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"Wise sayings often fall on barren ground; but a kind word is never thrown away."—Helps.

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BUSINESS TREND UP

Reappraising the business outlook leads to the conviction that the upward trend will continue through the year, with the possible exception of a slight setback in the late summer. Several question marks arise as new factors appear. One is the threat of renewed drought damage in the West, which will impair farm buying power if it becomes serious. Another factor is the general belief that the gold standard currencies of Europe are to undergo adjustment. While this would be considered favorable in the long run, there may be present complications. While corporation profits for the first quarter of this year were about 30 per cent above last year, the new tax measure causes some corporation managers concern and in some cases profits are being reduced by renewed competition, which was, to some extent, held down by the old NRA.

LABOR URGES HOUSING

Organized Labor, through the A. F. of L., is conducting a strong campaign for the Wagner Housing bill. This would aid the building of residences in two ways. First, it provides for a grant of 45 per cent for the cost of low-rent housing projects and loans at cost with the balance repayable in 60 years. Then it offers loans to cooperative groups, repayable in 60 years but without any direct subsidy. The purpose is to secure low rents and to provide adequate housing for a section of the population that has not been adequately housed by private enterprise. Appropriations of \$326,000,000 would be authorized over a four year period and a housing authority would be set up with the power to borrow from the RFC and from private sources. Various devices are included to project the low-rent character and to prevent competition with building operations carried on for private profit. President William Green thinks that the Wagner bill will do much to revive the building industry.

G. O. P. LOOKS TO JUNE

The Republican Party committee on arrangements will not meet again until June 2nd, the week before the convention, but it has nominated Representative Snell of New York for permanent chairman and Senator Frederick Steiwer of Oregon for temporary chairman and keynoter. Meanwhile, it may be taken for granted that efforts will be made to reach an agreement among party leaders upon issues to be stressed and there will be considerable jockeying among the candidates. Senator Steiwer is something of a dark horse himself but at this time Governor Landon continues to hold his lead with the other contenders inclined to head him off if possible. Senator Borah remains a puzzle to the party managers and continues to emphasize his intention to "look over" the platform and the candidates.

FUNDS FOR PREPAREDNESS

The United States is keeping up with the world-wide trend toward preparedness. The Army and Navy will receive around \$550,000,000 each. Moreover, the apparent trend is toward increased air craft. The Army will get 565 new planes and the Navy 333 under tentative plans. In addition, Admiral William H. Standley, urges that two replacement battleships be authorized in order to secure a "treaty-strength" Navy by 1942. President Roosevelt is on record in favor of efficient and adequate national defense, and what he means by these terms can be understood only by reviewing what has been done for the Army and Navy in the past three years.

PUBLIC FORUMS PLANNED

By next Fall ten public forum demonstration projects are expected to be in operation in strategic centers. Three of them are now operating and Dr. John Studebaker, United States Commissioner of Education, looks on the experiment as the beginning of a nation-wide system which will offer American citizens an opportunity to become acquainted with the social and economic problems of their democracy. There has recently been a decided increase in public discussion groups. Something like 700 are now recognized and Dr. Studebaker hopes that before long there will be public discussions in every rural and urban district in the country.

Present forums are located as follows: Pacific Coast, 130; Rocky Mountain, 20; Middle West, 150; Southwest, 25; South, 82; East, 294; New England, 67. C. S. Williams, Assistant Administrator of the forum project, says

Landon Trails In Calif. Republican Primary Tuesday

Ticket Favored By Ex-President Hoover Leads In Balloting In Pacific Coast State

ICKES TO BE DELEGATE

Roosevelt Runs Far Ahead Of Democratic Foes, Borah Losing To Kansas Executive

Figures as given below were brought in early returns in Republican primaries Tuesday where the presidential candidacies of Governor Alf M. Landon and Senator William E. Borah were at stake, either in direct contests or against unopposed slates.

The figures follow: California (1,759 out of 11,708 precincts): Landon delegates, 38,099; unopposed delegates, 49,428.

South Dakota (103 out of 1,955 precincts): Landon pledged delegates, 3,440; Borah, 2,775.

In California, where both major parties engaged in presidential delegate elections, the Democratic contest found delegates for President Roosevelt running substantially ahead of those for two others entered for sake of influencing the party platform—Representative McGroarty, a supporter of the Townsend plan, and Upton Sinclair of the epics.

In the California primary returns from 1,759 out of 11,708 precincts gave:

Roosevelt delegates, 118,225. McGroarty delegates, 10,211. Sinclair delegates, 17,162.

At stake in the South Dakota primary were the state's eight Republican convention votes. President Roosevelt was unopposed in his party's primary there. In California, former President Hoover favored the unopposed delegation.

