

TODAY'S THOUGHT "In belief lie the secret of all valuable exertion." -Bulwer.

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RE-REACHING DECISION The decisions of the Supreme Court rendered last week, upholding the National Labor Relations (Wagner) Act, mark an epoch in the history of capital labor.

Five cases were before the Court, all involving appeals from the National Labor Relations Board, set up by the Wagner Act and growing out of the charge of employees who had been active in labor organization.

Another case involved the Asst. Press and while four just-reserved decisions as to whether the news agency was engaged in interstate commerce the majority of the Court, including Justice Hughes and Justices Brandeis, Stone, Cardozo and Roberts, made the law applicable (AP). Justices Sutherland, Devanter, McReynolds and Brandeis dissented on the ground this involved the unrestricted freedom of the press and threatened the objectivity of the reports. We will refer to case again below.

COMMERCIAL COMMERCE CLAUSE Three other cases affecting manufacturers who relied on previous decisions excluding materials locally manufactured from Federal regulation, the Court, by a five-to-four decision, upheld the commerce clause as before. Government lawyers were jubilant, holding the Commerce Clause was an important guide in future legislation dealing with national conditions of national economic and social concern.

Without attempting to give the reasoning of the Court, or of dissenting justices, in the case of Jones and Laughlin Co. v. Federal Trade Commission, a steel company owning railroads, steamships and subsidiary corporations, the Court attempted a distinction between national and local commerce and decided that labor difficulties in the manufacturing industry at Pittsburgh and Aliquippa affected commerce and for that reason could be the proper subject of Federal legislation designed to prevent the burdening of interstate commerce.

Court made a distinction between national and local commerce, as provided in the Constitution, and pointed out that interstate activities in close and intimate relation to interstate commerce are subject to congressional control, although warning that this control should not be exercised so far as to include "effects so indirect and remote that they do not in view of our federal system would effectuate the distinction between what is national and what is local and create a completely centralized government."

OLD FORMER POLICY Repeating the words of a previous decision, the Chief Justice said that "whatever amounts to a less constant practice threatens to obstruct or unduly burden the freedom of interstate commerce is within the regulatory power of Congress, under the commerce clause, and it is for Congress to command and decide the effect of the law and meet it." Moreover, interstate activities by reason of their intimate relation to interstate commerce may fall within the regulatory power of Congress to command and decide the effect of the law and meet it.

dissenting opinion, delivered by Justice McReynolds, maintained that decisions of the lower courts were based on and based on the Court decisions recently made. Citing the NRA and Act cases as authority, the dissenters held that the power of Congress did not extend to employment relations in manufacturing. Mr. McReynolds declared "Every consideration should be forward to uphold the law."

Commencement At Piney Creek H. S. Ends With Sermon

Rev. H. J. Ford, Pastor Of Sparta Baptist Church, Is Heard By Class Sunday; Diplomas Presented Fri.

GRADES GIVE PROGRAM

Large Audience Witnesses Presentation Of Senior Play, "Oliver Twist," On Saturday Night, April 17

With the annual sermon to the graduating class, preached on Sunday morning, April 18, at ten o'clock, by Rev. H. J. Ford, pastor of the Sparta Baptist church, the 1937 commencement program at Piney Creek high school came to a close.

The commencement actually began on Friday night, April 9, when two operettas, "Polly Make Believe" and "Down Among The Fairies," were given by the grade department of the school.

Then, a week later, on Friday night, April 16, the graduating exercises were held. The program was in the form of a presentation called "The Open Road," which was given by members of the Senior class to a large and appreciative audience.

Those who received diplomas from the high school follow: Misses Marjorie Douglas, Blanche Busic, Edna Collins, Ella Mae Danielson, Eula Kennedy and Jean Warden, Quentin Fender, Chap Hampton, Reid Hampton, Basil Landreth, Bernard Miller, Claude Miles and George Warden.

