TODAY'S THOUGHT
"Home is the seminary of all other institutions."
—Chapin.

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LOOKING at WASHINGTON

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UR YEARS AGO

Four years ago this week, on rch 9, 1933, Congress met in raordinary session and rushed Emergency Banking Act ough both houses in a single to liquidate the banking cri- caused by the closing of ks in many states and con- ed by the bank holiday pro- med a few days earlier by the ly installed President, Frank- D. Roosevelt. Three days la- the Chief Executive, in his radio address to the people, lined intricate financial mat- in clear-cut phrases and re- d what had been done to meet financial peril.

E CONTRAST TODAY

The picture today is entirely nged. Business and industry e forged ahead although much mployment remains to chal- e alleged national prosperity. or and capital are resuming r strife as conditions improve, the more aggressive labor lers reaching out into new s of organization. The na- al monetary system seems es- lished as outside nations pour anted gold into our borders. nocracy continues its course in face of serious questions be- the people.

URT ISSUE DEBATED

Last week the nation continued debate the President's pro- al to enlarge the Supreme rt by adding new justices to et those above seventy who line to retire. The discussion ged the scale of political is- s, with conservatives asserting what the President sought ld kill the Court and make a dictator and the President's porters insisting that some- g is necessary if the republic o solve modern problems and the Court proposal utilized a l power given to Congress by e who feared an oligarchy of judiciary.

asically, the division of opin- is along lines clearly indicat- in previous battles between New Dealers and those op- d to its general philosophy government. The Republicans conservative Democrats open- oppose the manoeuvre while nt supporters of the President to his standard. Every ef- is apparently being made to nsify propaganda on both s, with the President's radio the culmination of the drives. ually, the situation last week he Senate gave a slight edge the proponents of the change t appeared that a majority of senators would vote favor- . A poll of public sentiment, n by the Institute of Public nion, along the lines of its cessful presidential tests of nion, however, revealed 53 per t of the people voting against plan.

RAH'S AMENDMENT

n interesting development of battle has been the proposal Senator Borah to amend the stitution to prevent the judi- y from using the "due pro- " clause to kill laws held to unduly harsh or arbitrary. His ndment would permit the ap- ation of the phrase, other than reference to certain portions he Bill of Rights, to the "pro- ure of executive, administra- , or judicial bodies charged the execution and enforce- t of the law."

Significance lies in the fact when the Fourteenth amend- t was written it was adopted safeguard the lives, liberty and perty of ex-slaves but the rts have defined it to widen authority of the courts to set le laws when, in the judges' nion, the laws were arbitrary unreasonable in effect upon perty. The result has been many laws have been affect- by what the judges thought its substance rather than its of due process in procedure. reover, the judges themselves e often been unable to agree to whether a law was arbi- y or unreasonable.

OULD RESTRICT COURTS

The Borah amendment would it the Court in its consider- n of the laws of the States thus provide latitude for soc- and regulatory legislation. It uld probably end the much ussed twilight zone which has etofore resulted when the urts have thrown out Federal islation because the Federal ernment had no such power der the Constitution and then,

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"Farmer Bob" Has Conference With Roosevelt Monday

Chief Executive And Head Of Ways And Means Group Hold Conference At White House

PARKWAY IS DISCUSSED

Doughton Maintains His Non-committal Attitude On Controversial High Court Question

Washington, Mar. 9.—Representative Robert L. Doughton, of North Carolina, was guest at the White House yesterday at which time they discussed taxes, the Supreme Court issue, the completion of the Blue Ridge parkway, and the official opening and development of the Great Smoky Mountains National park.

After leaving the White House, Doughton predicted there would be no general revenue bill considered at this session of Congress and the only tax legislation to be enacted would deal with special excise taxes which are slated to be extended.

Doughton expressed opposition to a change in the present horizontal tobacco tax to one based upon the selling price of tobacco products which has been suggested by the federal trade commission as a means of encouraging the sale of a 10-cent brand cigarettes. "We went into this matter thoroughly and decided the horizonal tax was the fairest to all parties concerned," Doughton said. He does not expect any reduction in tobacco taxes at this session.