Connecticut Republicans also met in state convention, to select 19 delegates.

Indiana voters chose delegates to state conventions which in turn will select nominees for state officers and seats in the national house.

A Democratic presidential preference primary in Albania found President Roosevelt unopposed. The state's 22 convention votes were instructed for him.

Late ballot counting in Maryland, which voted Monday, showed President Roosevelt maintaining a more than five to one lead over Col. Henry Breckinridge, of New York, for that state's 16 delegates to the Democratic convention. Breckinridge expressed pleasure at the showing and said "America is turning" against the new deal. Registration figures for the city of Baltimore showed Democrat: 293,187, Republicans 115,146, other parties or undecided 18,440.

Secretary Ickes told reporters he had accepted an invitation to attend the Democratic national convention as a delegate from Illinois.

Alleghany And Grayson Letter Carriers Meet

Rural letter carriers of Alleghany and Grayson counties held a joint meeting and banquet Saturday night at Independence.

Six carriers from Alleghany and their wives attended the banquet, which was sponsored by the Grayson County Rural Letter Carriers association.

A delicious supper was served in the Methodist church, after which an address was delivered by Mrs. Coon, president of the Virginia Ladies auxiliary. Short talks were also made by several members from the two counties.

Complimentary tickets were presented all present by the manager of Independence theatre and everyone present seemed to have a good time.

"BOB" SHULER TO PREACH ON MAY 31 IN GRAYSON

Dr. R. F. ("Fighting Bob") Shuler, colorful and nationally known pastor of Trinity Methodist church, Los Angeles, Calif., will preach to the graduates of Elk Creek high school, in Grayson, on Sunday, May 31, at 11 a. m.

Unemployed Mess Hour in Senate Chamber



TRENTON, N. J. . . . The army of New Jersey's unemployed which took over the marbled legislative halls in the State Capital to camp until "relief" was voted, threw up its soup-line mess kitchen in the Senate chamber. Photo shows some of the women and children of the unemployed "army" leaders answering first call for dinner.

Spring Term Of Alleghany Court Adjourns Thurs.

Judge Warlick Makes Changes In A Few Cases Listed Last Week. Other Cases Are Disposed Of

The Spring term of Alleghany county superior court, presided over by Judge Wilson Warlick, adjourned last Thursday morning.

In addition to the cases listed last week, the court disposed of a number of cases, as follows:

State vs. Cleve Reeves, charged with driving while intoxicated, \$50 fine and a 4-months jail sentence, the sentence suspended for two years on good behavior.

State vs. Boyd Roberts, charged with driving while intoxicated, 60 days on road and driving license revoked for twelve months.

C. M. Reynolds vs. I. C. Reynolds, judgment to set deed aside.

E. L. Williams, J. K. Andrews, et al vs. Richardson Manufacturing company, et al, order to make suitable arrangements to exist until next term of court.

Woodrow Osborne vs. Edith Osborne, divorce granted.

Clinton Combs vs. Lenora Combs, divorce granted.

Ross Bateman vs. Ethel Bateman, divorce granted.

J. F. Atwood vs. Walter Weaver and Mrs. Walter Weaver, plaintiff awarded \$15.

Changes were made by Judge Warlick in the sentences imposed in two of the cases listed last week, as follows: States vs. B. D. Busic, charged with driving while intoxicated, a sentence of 60 days in jail was changed to a fine of \$50 and a four months sentence, the sentence to be suspended on good behavior.

State vs. Harry Jackson, charged with larceny, a sentence of not less than six nor more than eight years was changed to a sentence of not less than five nor more than seven years.

N. Wilkesboro Choir To Sing On Top Of Blue Ridge May 31

Rev. C. S. Bumgarner, North Wilkesboro, is to have his church choir on top of the Blue Ridge mountain, on Highway No. 18, Mulberry Gap road, to sing, on Sunday, May 31, at 11 a. m.

The Rev. Mr. Bumgarner is also expected to deliver an interesting sermon at this time. He is a Holiness minister and is very popular with his hearers. The public is invited to be present.

"Rambling Kids" Broadcast April 18

"The Rambling Kids," a musical band from near Independence, under the direction of Howard Carpenter, Risco Barlow and East Barlow, broadcast from radio station WOPO, Bristol, Va.-Tenn., on Saturday night, April 18.

Apple Blossom Queen



RICHMOND . . . Miss Cornelia Anne Larus (above), ruled as Queen Shenandoah XIII over the Apple Blossom Festival at Winchester on April 30.

