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TODAY'S THOUGHT

"Reason should direct
and appetite obey."—
Cicero.

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OUR DIVIDED COURT

The Supreme Court's decision voiding the Guffey Coal Law as a violation of States' rights, brings to an end the legislative effort to stabilize the bituminous coal industry through the regulation of labor and prices. Five justices concluded that mining of coal is a local matter and that wages could not be fixed by Congress because this would infringe on the rights of the States. They agreed that the price-fixing section necessarily fell with the other and specifically refused to pass on that separately.

GUFFEY LAW VOID

Chief Justice Hughes agreed that Congress has no power to regulate mining because it is "not commerce" but thought that the price-fixing section of the Guffey Act was a valid exercise of Congressional authority. Three dissenting justices agreed that price-fixing is valid and reserved a decision on the wages-and-hours section because the question was premature inasmuch as the provision might never be invoked.

The reaction of the President was an assertion that the New Deal will attempt to achieve stabilization of the bituminous coal industry despite the decision. Labor leaders were stumped by the ruling, pointing out that the Court narrowly defined interstate commerce and apparently held that it applied only to freight which is definitely moving. There were hints in labor circles that the only recourse was a reliance upon the economic strength of labor, which must be united in order to exert its power. John L. Lewis, President of the United Mine Workers, grimly declared that "every decision of the Supreme Court seems designed to fatten capital and starve and destroy labor."

The decision of the Court left the score against the Government in New Deal cases at eight to two. Only in the TVA and gold clause cases has the Government won a decision. Justice Cardozo has voted with the Government seven times in ten cases. Justice Brandeis and Stone six times, Chief Justice Hughes four, Justice Roberts twice, Justices Butler, Sutherland and Van Devanter once, and Justice McReynolds has voted against the Administration's contention in every case.

JUSTICES WIDELY APART

The three divisions of opinion were expressed in emphatic language by the justices, illustrating what has been referred to before, the fact that the Court is widely apart in its present views and that the social and economic philosophy of the members are in violent conflict. Among the opinions were two separate views as to the attitude of the Court toward its obligations, the two ideas about its proper legal procedure, and another concerning its attitude toward preserving parts of a doubtful law. Chief Justice Hughes objected to the Court's "speculation." The dissent of the three justices almost taunted the majority for avoiding a decision upholding price-fixing and criticized it for "imagining" what Congress would have done. The Liberals avoided the wages-and-hours section, which was denounced by six of the justices. Altogether, Chief Justice Hughes expressed his views on both questions most fully. Otherwise, the decisions created many legal puzzles.

LABOR REPORTS LOSS

In its monthly survey of business, the American Federation of Labor points out that profits for the first quarter of this year were 36 per cent higher than for the same period of last year but that the average work week was nearly two hours longer, with average wages higher by \$1.00 a week. Employment, which kept pace with business recovery under the NRA, according to the Federation, has fallen far behind.

PERMANENT JOBLESS

Business, the survey says, by March had traveled 72 per cent of the way back to normal but only 46 per cent of the depression unemployed had gone back to work. This depression shortage of employment is estimated at 2,850,000 persons, but some 4,000,000 other workers must be added to include the young people seeking work for the first time, and another 1,900,000 who had no jobs in 1929. Altogether, the Federation figures that there is a total job shortage of much more than 8,000,000. This figure should

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New Presbyterian Church Is To Be Built In Sparta

New Building To Be Of Brick Veneer And Will Be Erected On Site Of The Old Church

GROUND IS BROKEN
Structure To Be 48 x 28 Feet In Size And Will Be Modern In Arrangement Of Its Interior

Ground was broken last week in preparation for the erection of a new Presbyterian church on the lot in Sparta where the old church stood.

The new church, which is to be of brick veneer construction, is expected to be a very presentable addition to the town's buildings. Rev. R. L. Berry, pastor of the church, states that the new building, which will be 48 feet long, and 28 feet wide, is to be quite modern in the interior arrangement, having a full-sized basement, which will contain the Sunday school rooms and a room for a heating plant.

Henry Belk, of Charlotte, has donated the brick needed in the construction of the building and many local people have made contributions of cash toward the building fund. The Rev. Mr. Berry has expressed his appreciation of the subscriptions and hopes to rapidly obtain the remainder of the money necessary to complete the building. The approximate cost of the church has been estimated at \$3,000.00.

G. G. Nichols has been made chairman of the building fund and Y. L. Cooper has charge of the construction of the building.

Idaho Resident Visits In N. C. And Virginia

Since arriving in Virginia on April 29, R. J. Ring and wife, of Wendell, Idaho, have been visiting relatives in Roanoke, Va., and old friends in both Alleghany county and Virginia.

