



**TODAY'S THOUGHT**  
 "Heaven sends us misfortunes as a moral tonic."  
 —Lady Blessington.

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**NO ARGUMENT ANY LONGER**  
 There is no longer any argument about improved business conditions. The depression is, for the most part, behind the nation and industry is going into a period of continuous recovery. Corporate statements reflect increased earnings and there are other distinct grounds for the optimistic attitude to the future now evident in business circles.

The National Chamber of Commerce concludes that 1936 will be "the best year in physical volume of business" since 1929. Building construction in six months was 75 per cent ahead of last year, consumption in several lines is back to the 1929 level and freight shows substantial gains. Employment in manufacture, according to Labor Bureau records, is the largest since the fall of 1930 and the Chamber estimates that the Autumn stimulus will put it close to the 1927 and 1928 point. Incidentally, steel makers are planning wages for over-time, showing how they regard the prospects.

**RECOVERY AND POLITICS**  
 The question arises, what effect will this recovery have on the political outlook? Usually, as everyone knows, good business helps the party in power and bad business hurts it. Without participating in the partisan debate over the question whether administration policies have helped or hindered recovery, it might be noted, as an amazing factor, that despite the improvements in business conditions there is no enthusiasm for the President in business and financial circles. The big leaders are against the administration and many smaller business men throughout the nation will be influenced by their example.

It is obvious, however, that the recovery underway has, at least, put a crimp in the prospects of parties and politicians hoping to capitalize on unrest. How effective this obstacle will be in preventing the development of wild-eyed support for crazy remedies remains to be seen. It depends upon the extent of employment, the efficacy of relief generally, and the condition of the agricultural class when the voters go to the polls.

**COUGHLIN'S FAST TALK**  
 The Rev. Coughlin is addressing large crowds wherever he goes but seems to be unlucky in speech. After his initial breach, calling the President a "liar," the parson was quoted in the newspapers as urging farmers to repudiate their debts. His apology to the Chief Executive and his denial that he was correctly quoted in regard to debts will not remove the impression that the radio priest is losing some of his balance in the heat of his emotion. While he is undoubtedly making a strong appeal to some portion of the voters there are little indications that his campaign for Rep. Lemke will get very far at the polls. This situation may change as the campaign goes along, but for the present the third party threatens to do little nationally, although in some states the combination of Townsend, Coughlin, Smith and Lemke may be the decisive balance between the Democrats and Republicans.

**ANTI'S TO CONFER**  
 Interesting is the announcement that anti-Roosevelt Democrats will stage a conference soon to discuss how best to oppose the President. Any reader who has kept up with national politics in the slightest measure will have no hesitation in naming those "associated" and "invited." James A. Reed, of Missouri, Joseph B. Ely, of Massachusetts, Bainbridge Colby and others will be there. As this is written no announcement has come about Al Smith, but our guess is that the "Happy Warrior" will get the chance to make another speech. If it fails as flat as his Liberty League dinner oration this Democrats supporting the President will probably want to do something to help the gathering along. It has been noted that, immediately after the Smith oratorical effort at the dinner, the Liberty League faded from the political picture as an effective adversary of the administration. New organizations will make the effort to pick up the flame of opposition and fan it into a big blaze.

**LANDON'S ACCEPTANCE**  
 The acceptance speech of Gov. Landon has been hailed by his supporters as evidence of the

## Colonel Knox Is Formally Notified Of His Nomination

Republican Nominee For Vice President Severely Assails New Deal Last Thurs. Night In Chicago

**IS GIVEN BIG OVATION**  
 Publisher Of Chicago Daily News Says Victory For Republicans Will Free Forces For Recovery

Chicago, Aug. 4.—Formally accepting the Republican party's nomination for the vice presidency of the United States amid colorful scenes here Thursday night, Colonel Frank Knox declared that the "people know that with the election of a new administration the damned up forces of recovery will burst forth in a magnificent prosperity."  
 Before a crowd which filled the seating capacity of huge Chicago stadium—estimated by the citizens committee which arranged the notification event to number 25,000 inside and several additional thousands outside—the publisher of the Chicago Daily News assailed the new deal as attempting to supplant the American way of government and economic order with a regimented state.

