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ECONOMY ADVOCATED The President's action last week calling the attention of Congress to an estimated deficit of \$18,000,000 during the next fiscal year, which begins on July 1, together with his statement that he would use "every means at my command to wipe out the threatened deficit" and thus seek a balanced budget next year, indicates general tightening of governmental purse-strings as far as the chief Executive is concerned. Mr. Roosevelt has apparently concluded that the time has come for the nation's finances to be put in order. He faces a hard task because Congress is apt to enact legislation this session requiring heavy expenditures.

REASURY DEFICITS If the Government has a deficit in the next fiscal year, it will be the eighth successive deficit, each of which has caused an increase in the national debt which now rests at a new high. No thinking person believes that such condition can continue indefinitely. In January the President admitted his preliminary estimates for the fiscal year 1938, indicating that an \$1,500,000,000 appropriation for work relief could be sustained without a net deficit. However, a decline in tax receipts caused by a failure of receipts to meet expectations and sharp drop in other revenues due in large part to the obstruction of collections by numerous suits against the Government, makes it necessary to review the situation if there is to be any hope of a balanced budget for the next fiscal year ends on June 30, 1938.

ANTS YEAR BALANCED Declaring that it was highly important to achieve a balance of equal income and outgo, the President said that existing taxes must be renewed and Congress should hold appropriations within budget estimates. With bills now pending which would require about five billion dollars, the chief Executive urged Congress to resist the pressure of "special appropriations" and warned that if new appropriations were made that revenue must be provided.

CONGRESS INTERESTED While recognizing the opportunities to improve social and economic conditions through Federal action, the President declared that "success of our whole program for the permanent security of our people demand" an adjustment of expenditures within budget estimates. That the President will receive powerful support from some of the leaders of his party clear from the recent utterances of Senator Pat Harrison, chairman of the Finance Committee, and Senator James F. Byrnes, an intimate personal and political friend. These senators apparently reflect the sentiment of a considerable congressional group but whether they will be able to maintain sufficient strength to oppose the proposals remain to be seen.

SENATORS OUTSPOKEN Senator Harrison thought that figures prepared by the Treasury Department, upon which the President's message was based, were "ultra-conservative." He pointed out that some of the taxes collected in 1937—notably the deficit, railroad retirement and social security—will be collected in the next fiscal year and took position that the relief appropriation should be below the figure set by the President. Senator Byrnes agreed that the relief figure "is too high" and that the burden on relief rolls should be reduced each month. Senator Byrnes, Democratic floor leader, declared that the Federal Government had been running on borrowed money for nearly seven and a half years and that it was most imperative that the gap be closed. The Republican floor leader, Senator McNary, of Oregon, agreed with Senator Byrnes that the deficit should be wiped out and expressed the view that the relief appropriation was merely liberal.

THE READER should not lose sight of the fact that the Government expended an enormous sum during the six depression years, 1933-38, to battle the forces of economic collapse. One out of every six families has been directly aided by the Federal Treasury and probably every family in the nation has been indirectly aided by the spending. Something more than nineteen billion dollars have been spent by governmental agencies in this country, most of the money going for relief of unemployment in form or another.

LIONS FOR RELIEF A tabulation by the United States Department of Commerce (Turn to Page 5, Please)

Sermon Sun. Ends '37 Commencement At Sparta H. S.

Diplomas Given Twenty-four Girls and Seventeen Boys; Dr. Abrams, Of A. S. T. C. Speaks To Graduates

PLAY ATTRACTS MANY

Rev. H. J. Ford, Pastor Of Sparta Baptist Church, Preaches; Sexton And Edwards Are Honored

Annual commencement exercises, closing the 1936-37 term of Sparta high school, began on Friday morning with the recitation contest, the music recital having been held on April 16. In this contest Margaret Giobbi was the successful contestant, winning a medal offered by the Bank of Sparta.

Following the recitation contest, W. C. Thompson, superintendent of Alleghany county schools, presented the Seventh grade and Perfect Attendance certificates, eighty-one students receiving the latter.

On Friday afternoon, the winner in the declamation contest was Charlie Dale Edwards, who was awarded the medal given by B. and T. Drug store. Among the debaters, Cleo Jones was presented the medal offered by Solicitor Allen H. Gwyn.

The graduation exercises were held on Saturday morning, April 24. The invocation was spoken by Rev. A. B. Bruton, pastor of the Sparta Methodist church.

Members of the graduating class participated in the program as follows: Herbert Lyons, president; Ernest Edwards, salutatorian; Minnie Edwards, class historian; Wade Choate, class prophet, and Jay Sexton, valedictorian.