They have also visited Washington, D. C., where they called on some of Mr. Ring's political friends, among whom were Senator William E. Borah, of their own state of Idaho, and Congressman Robert L. Doughton, of Alleghany county, who is representative of the Ninth North Carolina congressional district in Congress, their home district.

Mr. Ring seemed to be amazed at the progress shown in the capital since he left the East for his western home. On his trip to Washington, he also visited many points of interest in Virginia, including Richmond, Old Point Comfort, Virginia Beach, Yorktown, Jamestown and Williamsburg. On May 16 and 17, Mr. Ring visited his old home state of North Carolina at Ennice. On Sunday, the 17th, a homecoming service was held at Savannah church, where he met a great many of his personal friends. He desires to assure those whom he did not meet that he had every good intention concerning them and desire to meet them, if time and opportunity had permitted. Mr. Ring plans to attend an annual homecoming to be held on Sunday, May 31, at Providence church, in Grayson county, Virginia. Old Providence was his church and neighborhood prior to the time of his marriage, when he moved to Ennice.

The visitor from the West desires to express his great appreciation for the kindnesses shown him by all of his old friends whom he has had the privilege of seeing while in this section. He is also very happy to see the great progress that has been made in the roads and on the farms, as well as in many other respects, since he left for the West thirty-two years ago. This is his first trip back to his home section.

Mr. Ring has a family of seven living children, the oldest son, Charlie, having died in France during the World War. The living children are all married and residing in the states of Idaho, California, Louisiana and Washington.

On Tuesday, June 2, Mr. Ring expects to leave on the return trip to his home.

Joint Convention Of Mail Carriers To Be Held Here

A joint convention is to be held by the Alleghany and Grayson Rural Mail Carriers associations in Sparta on Saturday night, May 30.

Isom Wagoner and Ralph Gentry, members of the Alleghany association, are to be hosts at a banquet which will be held at the home of Edgar Williams in Sparta. A business meeting, speeches and other entertainment are listed on the program for the evening.

The Ladies Auxiliaries of both counties will hold a joint session at the same time and place.

Daniels Arrives In States From Post In Mexico

Belief Held By Some That He Will Support McDonald For Governor Is Cause Of Speculation

Washington, May 26.—Arriving in Washington today from Mexico City, Ambassador Josephus Daniels immediately went to the State department for conferences with officials there. The North Carolina publisher and diplomat expects to remain here until Thursday, when he is to leave for his home in Raleigh, capital city of the Tar Heel state.

While here Daniels will "break bread" with President Roosevelt at the White House. The Mexican ambassador timed his vacation trip to the States so as to attend the Democratic national convention in Philadelphia the last of this month. Daniels, who was Secretary of Navy while the President was assistant secretary, was an active Roosevelt leader at the Chicago convention four years ago.

Daniels will return to North Carolina at a time when the gubernatorial campaign is boiling and there was some speculation here today as to whether or not he will throw his influence, as well as that of his newspaper, the Raleigh News and Observer, behind the candidacy of Dr. Ralph McDonald. Should Daniels rally to the support of McDonald, as some believe he may, he will unquestionably aid the Winston-Salem candidate.

Any efforts by Ambassador Daniels in the primary will, of course, be carefully guarded because of his position as well as the close association he has with President Roosevelt who cannot directly or indirectly become involved in a primary fight.

However, Daniels is a voter in North Carolina and a publisher of a newspaper, now edited by his son, Jonathan, which has long been a political factor in the politics of the state. There has been some mention of a tie-up between young Daniels and McDonald.

It was recalled here today that some months ago former Governor O. Max Gardner made a flying trip, literally speaking, to Mexico for a visit with Ambassador Daniels. At the time it was rumored that the trip was in the interest of Clyde Hoey, Gardner's brother-in-law, and one of the candidates for governor. Gardner described his mission, however, as strictly personal.

D. A. R. Chapter Meets At Home Of Mrs. Edwin Duncan

Members of the Jonathan Hunt Chapter, D. A. R., were luncheon guests of Mrs. Edwin Duncan at her home in Sparta on Thursday, May 21. Following a one o'clock luncheon in the home, which was beautifully decorated with azaleas and mixed bouquets of garden flowers, the business meeting was held.

Mrs. Joe Bivens, presiding for the last time during her term as official, had charge of the program. The principal speaker was Mrs. Ingould, district chairman.

ESCAPEES RECAPTURED

L. G. Whitley, assistant director of the state penal division, has announced the escape of 1 prisoner and the recapture of 3 others.

Political Pot In N. C. Is Now At Boiling Stage

McDonald, Hoey, McRae And Graham Busy Daily Delivering Speeches In Campaign For Governor

With less than two weeks before the Democratic primary, which is to be held on Saturday, June 6, political oratory in North Carolina's four-man gubernatorial race is resounding from every section of the state. Candidates are speaking daily and interest seems to be mounting as the day for the voting nears.