Hopkins' Relief Plan Given Aid By Roosevelt

Chief Executive Flatly Declares Opposition To Earmarking \$400,000,000 For PWA Projects

Washington, May 5.—New support was thrown today by President Roosevelt to Harry L. Hopkins' plans for spending a lion's share of the proposed \$1,500,000,000 relief fund, declaring flatly he was opposed to earmarking \$400,000,000 for PWA projects of the type now administered by Secretary of the Interior Ickes.

He spoke at a press conference only a few minutes after Ickes' at a press conference of his own, blamed Hopkins for part of the delays now holding up 900 PWA projects. If new funds were given him, Ickes added, 3,000 new projects could be started "almost at once."

The president's statement was interpreted by many of his hearers to mean, however, that virtually all the new money would go to WPA—unless a group of house Democrats succeeds in last minute revolt such as that against plans to reduce enrollment in the CCC.

Representative Belter, (D., N. Y.), leader of the bloc fighting for more PWA funds, predicted

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Alleghany Boy On Honor Roll At U. Of North Carolina

Chapel Hill, May 5.—Leo H. Irwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Carl Irwin, of Twin Oaks, made the scholastic honor roll at the University of North Carolina here last quarter, according to a report just released by Dr. G. K. G. Henry, assistant registrar.

To make the honor roll a student must make an average of B (90 to 95) on all of his courses, and a total of 354 University students attained that high standard during the past (winter) quarter.

Recitation And Reading Contests To Be Held Sat.

These Exercises To Usher In Commencement Program At Sparta H. S. Annual Sermon Sunday

Ushering in the 1936 commencement at Sparta high school, the annual recitation and declamation contests will be held on Saturday morning, May 9, at ten o'clock.

The first number on this program is to be a duet, "March Of The Flower Girls," by Marjorie Halsey and Louise Crouse.

This will be followed by the recitation contest, as follows: "Ma At The P. T. A.," Wilma Grace Ratledge; "At The Swimming Pool," Kathleen Jarvis; "Jane," Lucille Pugh; "Brotherly Love," Jessie Lois Jones; "Mrs. Schnickelfritz Und Der Four O'clock Train," Flora Crouse; "Jimmie Jones Studies Geography," Nina Edwards, and "Jean Val Jean Reveals Himself," Jewell Richardson. Next is a duet, "The Cuckoo Clock," by Carolyn Maxwell and Lucille Pugh.

Declamations are to be presented in the declamation contest as follows: "The Blue And The Gray," Ralph Redd; "Aspirations Of The American People," Paul Irwin; "On Trial," Charlie Dale Edwards; "The Duty Of Literary Men To America," Bobby Crouse, and "The Black Horse And His Rider," Lonnie Lee Edwards.

A piano duo, "Polish Dance," is to follow, rendered by Emaline Hawthorne and Miss Annie Marie Choate.

Awarding of Seventh grade certificates and perfect attendance certificates, followed by decision of the judges, will bring the Saturday morning program to a close.

Ushers for this program are to be Hattie Maines, Ethel Wagoner, Jay Sexton and Sam Royall.

On Saturday night, May 9, at eight o'clock, the Senior play, "In The Money," is to be presented, followed by the commencement sermon to the graduation class Sunday morning, May 10, at eleven o'clock, by Elder A. J. Banks, Tennie, Ga.

Graduation exercises are to be held on Monday morning, May 11, at 10:30 o'clock. At this time the literary address is to be delivered by Solicitor Allen H. Gwyn, of Reidsville.

Former Alleghany Girl Honored At Queens-Chicora

(The Miss Wagoner referred to in the article reprinted below from the April 26 issue of The Charlotte News is a graduate of Sparta high school, her family having formerly lived here.—Editor).

The story follows: Miss Kathleen Wagoner, of Shelby, was elected president of the rising Senior class of Queens-Chicora college. The announcement of the election was made at the Junior-Senior prom held at the college Friday evening. Miss Wagoner is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Wagoner, of Shelby.

Miss Wagoner transferred to Queens-Chicora college from Mitchell college at the end of her sophomore year. At Mitchell college she was president of the Spanish club, president of the History club, and vice president of the Grace Ramsey Literary society. She was a member of the Student Volunteer band and was very active in the student government association.

Since entering Queens-Chicora, Miss Wagoner has been the chairman of many important class committees and has been very active in the athletic association. She is a member of the International Relations club, the literary society and the athletic association.

PRESIDENT OF MEXICO UNDERGOES OPERATION

Mexico City, May 5.—President Lazaro Cardenas underwent an emergency operation for appendicitis late today, the health department announced. His condition was pronounced satisfactory.

"Woman in Red" Sails



NEW YORK . . . Mrs. Anna Sage (above), "The Woman in Red" who led John Dillinger to his death at the hands of the Federal G-Men, is now on the high seas, deported as an undesirable alien and forced to leave the U. S. by the Justice Department.