Misses Annie Marie Choate and Emaline Hawthorne gave a piano duet, "Spring Song." Ex-Lieutenant Governor R. A. Doughton then introduced Dr. W. Amos Abrams, head of the English department of Appalachian State Teachers college, Boone, who delivered the annual commencement address to the graduating class. Using as his subject "The Greatest Tragedy in North Carolina," Dr. Abrams declared that the large per cent of high school students who leave high school before graduation presents a challenge to parents, teachers and students. Addressing each of the groups in turn, the speaker showed a sympathetic understanding of their respective problems. A witty and magnetic speaker, Dr. Abrams held the attention of his audience to the last. The school management feels that it was fortunate in obtaining Dr. Abrams to deliver the address.

Following the address was the presentation of diplomas by C. R. Roe, principal of the school, to the largest graduating class in the history of the school, there being forty-one members in the class. Those receiving diplomas were: Misses Edna Black, Stella Billings, Helen Cheek, Irene Church, Flora Crouse, Minnie Edwards, Margaret Giobbi, Mabel Higgins, (Turn to page 8, Please)

Parts Of Human Skeleton Found Recently In County

Workers in Bluff Area park, near Laurel Springs, came upon a human skull on Flat Rock mountain last week, near the scenic parkway. A short distance from the skull which was lying under a projecting ledge of rock, were a few short pieces of rib bones. In all probability, the remainder of the skeleton had already disintegrated. Evidently many years have elapsed since the death of the unknown person who perhaps was the victim of accident, murder or war. The disintegration of the bones, and the finding of a button several inches below the surface of the ground, under the skeleton, support this assumption. Possibly the older residents of the county may recall the disappearance of someone whose whereabouts have never been accounted for.

Villa Rides Again



CHICAGO ... Pancho Villa, romantic figure of Mexican history, rides again in the person of his lovely daughter, Senorita Celia Villa. She will join the circus as an expert rider and rope artist.

Ohio River Again On Rampage; Red Cross Is Ready

Thousands fled their homes, rich and poor alike, as the bloated and muddy Ohio rolled downstream Tuesday night with the debris laden burden of its tributaries. The year's second flood emergency led President Roosevelt to recall a special Red Cross committee to supervise relief work among the refugees.

Across the border in Canada, the city of London, Ont., floundered under the worst flood in its history. Five deaths were counted and at least 6,000 persons were left homeless as the Thames river, 28 feet above normal, washed through the city's streets and spread over a large section of southwestern Ontario. London was threatened with a shortage of drinking water and electric power.

In the United States, rain-swollen rivers of Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia began to recede. At least nine deaths were attributed to floods in the Middle Atlantic area. Grapplers sought to account for five persons missing in Virginia.

"Wet" Votes Are Predominant In Durham Election

Durham, April 27.—Durham county kept intact its record of having never voted dry today as its electorate by more than two to one authorized the establishment of a system of county-operated liquor stores.

With all 30 of the precincts reported before 9 o'clock tonight, the vote was counted: Wets, 7,784; dries, 3,308.

The county commissioners will meet Monday, their regular time, to discuss setting up a control board and arranging for the opening of liquor stores. Legal whiskey sales are expected to begin in about a month.

Of the 30 precincts reported, only one had a majority of dry votes. In rural Bahama township 79 voted against control stores, while 49 supported them.

Va.-N. C. Liners At Roaring River

The Virginia-North Carolina Liners string band gave an interesting musical program at Roaring River high school on Friday, April 23. Tomorrow (Friday) this band is to play at Mt. View high school.

Boys Are Given Sentences Tues. In Surry Court

Carroll Co. (Va.) Youths Charged With Terrorizing Fancy Gap Section, Near Mount Airy, In Surry

Mount Airy, April 27.—Five Carroll county, Virginia, boys who were to have been tried on highway-robbery charges for allegedly terrorizing the Fancy Gap highway north of this city Saturday night, April 3, pleaded guilty to assaults with a deadly weapon in Surry superior court today and were given sentences of from four to ten months each by Judge Samuel Egwin.

Roy Quesinberry, 21, received ten months; George Leftwich, 19, Roy Towe, 17, and Zehpyr Monday, 18, drew eight months each; and Cecil Jones, 17, who furnished proof of former good character, was given four months on the roads.

The boys were not tried on the charge of robbery with firearms when a variance was found between the bill of indictment and the evidence presented. George Mosely and Lloyd Cox, of this city, had testified that the youths forced their car to the side of the road three miles north of Mount Airy, threatened the life of Mosely, "snapping a pistol, which failed to fire, at him and robbed Cox of some change. Mosely tossed his pocketbook containing about \$45 into the rear of the car where it was overlooked, he said.