The following students received certificates of promotion from the Seventh grade to the high school department: Louise Perry, Jeanne Danielson, Bina Sue Collins, McDale Kennedy, Maxine Jenkins, Howard Smith, Pauline Hash, Myrtle Ruthenford, Rose Johnson, Sidney Sturgill, Virginia Caudill, Madge Warden, Robert Busic, Blanche Vanhoy, Virginia Robbins, Jessie Mc Osborne, Alice McGuire, Howard Brown and Paul Smith.

Forty-nine students received certificates for perfect attendance and 28 were given Reading Circle certificates.

Certificates of Excellence that have been given by the school for the past six years were awarded as follows:

First Grade, Herbert Barr; Second Grade, Evelyn Brown; Third Grade, Edwin Wyatt; Fourth grade, Evon Jenkins; Fifth Grade-B, Dorothy Brown; Fifth Grade-A, Bruce Whiteley; Sixth Grade, Burton Landreth; Seventh Grade, Louise Perry; Eighth Grade, Mattieene Gambill; Ninth Grade, Cam Wyatt; Tenth Grade, Grace Hoppers, and Eleventh Grade, Marjorie Douglas.

By reason of her having made the highest average grade during the four years of her high school work, Miss Marjorie Douglas was valedictorian of the graduating class, and Quentin Fender, having

Baptist W. M. U. Holds Meeting At Bumgarner Home

The Women's Missionary Union of the Baptist church met on Thursday, April 15, at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Richard Bumgarner, with 21 members present, three of whom were new members.

The president, Mrs. H. D. Estep, opened the meeting by reading the scripture lesson, Mrs. George Crutchfield offered a prayer and the program leader, Mrs. C. A. Reeves, then introduced the subject of the month, "The French," which was interestingly discussed by Mrs. Ben G. Reeves, Mrs. Ruth Hackler, Mrs. Estep, Mrs. Left Choate and Miss Margie Vass.

During the social hour, Mrs. Bumgarner, assisted by Misses Mildred Taylor and Ora Goodman, served delicious refreshments.

Standard Oil Employee



BAYONNE, N. J. For the past eighteen months, Minnie the Cat, has received a pay check of \$3.20 a month as official mouser for the refinery. She spends it for milk and salmon to supplement her mouse diet.

Cut In Federal Spending Asked For By Roosevelt

Congress Is Told Tuesday That Deficit Is Likely To Reach Total Sum Of \$418,000,000 Next Year

Washington, April 20.—President Roosevelt told Congress today that latest figures indicate the government will go \$418,000,000 into the red in the 1938 fiscal year—the eighth successive year of federal deficits.

However, he called for economy, said he would use "every means at my command" to wipe out the threatened deficit, and indicated that new taxes may be sought in the next session of Congress to close the gap between income and outgo.

The president laid the figures before legislators in a message which called for \$1,500,000,000 for work relief in the 1938 fiscal year—which begins next July 1.

He overhauled previous financial estimates to take account of disappointing tax receipts, which fell below treasury predictions.

Two "definite steps" will be

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Missions Program To Be Held At Methodist Church

On Friday night, April 23, at 7:45 o'clock, a missionary program will be presented at Sparta Methodist church. This meeting will be a part of a Missionary movement in the Methodist church known as "The Bishop's Crusade."

This enterprise is the initial step in a movement conceived by the College of Bishops to bring about the ancient power to modern Methodism. Fundamentally spiritual in all its aspects, it would place the missionary and evangelistic passion in the center of the people's thinking.

The initial stage, which began in January, 1937, and will culminate April 25, will face the present-day missionary obligation and seek to lift the indebtedness now resting upon the Board of Missions, which is seriously retarding the advance of world enterprise.

The program Friday night will consist of the singing of missionary hymns, brief addresses, one by Judge J. C. Padgett, Independence, Va., prayer, special music and perhaps a reading.

At the close of the program a free-will offering will be taken for missions, and each person making a contribution will receive a certificate commemorating his participation in this, the greatest missionary movement of the Methodist church in the last decade.

The public is invited to attend. Following the offering there will be a fellowship period and refreshments will be served.