Besides the gubernatorial aspirants, candidates in other races are active on the stump relating their ideas of government to the voters.

Dr. Ralph McDonald took his gubernatorial campaign to Raleigh Tuesday night with a state-wide rally of his supporters in Municipal auditorium, while his opponents continued their speaking tours in other sections of North Carolina.

An audience estimated at 3,800, including delegations from thirty-one counties, heard McDonald. Newspapers said the crowd was the largest that has attended a political meeting in Raleigh since 1928 when Al Smith spoke there.

Clyde R. Hoey, another Democratic gubernatorial candidate, declared in Salisbury Tuesday night the "political doctrine that laboring people are members of a different class."

Hoey spoke to a crowd which filled every regular seat in the courthouse as well as 303 extra chairs and left hundreds straggling inside and outside the courthouse, listening through loud speakers.

When Hoey entered the courthouse the crowd stood and cheered and the band began to play "Dixie." It took over four minutes to get the audience quiet enough for the program to open.

John A. McRae, of Charlotte, in quest of the governor's chair, was heard Tuesday in addresses delivered in Whiteville and Elizabethtown. A. H. ("Sandy") Graham, who is also a gubernatorial candidate, was heard Tuesday in Yanceyville and in Durham Tuesday night.

Citizens of the rural areas will write a vital chapter in the history of North Carolina politics on June 6, according to returns from The Winston-Salem Journal and Sentimental's gubernatorial straw poll of sentiment in nine counties.

With 1,859 votes tabulated, people living in the country districts had cast more votes than those residing in the city up to Tuesday night. Practically every group has shown a strong preference for Ralph W. McDonald, of Winston-Salem, leading candidate in the poll.

For instance, farmers have given the Forsyth man 280 of their 461 votes. A fairly accurate picture of the trend is shown by the following pluralities and majorities for McDonald, anti-sales tax candidate.

Fifty-one merchants have voted for McDonald against a total of 24 for his three opponents; 39 of 55 teachers have voted for him; 7 out of 11 ministers; 16 out of 22 mechanics; 112 out of 148 in sales work; 46 out of 82 in office work; 30 out of 61 executives; 164 out of 210 industrial workers.

Housewives prefer McDonald to the tune of 147 votes to 77 for his three opponents.

Lawyers alone have given McDonald's strongest rival, Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, a greater vote than the Forsyth man.

The total vote for each candidate in the nine-county area follows: Hoey 483; Graham 171; McDonald 1,195; McRae 10.

Clyde Hoey To Speak June 1 In Jefferson

Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor of North Carolina, subject to the primary to be held June 6, is to speak in Jefferson at the courthouse on Monday afternoon, at one o'clock.

Subcommittee In Senate Approves Relief Measure

Lowers One Of Two Remaining Barriers To Early Adjournment Of Congressional Session

Washington, May 26.—Approval of the long-disputed \$2,364,000 relief-deficiency bill by a Senate subcommittee today lowered one of the two major barriers to early congressional adjournment.

Almost unprecedented secrecy surrounded the form in which the measure was ok'd. Chairman Adams (D.), Colo., of the subcommittee said the group had agreed not to divulge details until the measure reached the full committee tomorrow.

Despite the no-talking agreement, which was more closely observed than usual, it was learned the subcommittee not only approved the \$1,425,000,000 voted by the House for the works progress administration, but agreed to additional funds for the public works administration. The amount was not learned.

The principle of returning relief to the states as proposed by Senator Vandenberg (R.), Mich., was voted on and turned down, informal senators said. The subcommittee voted along party lines in deciding to continue the PWA form of helping the jobless.

Without waiting for the bill to reach the floor, Senator Holt (D.), W. Va., today renewed his attack on the administration of relief. He called the WPA "the greatest and best oiled political machine this country has ever seen."

Report Must Be Made By Alleghany Grain Threshers

V. W. Reeves, Alleghany county Register of Deeds, has announced recently that all persons threshing wheat in Alleghany county must file a grain report.

Accurate figures as to the amount of grain raised in the county is required and the law makes provision for this check. The figures will probably be turned over to the federal department of agriculture.

Mr. Reeves' statement says that:

"It shall be the duty of every person, firm or corporation, in shall engage in threshing for others or themselves, in any county of the state, to keep a complete and accurate record of the acreage harvested and amounts threshed for each farm, and to promptly make, upon blanks to be furnished by the register of deeds of the county, reports showing the acreage and the amounts threshed by said person, firm or corporation, in said county during the preceding season. A violation of the provisions of this section shall be deemed a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not exceeding twenty-five dollars provided the register of deeds shall give thirty days' notice to the licensee before indictment is made, and if licensee makes said report within said time no indictment shall be made."

