va., and had eaten supper in the home of John B. Vaughan, there. He left the Vaughan home, it is said, about six o'clock.

In his professional practice, it has been said of him, he was highly reminiscent of the traditional "country doctor," holding the confidence and affection of his patients not only by his proficiency but by the genial kindness that characterized his contacts.

Dr. Smith was born in Alleghany county, having come from a family of physicians. He was graduated from Richmond Medical college, Richmond, Va. After his marriage, he moved from Sparta to Independence, where, for the past few years, Dr. E. Scott Elliott has been associated with him in practice.

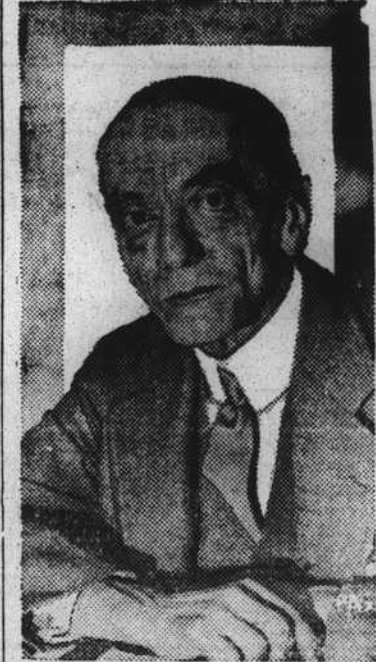
Rev. R. L. Berry Not To Preach In Sparta Church Sun.

Rev. R. L. Berry, pastor of the Sparta Presbyterian church, will not preach at the local church Sunday morning, in order to allow his congregation to go to Glade Valley to hear the commencement sermon to the graduates of Glade Valley high school. This sermon is to be delivered by Rev. W. P. Boyles, pastor of the Elkin Presbyterian church, in the high school auditorium.

Elder Lee Hanks To Hold Services In This Section Soon

Elder Lee Hanks, of Atlanta, Ga., Primitive Baptist minister, will hold preaching services in this section soon as follows: Friday, May 1, Peach Bottom; Saturday and Sunday, May 2 and 3, Rock Creek; Monday, May 4, Baywood, and Tuesday, May 5, Galax (night included).

Dies. Sat. Night



Louis McHenry Howe (above), secretary and long-time political adviser of President Roosevelt, who died Saturday night in Naval hospital, Washington. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon in the White House.

Finals Program At Piney Creek H. S. To Begin April 30

Senior Play, "Trouble In Paradise," Scheduled For Presentation Sat. Night, May 2

Commencement exercises for Piney Creek high school are scheduled to begin on Thursday night, April 30, at 7:30 o'clock, when the grammar grades will present their annual operetta. The operetta to be presented this year is entitled "Cobblers In Fairyland." On Friday night, May 1, graduation exercises will be held, at which time "Parting Of The Braves" is also to be presented. Also, on this night the Home Economics girls will present their fashion show.

The Senior play, "Trouble In Paradise," which is to be presented on Saturday night, May 2, will bring to a close the 1936 finals program. This play promises to be a real comedy production and a small admission charge will be made.

Reading circle, honor and attendance certificates will be presented Saturday night.

The public is cordially invited to attend these programs.

Registrars And Election Judges Are Appointed

At a meeting of the Alleghany County Board of Elections held Saturday, registrars and election judges for each township were appointed, as follows:

Cherry Lane township—Richard Gentry, Glade Valley, registrar, and J. T. Inskeep, Roaring Gap, and R. A. Crouse, Cherry Lane, judges.

Cranberry township—Bailey Wagoner, Laurel Springs, registrar, and Jones Tilley and S. S. Landreth, both of Laurel Springs, judges.

Gap Civil township—S. W. Brown, Sparta, registrar, and Gwyn Cox and E. S. Lyons, both of Sparta, judges.

Glade Creek township—Alex Coomes, Eanice, registrar, and

Plans For Parks Along Blue Ridge Already Launched

Cumberland Knob, Located In North Carolina But Near Galax, Va. Included. One Unit Near Sparta

ACQUISITIONS MADE

Conservation Of Natural Scenery Adjacent To Blue Ridge An Objective Of Officials In Charge

Richmond, Va., April 21.—A program for wayside recreation parks adjoining the Blue Ridge parkway, has been definitely launched, according to interested Federal officials.

Acquisition of lands for several parks in Virginia and in North Carolina has been negotiated and approved for purchase by officers of the Resettlement administration, which is supplying about \$300,000 for land buying and partial development. Development of these areas will be under the supervision of the National Park service and in accordance with the so-called master plan for the development of the Blue Ridge parkway, now being constructed to connect the Shenandoah and Great Smoky Mountain National parks. It is expected that the first WPA allotments for construction will be released shortly by the Resettlement administration, approximately 80 percent of which funds will go directly to the employment of labor from the relief rolls of neighboring counties.

Development of the parks will first be undertaken in sections where the Blue Ridge parkway is now under construction. Parks will be developed on Bent Mountain, near Roanoke, Rocky Knob, near Floyd, and Smart View, near Smart post office, in Virginia. An outstanding North Carolina mountain (Cumberland Knob), near Galax, Va., and the Bluff Park, near Sparta, will be the first parks to be developed in that state.

National Park service officials state that the present program of the Resettlement administration is a portion of a comprehensive park plan for 19 such units distributed along the 500-mile mountain drive.

The Blue Ridge parkway has been routed through large sections of National Forest areas along the Blue Ridge. The program of the Resettlement administration is intended to supplement the regular parkway right-of-way through the non-forest sections of the parkway, with an initial purchase of 5 parks totaling 12,000 acres of land.

Conservation of the natural scenery, including mountains or whole groups of mountains, adjacent to the Blue Ridge parkway, is an objective of the program in addition to the provision of recreation. Reforestation, erosion control and other planned measures will be employed to bring back the one-time natural beauty of many acres which have been despoiled through exploita-

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COME OVER TO MY HOUSE FOR DINNER!

"Those who ask the fewest favors are received as favored guests."

APRIL
23—U. S. Great Western crosses Atlantic in record of 15 days, 1833.

24—Start of Irish Rev.-day Irish Rebellion, 1916.

25—Englishman invents wireless radio, 1896.

26—Federal law abolishes imprisonment for debt, 1833.

27—City of Tripoli surrenders to the United States navy, 1841.

28—Hippopotamus born in Zoo and zoo, 1874.

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