Any amendments to the undistributed profit tax will be considered at the next session instead of the present one, Doughton predicted. "If, after further stdy, a change is desired, we can enact the amendments at the next session," he said.

Doughton said he had been assured that money would be provided to keep construction of the parkway connecting the Great Smoky Mountains and Shenandoah National parks under way without interruption. The North Carolinian said the President was anxious to have the Great Smoky Mountains park accepted by the government and developed to take care of tourists who will want to spend some time in the park but cannot now do so because of a lack of accommodations.

The national park service has insisted that the full 426,000 acres, originally planned for the park, be secured before the park is accepted. Under the Weaver bill, it can be accepted when 400,000 acres are in hand. This latter acreage will be acquired as soon as pending condemnation litigation is settled.

On the Supreme Court issue, Doughton maintained his non-committal attitude. When asked about his stand following the White House luncheon, the ways and means chairman replied:

"The President is the finest man in the world."

Edith Maxwell Is Denied A Third Trial For Murder

Wise, Va., Mar. 9.—Edith Maxwell, twice convicted on charges of murdering her father, lost a new effort to escape a jury-prescribed prison term late today when Judge Ezra T. Carter denied her motion for a third trial.

Her attorney, Charles Henry Smith, of Alexandria, immediately noted an appeal and was granted a period of 90 days to perfect the appeal. Miss Maxwell's $15,000 bond was renewed.

Judge Carter ruled that evidence presented in the second trial was sufficient to support the jury's verdict of second-degree murder, under which the 22-year-old former school teacher was sentenced to 20 years in prison for killing her father.

CHICKEN PIE AND OYSTER SUPPER TO BE GIVEN FRI.

On Friday, March 12, at 6:30 o'clock a chicken pie and oyster supper will be given at the home of E. L. Williams, sponsored by the Women's Missionary society of the Methodist church.

Back to Wilds

LOS ANGELES . . . From her hospital bed, recovering from injuries in a Western air crash which cost her husband's life, Mrs. Osa Martin Johnson (above), announces she will carry on in jungle expeditions.

Mrs. Simpson To Spend Sometime At French Retreat

Early Visit Of "A Very Distinguished Person" Hinted. $450 Worth Of Flowers Bedeck Chateau

Monts, France, Mar. 9.—Understood to be intending to remain for an indefinite stay, Mrs. Wallis Warfield Simpson arrived today at her new retreat, 400-year old turreted Chateau de Cande.

Accompanied by her Riviera hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Herman L. Rogers, Mrs. Simpson drove up to the chateau in the front seat of a low-slung sedan.

Mrs. Charles E. Bedaux, wife of a New York industrial engineer, greeted Mrs. Simpson and her friends at the great, arabesque-adorned doorway of the chateau.

Twenty-two servants, headed by an English butler, lined up behind, their uniforms resplendent in the soft, red glow of chandeliers shining out under the castle's irregular, high-pointed, blue slate roofs and turrets.

The party had tea with Mrs. Bedaux and other guests at a gay house party. Mrs. Simpson then retired to her room, bathed and rested, and was understood to have telephoned the Duke of Windsor before dinner.

Rogers said she planned to retire early and sleep away the fatigue of the two-day journey

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A. S. T. C. Girl Commits Suicide Monday At Home

Boone, Mar. 9.—In an upstairs bedroom at the home of her parents, Miss Virginia May South, 18-year-old Appalachian State Teachers college Junior student, was found shot to death yesterday afternoon about 4:15 o'clock. Miss South was a daughter of A. E. South, clerk of the Watauga county superior court.

Coroner R. E. Kelly, after an investigation, said that an inquest was unnecessary, and stated that Miss South's death resulted from a self-inflicted bullet wound.

Coroner Kelly said that no reason had been found for Miss South's act. However, he stated, she had been moody for several days.