General Meeting Of M. E. Church Favors Merger

Proposed Unification Of All Methodism Would Form Largest Protestant Body In The World

Columbus, Ohio, May 5.—Commitment was given last night by the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, in session here, to a program of unification with other Methodist branches to form the world's largest protestant body—a Methodist church having 8,000,000 members in 42 countries.

Conference delegates voted 470 to 83 to approve the program of union with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church after their leaders visioned in pleas for the merger the possible union of all Protestant churches into a single denomination.

The unification proposal goes now to the annual conferences of the Southern church and the Methodist Protestant Church, with final ratifications possible in 1938 at the general conference of the Southern church. The Methodist Protestant general conference convenes May 20 at High Point, N. C.

The vote yesterday was an initial step toward healing two great splits in the Methodist church—the separation of the Methodist Protestant Church in 1821 over the question of lay representation, and the division between the Northern and Southern churches in 1844 because of a dispute over slave ownership.

Liberal leaders led a bitter fight over provisions for dividing the

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Ash Co. Boy Is Making Good At State College

J. C. Pierce, Jr., Grassy Creek, a graduate of the Vocational Agriculture department of Virginia-Carolina high school, Grassy Creek, is making high honors at North Carolina State college, Raleigh.

While a student at Virginia-Carolina high school, he made an excellent record. He represented the Vocational Agriculture department at V. P. I., Blacksburg, on various occasions at the state rally. As a member of the poultry judging team he lacked only two points of winning a trip to the World's fair. On a similar occasion as a member of the stock judging team he ranked among the highest in the state and also made a creditable showing in athletics and public speaking.

The efforts of this boy helped the Virginia-Carolina F. F. A. chapter to rank among the highest in the State of Virginia. During his four years in the Vocational Agriculture department, the savings from his projects amounted to considerably more than enough to send him to college one year.

Italians Occupy Addis Ababa And War Comes To End

Millions Hear II Duce Proclaim Ethiopia A Part Of Italian Nation. Huge Celebration Is Held

ITALIAN FLAG HOISTED

Fascist Troops Clatter Into Ethiopian Capital To End Conquest Begun Seven Months Ago

Rome, Italy, May 5.—Fluttering from the palace of Emperor Haile Selassie in Addis Ababa tonight was the Italian tri-color, and the world's only war was over.

Benito Mussolini, the dictator who defied Great Britain and 51 other nations to seize one of Africa's last territorial plums, in a voice trembling with emotion, announced in Rome that peace had come.

A dusty, motorized column of Fascist troops clattered into the Ethiopian capital this afternoon to end the trail of conquest they began to hew only seven months ago.

The arrival brought relief to thousands of foreigners. They had been barricaded within various legations against marauding warriors since Emperor Haile Selassie fled his throne Saturday.

The American legation, which had been evacuated, was partially reoccupied.

"Ethiopia is Italian!" II Duce shouted at a gigantic Fascist celebration in Rome. "The war is ended!"

Mussolini proudly said it was a "Roman peace." There was little doubt that he would dictate the terms and there appeared to be little the League of Nations, which set out last fall to defend Ethiopia, could do about it.

All Italy joined in delirious celebrations. When word of the occupation came sirens screamed and bells tolled to call Fascists to headquarters.

An estimated 400,000 heard Mussolini speak from a balcony of the palace in which he has his office. His words were carried by radio to millions gathered in every town and village.

Although pronouncing peace, Mussolini warned: "We are ready to defend our shining victory with the same intrepid, irrevocable decision with which we achieved it."

A message to the State Department from the American minister-resident in Ethiopia describing the entry into the remote capital said:

"At 4 p. m., Addis Ababa time, about 20 motorcycles passed the British legation along the Dessy Road, followed by nine baby tanks and a large number of trucks and staff cars containing parts of the Sabauda division and the Second Eritrean division. They proceeded in good order without any opposition to various strategic points in the town and the palace was occupied about 4:30 p. m."

Italian dispatches said Marshal Pietro Badoglio, who directed the remarkable campaign of the Italian troops, was at the head of the soldiers when they entered.

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IN SAVING FOR A HAPPY OLD AGE!

"If youth knew what age would bring, it would both get and save."

MAY

- 1—Natchez, Mississippi, made bills \$17, 1905.
- 2—Selden presents the automobile gasoline engine, 1895.
- 3—First newspaper cartoon appears in San Francisco's newspaper, 1734.
- 4—Ethan Allen captures Fort Ticonderoga, 1777.
- 5—Federal Union Hotel, New York, built, 1882.
- 6—First American to travel around the world, 1846.
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