Many Expected To Be Here For Big Dollar Days Event; Bargains Galore Are Offered

Several Merchants Cooperating In Event Which Will Be Held Fri., Sat., Mon., April 23, 24, 26

MANY PRICE REDUCTIONS TO GREET SHOPPERS

Harvest Of Values To Be Available To The Buying Public Of Alleghany County And Adjoining Territory

Following the lead of many other progressive towns and cities in North Carolina and elsewhere many of the business houses of Sparta are inaugurating Sparta Community Dollar Days to be held Friday, Saturday and Monday, April 23, 24 and 26.

The cooperating business firms, of Sparta, are ready and waiting, with their stores literally crammed with bargains, for this big selling event.

Belk's, Smithy's and Jay Hardin, Sparta's modern and up-to-date department stores, are offering numerous values for Sparta Dollar Days. A number of these values, which represent really worthwhile savings, are listed in the double-page advertisement in this issue of THE TIMES.

Cash and Garry Store and Smithy's grocery department will feature attractive food values these three days.

Alleghany Motor Sales, Castevens Motor company, D. & R. Motor company and the Sparta Garage have reduced prices on cars and various articles in order that everyone who makes purchases at their places of business during this special sales event may really save.

W. M. S. Of Sparta Methodist Church Has Regular Meet

The Women's Missionary society of the Methodist church held its regular meeting on Friday, April 16, at 2:30 o'clock, with Mrs. Lura Hackler and Mrs. Jay Hardin hostesses, at the home of the former.

Rev. A. B. Bruton, pastor of the church, conducted the devotionals, after which the hymn, "Rescue The Perishing," was sung.

The program leader, Mrs. Robert M. Gambill, introduced the subject of the month, "Achievements Through Evangelism."

In discussing the divisions of the subject, Miss Wilma Crouse, Mrs. James Toms and Mrs. Emerson Black gave close-up pictures of the evangelistic emphasis that is being made by the Wesley Houses, schools and rural work.

The president, Mrs. J. T. Inskip, gave an interesting report of the annual Women's Missionary conference of the Western North Carolina conference held in Mount Airy last week, to which she was a delegate.

During a pleasant social hour, the hostesses served delightful refreshments to sixteen members and four guests.

Va.-N. C. Band Is Given Audition Over Station WHIS

The "Virginia and North Carolina Liners" were given an audition Tuesday over radio station WHIS, Bluefield, W. Va., and successfully passed the requirements for additional time on the air. Therefore, this band will be heard in the near future over WHIS by radio listeners of this section, it is said.

Judge Harding To Open Alleghany Court On April 26

The Spring term of Alleghany county Superior court will convene on Monday, April 26, in Sparta, with Judge W. F. Harding presiding. Solicitor Allen Gwyn will be present to prosecute for the state.

There are no murder cases to be tried at this term of court. However, with sixteen criminal cases and twenty-one civil cases on docket, it is thought that the term will be fully as long as the average.

Baby Genius



BONNE TERRE, Mo. . . Only 23 months old but smarter than most grown-ups. Little Mary Christina Dunn has a vocabulary of 3,800 words and the intelligence rating of a genius.

Agriculture Boys Of Sparta H. S. Present Minstrel

F. H. Jackson, Instructor In Agriculture, Has Charge Of Program; Boys Have Another Event

One of the most outstanding Assembly programs of the past school year at Sparta high school, rapidly drawing to a close, was the Negro minstrel program presented last Friday morning, April 16, under the direction of F. H. Jackson, Agricultural teacher in the school. About fourteen of the Agriculture students under Mr. Jackson participated in the program.

Bryan Taylor acted as interlocutor and Mr. Jackson, Sam Royal, Jay Sexton and Ernest Edwards were end men.

The jokes and songs worked into the program kept the audience roaring with laughter much of the time during the hour that was occupied by the program.