A charge of fifty cents will be made for license this year.

WPA Meeting Is Held Here Tues.

A WPA meeting was held in Sparta Tuesday afternoon, May 26, in the office of Miss Jane Truitt, Alleghany county supervisor. The purpose of the meeting was to get the opinion and learn the attitude of the citizens of the county concerning new projects for the county since a new "set-up" is to be had soon. A large group of representative and influential citizens throughout the county who are interested in WPA activities and in obtaining new projects to be operated in the county, were present.

Miss Euzalia Hart, Winston-Salem; Miss Gilbert, Raleigh, and Miss Ila Holman, Mr. Hafner and Charles Smithay, North Wilkesboro, also were present for the meeting.

Primary To Be Held June 6 For Democrats Only

In the primary to be held in North Carolina on Saturday, June 6, there will be no Republican candidates to be voted for, as the primary is to be strictly confined to the Democratic party. Under the law, a Republican voter cannot lawfully vote in a Democratic primary. It is understood, however, there is nothing in the law to prevent any elector from casting at the November election a free and untrammelled ballot for any candidate or candidates of his or her choice.

All Republican candidates for state, district and county offices have already been nominated.

Congressional Leaders Look To Adjournment

Leaders Begin Drive To Complete Program And Adjourn Before Republican Convention

Washington, May 26.—Congressional leaders, with senate committees about ready to report the vital tax and relief bills, have set out on a two-weeks drive to clean up the session's program and adjourn before the Republican national convention.

Administration pilots conferred over the week-end in an effort to smooth the way for quick committee action on the two all important measures for raising next year's relief program.

Leaders hope the \$2,364,000,000 relief-deficiency appropriation bill will be out of the appropriations committee and ready for senate action soon. The subcommittee was expected to act yesterday and the full committee today.

Republican forces were organizing to oppose or attempt to modify both measures on the senate floor, but administration chiefs were confident they had the votes to push both bills through to passage.

A fresh Republican attack on the tax bill came Sunday from Senator Vandenberg, of Michigan, who characterized it as "an assault on thrift and prudence."

Democrats however, were uniting behind the finance committee tax compromise to levy a flat 18 per cent tax on corporate income, with a seven per cent surtax on undistributed earnings and application of the normal income tax rate of four per cent to tall dividends.

Local Agriculture Boys To Attend Swannoa Contests

F. H. Jackson, instructor in agriculture at Sparta high school, expects to leave Friday for Swannoa, the State Experiment Test farms, near Asheville, where his teams from the Sparta high school will compete with teams from twenty-five counties in Western North Carolina.

Jay Sexton and Earl Richardson, winners in the local contest, will represent the school in the district contest. The classes to be judged are Hereford and Red Poll, of the beef type of cattle, Holstein of the dairy type and Berkshire hogs.

A speaking contest is also to be held at Swannoa, the subjects to be timely agricultural subjects. Ernest Edwards will represent Sparta high school in this contest, using as his subject, "Soil Conservation."

On Tuesday of this week, Mr. Jackson accompanied his judging teams to the farm of Alex Hash, Mouth of Wilson, Va., who owns one of the best herds of Hereford cattle in the State of Virginia, for practice judging. From there the team went to the State hospital at Marion, Va., where they saw some outstanding Holstein cattle and Berkshire hogs.

"BOB" SHULER TO PREACH SUNDAY IN GRAYSON

Dr. E. P. ("Fighting Bob") Shuler, pastor of Trinity Methodist church, Los Angeles, Cal., will preach to the graduates of Elk Creek (Va.) high school Sunday at 11 a. m.

New Sparta H. S. Building Is Now Being Constructed

Structure Expected To Be Completed In Time For Occupancy At Fall Opening Of Schools

COST TO BE \$30,000

Possibility Of New School Building For Laurel Springs Seen. Thompson Optimistic

The handsome, modern \$30,000.00 high school building, which is being erected in Sparta, is expected to be completed for occupancy by the beginning of the next term of school. This building, of brick veneer construction, will be quite up-to-date and well equipped.

According to a statement given out by W. C. Thompson, County Superintendent of Schools, the county will have to spend only approximately \$7,000.00 of the \$30,000.00 on the new building, the remainder being a Federal grant made under the direction of the WPA. Thus, it is pointed out, the county should be considered quite fortunate in obtaining the building under these conditions. The new building must be considered in the light of an absolute necessity since it, together with the old buildings, will only in adequately accommodate for the number of students now enrolled in the Sparta school. During the past term it was necessary to conduct three classes in the auditorium and two in the basement of the old building. Therefore, no further consolidation of county schools with the Sparta school will be practical and, Mr. Thompson states, will positively not be attempted.

It is hoped that the