"The Republican party," he said, "recognizes that the changing social and economic conditions call for increased federal activities."

"But it always insists that such new activities shall be legalized by proper constitutional amendment."

"I always will. Standing on a blue and gold rostrum, the Chicago publisher told a happy, enthusiastic crowd which filled the specially augmented seating capacity of the huge Chicago stadium, that he regarded the honor as "the greatest opportunity for service that has ever come to me."

"It is no ordinary campaign that confronts us," he told the throng, estimated by the committee on arrangements at 25,000. Speaking earnestly and emphasizing his remarks frequently, with a wave of his hand, he assailed the Roosevelt administration as having "failed to meet its responsibility for the orderly, economical, and impartial administration of the affairs of the nation."

Cheering and noisy as he started, the crowd was soberly attentive as he assailed the new dealers.

They had, he said, "embarked on a series of hysterical experiments" from the day they took office.

Cheers broke out when he declared "I charge the present administration with responsibility for the ten million still unemployed." Most of the several hundred leaders of the party in city, state, and nation, who were seated on the platform behind the speaker joined in the applause. This group included the official notification committee, designated by the Cleveland convention, former Vice-President Charles G. Dawes, and others.

Closely following her husband's words, was Mrs. Knox. She had a gentle smile as the crowd cheered his statements.

The vice-presidential candidate started speaking at 8:43 p. m. (Eastern Standard time). A demonstration in full national convention style cheered for ten minutes his appearance on the speaker's rostrum after Senator Frederick Steiwer, of Oregon, had carried to him the official notification of his selection as running mate for Gov. Alf M. Landon, of Kansas.

## Women's Meeting To Be Held Friday At Doughton Home

The women of Sparta are invited to meet at the home of Mrs. R. L. Doughton tomorrow (Friday), at three o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of organizing a Women's club. It is hoped that the women of the town will cooperate and attend this meeting.

## Sailing Atlantic Alone



NEW YORK (AP)—Marin Marie (above), French marine painter and yachtsman, is now on the high seas, sailing the Atlantic alone, New York to France, in a 40-ft. motorboat. He expects to make the trip in 3 weeks.

## Girl Accidentally Killed Saturday Near Twin Oaks

Miss Mattie Hudson, 17, Falls From Rear Bumper Of Automobile. Funeral, Interment At Antioch

Miss Mattie Hudson, 17, of Wolf Branch, was almost instantly killed Saturday afternoon when she fell from the rear bumper of an automobile, on which she was riding, a short distance below Twin Oaks, on Highway No. 21.

It is reported that of the five occupants of the car, Bert McCann, Marie Spurlin, Joe Cranford, Miss Hudson and Kyle Watson, all except the last named person, who was driving, had gotten out of the car to push it off. As the car started, it is said, McCann and the two girls stepped upon the rear bumper, holding the spare tire, and after the car had gone about 400 yards, according to an estimate, Miss Hudson fell off. The machine was traveling at a rate of 20 to 25 miles per hour at the time of the accident, it is said.

It was thought that Miss Hudson first fell against the car, as there were cuts and bruises on her face, and then fell backward, striking the back of her head against the macadam road, crushing her head. The girl was immediately taken to the office of a Sparta physician but did not breathe again.

Surviving are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Hudson. Wolf Branch; a brother, Wiley Hudson, Jr.; a half-sister, Mrs. Sallie Spurlin, of Tennessee, and a half-brother, Wilson Williams, Havre de Grace, Md., all of whom were present for the funeral.

Last rites for the deceased young girl were conducted at Antioch church, in the presence of a large congregation of people, by the Rev. Mr. Spencer and Rev. Joshua Crouse, Trap Hill.