The boys had also been charged with severely beating Joe Griffith, soldier on furlough, in a roadhouse fight in Virginia, hauling him some distance in a truck and throwing him out on this side of the state line.

New Highway Commission To Take Office Sat.

Raleigh, April 27.—Governor Hoey announced today the new 11-man highway and public works commission would be sworn into office at 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

Capus M. Waynick, retiring highway chairman, also will take his oath of office Saturday if he decides to accept an appointment as head of the division of purchase and contract, the governor added.

Waynick said he would confer tomorrow with the Chief Executive regarding the tendered appointment, and would make no announcement of his plans until that time.

Asked whom he would appoint to the \$6,000-a-year purchase and contract job in the event Waynick declined the position, Hoey added: "I haven't given the matter a thought yet." He added, however, that Frank L. Dunlap, assistant director of the budget, and acting director of purchase and contract, who has been appointed chairman of the highway commission, probably would not be asked to keep the purchase and contract job after May 1.

Dunlap, meanwhile, declined to discuss highway "policy" matters. He also declined to say whether changes in personnel were contemplated.

Governors Of South Discuss Freight Rates

Washington, April 27.—A conference of Southern governors and their representatives was held here today and plans were made for launching a new drive to wipe out discriminatory freight rates against the South.

Governor Clyde Hoey wired Governor E. D. Rivers, of Georgia, who called the conference, that he could not be present but he would be represented by Stanley Winborne, North Carolina public utilities commissioner. Winborne was present and also in attendance were W. L. Thornton, president of the Southern Traffic League, Winston-Salem, and W. S. Creighton, secretary of North Carolina Traffic League, Charlotte.

Warnings Issued By Roosevelt As Prices Increase

Congress Warned Against Boosting Living Costs And Public Told To Go Slow On Speculation

Washington, April 27.—Finding new problems to tackle as a result of rising prices, President Roosevelt issued a double warning today—to congress against boosting the cost of living, and to the public against speculation.

At the same time, he made known that Attorney General Cummings had advised him that an overhauling of the anti-trust laws is in order. Cummings declared that these laws should be revamped to facilitate government action against monopolies.

The president's utterances were made in an atmosphere contrasting sharply with that prevailing in the old days of depression and NRA.

Then the emphasis was on policies to prevent "cut-throat" price slashing, and the talk was of relaxation of anti-trust laws. Since then industrial indices have moved far upward, and talk now is of preventing a harmful boom.

The president started the day by expressing concern to congress over rising living costs. In a letter to Vice President Garner he said "the present hazard of undue advances in prices, with a resultant rise in the cost of living, makes it most untimely to legalize any competitive or marketing practice calculated to facilitate increases in the cost of numerous and important articles which American householders, and consumers generally, buy."

The president expressed opposition to a proposal by Senator Tydings (D., Md.) designed to prevent certain price-cutting in the sale of trade-marked goods.

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Four Injured In Spectacular Auto Mishap In Surry

Mt. Airy, April 27.—Four persons escaped death in a spectacular wreck near here this afternoon when a light sedan struck and catapulted over an approaching car to land upside down in a ditch at the side of the highway. The sedan, occupied by three local boys and traveling west on the White Plains road, rounded a curve two miles from this city at high speed, according to reports, and crashed head-on into another automobile.

When it hit the other vehicle it rose and soared in a spiral through the air, passing almost completely over the other car, witnesses stated, and burying its nose in the earth.

Wade McCraw suffered a badly crushed leg. Sidney Bobbitt and Jay Phillips had only minor injuries. Bobbitt was placed under \$500 bond on a reckless driving charge, while Phillips was jailed for drunkenness.

F. A. Park, of White Plains, driving the other car, suffered severe facial cuts. Both automobiles were almost totally demolished.

Sheep Meeting And Shearing School To Be Held Here

On Monday, May 3, at 9:30 a. m., a sheep meeting and shearing school will be held on the court house lawn. In case of bad weather, it will be at the Sparta high school gymnasium.

The morning program will consist of talks on the outlook for lambs and wool for this year, the grading and marketing of lambs, and the proper methods of handling wool after it is off the sheep's back in order that it may bring the highest price.

Then, there will be a shearing demonstration by E. S. Bartlett, of Chicago, Ill. Mr. Bartlett is an expert in his line and has put on demonstration in nearly every state in the union.

In the afternoon, Mr. Bartlett will conduct a shearing school for a number of young men. It is suggested that those who attend take lunch if they plan to stay for the afternoon program.

Model Rocket



CLEVELAND ... Ernest Loebeff designed this model rocket which the Cleveland Rocket Society will use for experimental flights into space.