Miss South's body was found by a cousin, Ben Norris, lying across the bed with a pistol bullet wound near the heart. She is believed to have died instantly. The pistol Miss South used was found in the room near the body.

Earlier in the day, Miss South was with a group of students who were taking pictures to be published in the college annual. Her picture was taken with the rest of the group. Later she went home.

Surviving are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. South; two sisters, Elizabeth and Marjorie South, and one brother, Stanley South, all of Boone.

The funeral was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at Boone.

Burial was at Boone.

Todd, Wanted For Various Offenses, Is Captured Wed.

Young Alleghany Man Is Taken Into Custody By Taylor And Gentry In Surry County

Paris Todd, young man of Alleghany, wanted in Alleghany and Wilkes counties for several alleged offenses, was captured on Wednesday night of last week by Wayne Taylor and R. D. Gentry near the home of Dick Mays, in the foothills of the Mitchells River section of Surry.

At the time of the capture, a posse of Alleghany, Wilkes, and Surry county officers, headed by Sheriff Walter M. Irwin, of Alleghany, and a Wilkes county bloodhound were on Todd's trail. But Taylor and Gentry, being familiar with that section, guessed correctly the route he probably would follow in crossing the mountain, and intercepted him.

A watch and chain in the possession of Todd was admittedly stolen two days earlier from the home of Everett Roberts in North Elkin. The brown suit which he wore, likewise, was alleged to have been stolen from an Alleghany merchant, Neal Hendrix, of Hooker.

Following the burglary of the watch from the Roberts home, a warrant was issued for Todd and, when Deputy Sheriff Spencer apprehended him at a State Road tobacco barn, the Alleghany man fiercely resisted arrest, attacking the officer with a knife and escaping.

Taken to North Wilkesboro for trial, Todd was given from one to two years in prison in Wilkes county on robbery charges. He was then turned over to Sheriff Walter M. Irwin, of Alleghany county, where he will face trial on several charges before beginning the sentence imposed in Wilkes county.

Child Suffers Broken Leg When Struck By Auto

Marie McCann, seven-year-old daughter of Bud McCann, of the Bull Head section, suffered a broken leg on Friday afternoon on the Scenic parkway, near the Albert brothers construction camp when she was struck by the bumper of a car driven by A. V. Choate, rural mail carrier in the county, on her way home from school.

It is reported that Mr. Choate slowed down upon seeing the girl and her sister beside the road some distance ahead. As he approached the girls, the younger one, it is said, dashed across the road, and, although Choate swerved his car off the pavement in an effort to avoid striking the child, a headlight struck her, a bumper breaking her leg. It is thought that the accident was unavoidable.

The girl was brought to Sparta for treatment, and is recovering rapidly.

Students On Honor Roll For Feb. At Wolf Branch School

Students of Wolf Branch school who made the honor roll for February, follows:

Seventh Grade: Mildred Richardson and Marie Crouse.

Sixth Grade: Pawnee Brooks, Katherine Andrews, Ray Andrews and J. Harliss.

Fifth Grade: Mack Andrews, Ollie Halcomb and Doris Wagoner.

Fourth Grade: Wilma Crouse, Odus Adams, Loraine Brooks, Elsie Watson and Romaine McBride.

Third Grade: Earnest Andrews, Mattie Reid Irwin, Nova McBride, L. V. Tedder, Amos Richardson, Helen Watson and Dale Holloway.

Second Grade: Raymond Adams Lacy Brooks, Charles Alvin Brooks, Betty Andrews, Pauline Holcomb, Page Wagoner and Reeves Brooks.

First Grade: John Irwin, Loraine Holloway, Norma McBride, Ruth Brooks, Marie Brooks, Edwin Brooks, Doris Watson and Virginia Brooks.

'Mama's Baby Boy' To Be Given Sat. Night At S. H. S.

First Of Two Plays During Present School Year To Be Presented By Seniors Of Sparta High School

"Mama's Baby Boy," the first of two plays to be presented during the present school year by the Senior class of Sparta high school, is to be given in the local high school auditorium on Saturday night, March 13, at eight o'clock.