## Jurors For Fall Term Of Alleghany Court Are Drawn

At the regular meeting of the Alleghany county Board of Commissioners, the following jurors were drawn to serve for the fall term of court, which is to convene on September 28:

George Edwards, C. B. Kilby, R. L. Gambill, C. H. Edwards, C. G. Richardson, Jess L. Moxley, Cabel M. Wilson, L. E. Choate, W. Mack Roberts, Coy McCann, N. McKnight, J. T. Inskip, Carrie Murphy, Hurst Higgins, Clifford Tolliver, W. F. Rector, G. N. Evans, M. A. Higgins, John R. Halsey, F. A. Mitchell, A. M. Osborn, James Weaver, Willie Wyatt, C. M. Sanders, S. A. Irwin, Bruce Finney, W. A. Mabe, Wm. Cleary, Carl Edwards, Leffrage Wagener, Carl Andrews, Ed Miller, Robert Hoppers, Van Miller, R. A. Waddell and L. E. Edwards.

**INFANT DIES**  
 Rush, the small child of Sam and Annie Wooten, of Edwards Cross Roads, died Saturday afternoon and was buried Sunday at Whitehead.

## West Jefferson Woman Is Killed In Auto Accident

Mrs. Catherine Duncan Meets Death Near Raleigh Was With Party On Way To Beach For Week-End

Mrs. Catherine Reeves Duncan, 28, of West Jefferson, was killed and four other members of a party enroute to spend the week-end on the beach were injured, two seriously, when their automobile overturned three miles west of Raleigh late Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Duncan was a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. B. E. Reeves, West Jefferson, and was a sister of Miss Nancy Ruth Reeves, owner and publisher of the Skyland Post, West Jefferson weekly newspaper. Surviving, also, is a son, Edwin Duncan, Jr.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at two o'clock in the West Jefferson Baptist church by the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Whittington, assisted by Rev. R. H. Stone, pastor of the Jefferson Presbyterian church, and the Rev. Mr. Luke. The services were attended by what is said to have been the largest number of persons ever to attend a funeral in Ashe county.

The exceedingly beautiful and profuse floral tributes were carried by 42 flower bearers, of whom the following are cousins of the deceased: Mrs. B. B. Graybell and Mrs. Russell Barr, West Jefferson; Mrs. E. C. Choate and Alice Carr Choate, Salisbury; Miss Rose Wellborn, Independence; Mrs. T. R. Burgess, Sparta; Miss Jean Reeves, Mrs. Eugene Shepherd and Mrs. Earl Reeves, Laurel Springs, and Miss Natalie Reeves, Spartansburg, S. C.; Mary Ellen Price and Alice Carr Choate carried the baskets filled with flowers that they had carried at Mrs. Duncan's wedding and James Ellis Wellborn and Bill Wellborn, who were trainbearers at the wedding, were among the pall bearers at the funeral. The other active pall bearers, all of whom were cousins of the deceased, were: Earl Reeves, Laurel Springs; George and Ben Reeves, Sparta, and George M. Reeves, Spartansburg, S. C.

Special music was rendered by Alice Carr Choate, who sang "Death Is Only A Dream," and by the Rev. Mr. Luke, who sang "Kathleen," a favorite song of the deceased.

## Two Arrested In Connection With Whitehead Robbery

On the night of July 26, the store belonging to M. L. Richardson, Whitehead, was entered and robbed of several items of merchandise, together with about \$25 in cash from a nickel slot machine.

Sheriff Walter M. Irwin made an investigation early the following morning and set to work immediately to follow up the clues. Fingerprints were taken from the window panes that the thieves had removed to facilitate their entrance.

Other clues were traced, and on August 2, as a result of painstaking investigation and diligent searching, Henry Bare and Adrian Long, two Ashe county men with criminal records, were lodged in Sparta jail.

A full confession has been obtained from Henry Bare.