The climax of the presentation came when half of the boys changed their costumes to those of colored dames and lassies and, with their partners, took part in the cake-walk. Mr. Jackson, wearing white trousers, black coat and a high silk hat and carrying a cane, with his face "blacked," made a "perfect leader," to quote

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Finals To Begin Sat. Night At Glade Valley "Hi"

The 27th annual commencement of Glade Valley high school will open on Saturday night, April 24, with a music recital at 8 o'clock.

On Sunday morning, at 11 o'clock, Rev. Watt M. Cooper, pastor of the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church, will deliver the commencement sermon.

The graduating exercises will be held at 10 o'clock on Monday morning, April 26. Rev. J. W. Witherspoon, pastor of the Lexington Presbyterian church, will deliver the commencement address.

At 2:00 o'clock Monday the recitation and declamation contests will be held. The Senior play, "Rainbow Cottage," will be presented on Monday night as the closing program of commencement.

CHANGE IN HOUR FOR CHURCH SERVICES IS MADE

Rev. Howard J. Ford announces that services will be held at New Hope Baptist church on Sunday night, at 8 o'clock, instead of 11 o'clock Sunday morning, as previously announced.

Finals Program At Sparta H. S. To Open Tomorrow

Recitations, Declarations And Debate Scheduled For Fri.; Graduation Exercises Sat. Morning

PLAY SATURDAY NIGHT

Dr. Abrams, Of A. S. T. C., To Address Graduates; Rev. H. J. Ford to Preach Commencement Sermon

Annual commencement exercises, bringing to a close the 1936-37 term of Sparta high school, is scheduled to begin tomorrow (Friday) morning, at 10:30 o'clock, when a recitation contest is to be held.

Contestants and titles of selections for this contest are as follows: "Let Brotherly Love Continue," Miss Wilma Grace Ratledge; "Tony On da'Phone," Miss Margaret Giobbi; "Giggling Lizzie," Miss Maxine Edwards; "Ma's Monday Morning," Miss Helen Maines; "A Kitty Goes Adopting," Miss Kathleen Jarvis; "Hambal's Wedding Belle," Miss Texie Hoppers, and "The Widow's Mites," Miss Elvira Wagener.

Seventh-grade and perfect attendance certificates will be presented by W. C. Thompson, superintendent of Alleghany county schools, following the recitation contest.

At 1:30 o'clock tomorrow (Friday) afternoon, a contest in declamation will be held, and contestants entered for participation are as follows: Ray Jones, "Lincoln's Gettysburg Address"; Harrell Jones, "The Homes Of The People"; Charlie Edwards, "My Country, My Mother, My God," and Ralph Redd, "The Two Travelers."

"Resolved, That the government should own and operate all electric light and power utilities" is the question for discussion in a debate which is also to be held tomorrow (Friday) immediately after the declamation contest.

Students who will represent the affirmative are Harrell Jones and Lewis Jarvis, while the negative is to be defended by Jessie Lois Jones and Cleo Jones.

For the contests in recitation, declamation and debate, Misses Retha Duncan and Edith Rizotti and Harrell Jones and Bobby Crouse are to serve as ushers.

Graduation exercises are to be held on Saturday morning, April 24, beginning at 10:30 o'clock.

According to information recently furnished THE TIMES, Sparta high school officials are greatly pleased to announce that the annual commencement address to the graduating class is to be delivered this year by Dr. W. Amos Abrams, of Appalachian State Teachers college, Boone.

Members of the graduating class who are to take part in the program to be given Saturday morning are Herbert Lyons, president; Jay Sexton, valedictorian; Ernest Edwards, salutatorian; Wade Choate, class prophet, and Miss Minnie Edwards, class historian.

Due to the fact that the Spring

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- APRIL 23—Captain Paul Jones destroyed the shipping at Whitehaven, England, 1778. 24—Russia declared war on Turkey, 1877. 25—First engagement of Mexican War fought at La Rosita, 1846. 26—First society of the Odd Fellow Lodge instituted, 1819. 27—The cornerstone of the Grant monument laid, 1892. 28—Mutiny on H.M.S. Bounty, Captain Bligh and sailors set adrift, 1789. 29—Jacob Cunny leads an army of unemployed into Washington, 1894.