This hilarious comedy, so referred to recently by an interested person in commenting on the play, is said to exceed the speed limit in laughs and ludicrous situations. This person had the following to say, also: "As a craze for appearing youthful spreads, even to the colored maid, one laugh piles on top of another. The play is filled with ridiculous, mirth-provoking lines and scenes. Needless to say, the whole play is a whirlwind of delight that the entire cast is anticipating presenting."

The cast of characters is as follows:

Mrs. Shephard McLean — a young widow, Miss Flora Crouse; Shephard McLean—her young son, Ernest Edwards; Luther Long—a widower, Herbert Lyons; Juliet Long—his young daughter, Miss Hattie Maines; Mrs. Blackburn—Mrs. McLean's mother, Miss Stella Billings; Wilbur Warren—Shephard's pal, Jeff Joines; Sylvia Kline—Wilbur's girl friend, Miss Wilma G. Ratledge— Mrs. Carlotta Anglin—friend of Mrs. McLean, Miss Margaret Giobbi; Cynthia Anglin—her young daughter, Miss Mary Rizoti; Max Moore,—a real estate agent, Wade Choate, and Minnie—a young colored maid, Miss Ethel McCann.

The entire action of the play is supposed to be taking place in the living room of Mrs. McLean's home in Fort Wayne, Ind. The first act is represented as taking place on a spring afternoon, the second act a little later on the same day, and the third still later in the same day.

Farley Is Heard Tues. At U. Of N. C., In Chapel Hill

Chapel Hill, Mar. 9.—Postmaster General James A. Farley charged the Republican party today with "seeking the repeal of the 1936 election" by opposing President Roosevelt's Supreme Court reorganization plan.

"The Republicans lost before the voters," the chairman of the Democratic national executive committee said. "Now they are trying to win in Congress."

Speaking under the auspices of the University of North Carolina Political Union, a non-partisan organization, Farley said the judicial plan was the only way out of the "blockade that has resulted from the present economic complexion of a majority of the Supreme Court."

Two thousand persons packed into the university's Memorial Auditorium and another 600 in the foyer heard the address, which also was broadcast over a nation-wide radio hook-up.

Sentence Suspension Bill Is Enacted Into Law By House

Raleigh, Mar. 9.—The House of Representatives enacted into law tonight a measure allowing judges of criminal courts in North Carolina to suspend the sentence of offenders, except in capital and life imprisonment cases.

The bill, introduced February 12 by Representative Ward, of Craven, was passed yesterday by the Senate and returned to the lower body for concurrence in amendments.

MISS HONAKER MEMBER OF ALL-STAR BASKETBALL TEAM

Miss Jean Honaker has been named a member of the all-star team, following the tri-county basketball tournament recently sponsored in the new Elkin gymnasium by Elkin high school.

With Toy Pistol

NEW YORK . . . Norma Parker, New York's girl cafe bandit, concluded a brief and spectacular crime career, when a cashier grabbed her . . . and learned he was being held up with a toy pistol. Police identified her as the girl who had successfully held up several cafe cashiers recently.

Roosevelt Asks Swift Enactment Of Court Reform

Heavy Blow Is Struck By President For His Plan For Court Reorganization In Speech Tuesday Night

Washington, Mar. 9.—To "save the constitution from the (supreme) court and the court from itself," President Roosevelt called for swift enactment of his court reorganization bill tonight.

In outspoken fashion, the Chief Executive asserted the high tribunal had "improperly set itself up" as a "super legislature," and had read into the Constitution "words and implications which are not there and which were never intended to be there."

At the same time, he disavowed any intent to "pack" the court with "spineless puppets who would disregard the law" and decide cases as he might wish them decided, and asserted the processes of constitutional amendment were too slow for the pressing problems of the day.

"We must find a way to take an appeal from the Supreme Court to the Constitution itself," he said. "We want a Supreme Court which will do justice under the Constitution—not over it. In our courts we want a government of laws, not of men.