## Emory Smith Is Slightly Injured When Hit by Auto

Emory Smith, Piney Creek, was struck and run over by a roadster driven by Luther Wiles, of the Stratford community, between Sparta and Twin Oaks on Monday afternoon.

It is said that Smith stepped from behind a truck directly in front of Wiles, who could not avoid hitting him. Smith received a laceration over his right eye, cuts on the back of his head, and several bruises, but was reported not to be seriously injured.

## Landon Goes To His Home Town Tuesday To Vote

Makes 180-Mile Trip From Topeka To Independence. Capper Renominated For Seat In U. S. Senate

Independence, Kas., Aug. 4.—Being greeted for the first time by his home town folks as a presidential candidate, Governor Alf M. Landon came home today to vote in the Kansas primary and receive a neighborly welcome.

Casting his ballot, which he termed "a great privilege," was the major business of his 180-mile motor trip from Topeka. But since it was his first home-coming as the Republican presidential nominee, well-wishers arranged two functions in his honor and much of the day was spent shaking hands and renewing acquaintances.

Landon voted in a downtown automobile dealership. Onlookers laughed when Mrs. Forrest Wyck, judge, asked his "party affiliation" and Landon replied firmly: "Republican."

When he left the booth, newsmen asked "how it feels as a citizen to exercise the right to vote."

"It's a great privilege," the candidate replied. "Every American citizen should qualify as a voter and exercise the right of casting an honest vote in the election of this free-thinking, free-speaking country of ours."

"At this time when the citizens of many other nations are denied the right of suffrage, the importance of our citizens voting is greatly emphasized."

Landon reached this town of 14,000 shortly before noon after a three and a half hour drive from Emporia, where he was the overnight guest of William Allen White, the editor. On the last 100 miles of his drive he was accompanied by Edwin F. Jaekle, Republican chairman of Erie county, N. Y., who joined the governor's automobile party near Emporia. Jaekle said he came to discuss plans for the governor's Buffalo speech late this month.

At a Riverside park luncheon where places were laid for 200 guests, Mrs. Grace Miles, president, presented to Landon what she said was "the charter of the first Landon business women's league organized in the United States."

Topeka Kas., Aug. 4.—Senator Arthur Capper, Republican and senior Kansas senator seeking his fourth term, took an early commanding lead over two opponents in today's primary election.

In the Democratic senatorial nomination contest Omar Ketchum, Topeka, Democratic nominee for governor two years ago when Gov. Alf M. Landon was reelected, paced a field of four.

There was no Republican contest for governor, Will G. West, former secretary to Governor Landon, being unopposed.

In the Democratic governorship primary Walter A. Huxman, Hutchinson attorney, forged ahead of former Gov. Jonathan M. Davis, who espoused the Townsend cause.

## State College Is Granted WPA Funds

Raleigh, Aug. 4.—State WPA officials announced today allocation of funds for the construction of a field house at the south end of Riddick Stadium, on the N. C. State College campus.

The structure, which will contain dressing rooms for athletic teams and quarters for coaches and field officials, will cost \$29,703.94. State College will contribute \$10,188.10 and the remainder will be supplied from federal funds.

## Centen's Sweetheart



SAN ANTONIO (AP)—Janice Jarrett, this town's model beauty, has been commissioned the "Sweetheart of the Texas Centennial by Governor Alfred, to raise during the celebrations now under way.

## Doughton Obtains More "Bacon" For Ninth District

Is Promised Tues. That Office Of Social Security Board For Western N. C. Will Be In Salisbury

Congressman Robert L. Doughton, before leaving Washington Tuesday night for his home at Laurel Springs, in Alleghany county, nailed down another piece of "bacon" for his district. He extracted a promise from the social security board that its district office for Western North Carolina would be located at Salisbury.

Doughton said the office, along with another district office for Eastern North Carolina at Raleigh, would be opened sometime in November and at first the personnel would be very small. He said all employees except the manager would be under civil service. Asked if he had recommended the appointment of anyone for the office, Doughton said he had not.