Divorce Decree Of Mrs. Simpson Becomes Final

Former Baltimore Belle And Duke Of Windsor Expected To Marry Soon After Coronation In May

London, April 27.—Mrs. Wallis Simpson was free today to apply for a final decree of divorce which would permit her to marry the Duke of Windsor, who gave up his throne for her.

The six-month period prescribed by British law as the interval between the granting of preliminary and final divorce decrees expired today. Mrs. Simpson obtained her decree nisi from Ernest Simpson October 27, at Ipswich.

It was expected that Mrs. Simpson's solicitors would apply for the final decree, the decree absolute, tomorrow and that the decree would be awarded next Monday by Justice Sir Alfred Bucknell, speed champion of the high court of justice in final decree applications.

Best informed opinion was that while no exact wedding day had been set, the duke and the American-born double-divorcee and former Baltimore belle would be married in France, in or near the Chateau de Candé where Mrs. Simpson is staying, about the middle of the week beginning May 24, or about two weeks after the coronation of the duke's brother, George VI, to whom he relinquished his throne.

Dare Votes Dry In First N. C. Liquor Election

Manteo, April 27.—E. S. Wise, chairman of the Dare county board of elections, said last night a proposal to establish alcoholic beverage control stores in Dare county had been defeated by 11 votes.

Wise said the official tabulations had been locked up and that he did not remember the exact number of votes cast for and against liquor stores.

An unofficial check of complete returns, however, showed 671 dry votes and 652 wet ballots, with the prohibitionists leading by 19.

Dare was the first county to vote on the repeal of prohibition under the new county option liquor law, passed by the 1937 General Assembly.

Woman's Club To Meet Friday

The Sparta Woman's club will hold its regular meeting, postponed last week on account of commencement, in the Masonic hall on Friday, April 30, at 8:30 o'clock.

Bishop McDowell Dies Mon. From Heart Attack

Distinguished Methodist Leader Had Just Returned From Morganton Services With Rev. J. C. Cornett

LIVED IN WASHINGTON

Death Referred To As That Of One Of Denomination's Great Men; Was Active In Unification Move

Soon after returning to his home in Washington, D. C., from Morganton, N. C., where he had been holding a week's series of services for Rev. J. Clark Cornett, pastor of the Methodist church, Bishop William Fraser McDowell, 79, of the Methodist Episcopal church, died suddenly Monday from a heart attack.

The Rev. Mr. Cornett, with whom Bishop McDowell had been associated in Morganton during the last week of his life, is a former pastor of the Sparta Methodist church, and is a member of the Western North Carolina conference, Methodist Episcopal church, South. He is a native of Grayson county, Virginia.

McDowell was bishop in charge of the Washington area from 1916 to 1932. Since then he has been chairman of the committee on unification of the Methodist church, formed to bring about unification of the Methodist Episcopal church, the Methodist Protestant church, and the Methodist Episcopal church, South.

The distinguished churchman's wife preceded him in death in December, 1930.

Leaders of the Methodist church have described Bishop McDowell's death as the passing of one of the denomination's greatest men.

Alleghany Co. Dry Forces Organize For Liquor Voting

Following an address by Senator Thomas H. Steele, of Statesville, in the court room in Sparta Monday, in which he made a stirring appeal to the citizens of Alleghany county to vote against legalizing liquor in the coming county election, the dry forces in the county were organized with the election of the following officers: County chairman, Robert J. Andrews; vice-chairman, Rev. Wayne Thompson; secretary, Rev. A. B. Bruton, and precinct chairmen, Rev. Howard J. Ford, Gap Civil; Lester Phipps, Piney Creek; R. A. Crouse, Cherry Lane; Carlie Evans, Glade Creek; Frank Doughton, Cranberry, and W. R. Jones, Prathers Creek.

SLIGHT HEART ATTACK IS SUFFERED BY POPE

Vatican City, April 27.—Pope Pius suffered a slight heart attack today but remained determined to conduct his customary Wednesday reception for newly married couples tomorrow. Sources close to the 79-year-old pontiff disclosed the attack followed his luncheon. At the same time he complained of the return of light pains in his legs.

ALMANAC APRIL 30 - George Washington was inaugurated as first President of U. S., 1789. MAY 1 - First party of 300 settlers left for Matanuska, Alaska, 1935. 2 - Federal convention assembled in Philadelphia to adopt a national constitution, 1787. 3 - The first medical school in America founded, 1785. 4 - The Haymarket Riot took place in Chicago, 1886. 5 - Governor Robinson of Kansas indicated for high treason, 1858. 6 - First United States postage stamp issued, 1848.