"I want—as all Americans want—an independent judiciary as proposed by the framers of the Constitution. That means a Supreme Court that will enforce the Constitution as written—that will refuse to amend the Constitution by the arbitrary exercise of judicial power—amendment by judi-

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Five Injured In Accident Sunday Near Cherry Lane

On Sunday, March 7, shortly after noon, Wiley Johnson, his sister, Mary Johnson, and Tavia Combs, all of Sparta, were injured, the former seriously, when the truck in which they were riding crashed into a pine grove a short distance beyond Kent Andrews' home, near Cherry Lane.

Garnett Nichols and Porter Wagoner, also of Sparta, who were riding in the truck bed, were thrown out by the impact, but received only minor injuries. The driver, Wiley Johnson, suffered a broken leg and grave internal injuries. The two girls also sustained cuts and other injuries, the extent of which have not been learned.

In going down grade from A. A. Woodruff's home the truck failed to negotiate a curve, ran off into a ditch on the right side of the road, then veered across the highway, crashing into a pine thicket, finally stopping, wedged between a telephone pole and a pine tree.

The first passers-by at the scene of the accident were George Reeves and R. D. Gentry, of Sparta. The injured persons, bleeding profusely, were extricated from the truck, and brought to Sparta, where first-aid was administered.

Death Of Fries Man Investigated At Independence

Trial Justice Anderson, Of Grayson County, Conducts Hearing Tuesday In Regard To Tragedy

DIED IN FRIES JAIL

Young Man Was Apparently Victim Of Suffocation As Cell Bedding Burned. No Decision At Hearing

At an investigation into the death of Ed Reese, who died as the result of a fire in his cell in the Fries jail on the night of February 27, held Tuesday at Independence by Trial Justice Grey Anderson, Galax, no decision was arrived at.

After hearing the evidence of almost thirty witnesses summoned in the case, Trial Justice Anderson said the investigation, strictly speaking, was a purely informal procedure, in that no warrants had been issued, and, therefore, he was not in a position to hand down a decision of any kind in the case unless something of a more definite nature developed. He left the matter in the hands of Commonwealth's Attorney P. L. Harrington, of Grayson county, who said that if, after he has thoroughly studied the evidence produced, he deems such action warranted, he will summon certain witnesses before the grand jury. On the other hand, he indicated, if, after such a study is made, he is not of the opinion that further action is necessary, insofar as criminal negligence is concerned, with reference to the death of young Reese, he will consider the matter closed.

His bed having caught on fire, young Reese, who was 24 years of age, apparently was suffocated in his cell in the Fries jail sometime during the night of February 27. No night keeper is employed at the jail, and the body of the young man was found, face down, about 9:30 o'clock on the morning of February 28, by Chief of Police Bruce Smith and Officer Henry Martin, also of the Fries police force.

Reese was arrested early on the night of the 27th on a charge of drunkenness by Chief Smith and Officer Martin.

At the hearing held at Independence, Commonwealth's Attorney Harrington was assisted by H. Prince Burnett, Galax, who is a former commonwealth's attorney of Grayson county, and the Town of Fries was represented by Attorney Stuart B. Campbell, Wytheville.

The hearing opened at ten o'clock and the first witness called was C. W. Bond, of Washington inn, which is situated near the Fries jail. Mr. Bond told of hearing someone in the jail yelling during the night that Reese died. However, he said he had heard such noises many times and thought that they were merely being made by some "drunk" in the jail and thought nothing of it. He said further that the yelling did not sound at all like

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"Honest men and knaves may possibly wear the same clothes."

MARCH

12—Gen. U. S. Grant is made commander of Union armies, 1864.

13—First blood of the American Revolution is shed, 1775.

14—Eli Whitney patents cotton gin, changing southern agriculture, 1794.

15—Gen. Pershing set out on punitive expedition into Mexico, 1916.

16—American ship sails with food for starving Russians, New York, 1892.

17—British evacuated Boston, giving Americans new hope in war, 1776.

18—200 negro emigrants sailed for Liberia from Savannah, Ga., 1865.