These district offices will administer the old age pensions, unemployment insurance, and other features of the social security program. These, however, will not go into operation until the North Carolina legislature passes the necessary laws to bring the state in line to share in the program.

As chairman of the House ways and means committee, Doughton sponsored the social security law in the House and this gave him first call on the board for location of a branch office in his district. He was quite happy over the action he secured of the board.

## To Hold Ram Sale Saturday One Mile East Of Boone

Sheepmen who need good purebred rams will be interested in the sale to be held at Boone on August 8. Most of the rams in this sale will be from leading Virginia flocks. The sale will be held at Henry Hardin's barn on U. S. Highway 221, about one mile east of Boone.

Sheepmen who have sold their lambs on a graded basis have been well pleased with prices received, it is said. They are learning, it is explained, that they always receive the best market price on the day that they are sold. The only way that more money can be secured is to sell to somebody who in turn loses money when he ships to market, it is pointed out, and this happens very seldom.

Lamb raisers who have been selling cooperatively are not only getting more money for their lambs but they are also learning better production methods thereby; they find that good rams are one of the requisites for producing good and choice lambs, it is further said. Other things tend to produce top lambs are better feeding, trimming, and stomach worm control, according to agricultural authorities.

## GREEK DICTATORSHIP IS DECLARED WEDNESDAY

Athens, Aug. 5 (Wednesday)—Premier Gen. John Metaxas early today declared a dictatorship under the auspices of King George II.

## Roosevelt Denies Politics To Be In Drought Aid Work

Says Drought Situation Is Still Serious At Press Conference Tues. In His Home At Hyde Park

**TALKS ABOUT FINANCES**  
 Says Prospective Trip Through Drought Sections Would Have No Political Aspects. Plans Indefinite

Hyde Park, N. Y., Aug. 4.—Coupling a further study of drought conditions with discussion of federal finances today, President Roosevelt then emphasized at his press conference that politics was divorced from drought relief.

He relaxed the rule that he must not be quoted directly on what he says at press conferences to authorize a statement that: "It is a great disservice to the proper administration of any government to link up human misery with partisan politics."

Around him in the library of his home he gathered this morning another array of Washington officials for what he said was the usual monthly conference on finances. The drought, he said, figured in the talk.

The drought, the president said, still is serious. It has required use of relief funds in some states in excess of allocations, he said, but because of a pickup in employment, allocations in some other states have not been as large as had been contemplated. The latter, he added, have not been sufficient to offset the former entirely.

After asserting that a prospective trip through drought-blighted states would have no political aspects, the president said he probably would not know until late this week when the tour would be made or whether it would precede another through flood-swept Eastern states.

Secretary Morgenthau was present at the morning parley. So were Rexford G. Tugwell, under-secretary of agriculture and resettlement administrator, who has been active in administration plans to battle the drought; Daniel Bell, acting budget director; Aubrey Williams, deputy; and Cornington Gill, assistant WPA administrator, also charged with drought relief; and other officials

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## Young Republican Meet To Be Held Here Sat. Night

A meeting of the young Republicans of Alleghany county is to be held at the court house in Sparta on Saturday night, August 8, at eight o'clock.

For this occasion, J. Bennett Riddle, Jr., president of North Carolina Young Republicans, is scheduled to deliver the principal address.

Young Republicans of the county are urged to tell others about the meeting to be held Saturday night and make an effort to have a large attendance.

**ALMANAC**

A man proud of his money has little else to be proud of.

- 1—Electric chair is first used for executions, 1890.
- 2—Maine was the first to prohibit liquor, 1826.
- 3—Thomas Edison is granted a patent on the phonograph, 1877.
- 4—First British World War troops land in France, 1914.
- 5—Wilhelm Woyzeck invents the Tuba horn, 1800.
- 6—Pulitzer's "Clarendon" comes from New York to Albany, 1807.
- 7—United States issues the first postage stamp, 1782.