

TODAY'S THOUGHT
"Two stars keep not their motion in one sphere."—Shakespeare.

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ABOUT FARM RELIEF

With the pressure now being felt for economy and with a strong demand in Congress to reduce the relief appropriation from the \$1,500,000,000 requested by the President to \$1,000,000,000, some people have wondered whether the Government will be longer justified in distributing \$500,000,000 a year through soil conservation payments to the farmers of the country.

Secretary Wallace points out that under the present program there will be a sufficient supply of cotton, wheat and corn to bring about a reduction of prices of sufficient magnitude to disturb many city industries if the farmers have ordinary weather this year.

Without the Soil Conservation program and without the benefit payments to persuade farmers to turn some of the acreage into soil-building crops of legumes and grasses, he estimates that there would be twenty-four million more acres planted in corn and cotton. He believes that these acres should not be planted in these crops because it will mean serious damage from erosion and, in the long run, add nothing to the net farm income.

There are undoubtedly many people in the United States who will question the wisdom of paying half a billion dollars to the farmers in benefits while the Government is troubled with budget-balancing difficulties. These people appreciate the great value to the country of a prosperous agriculture but they point to prices which now approximate parity in the belief that this means agriculture has reached a normal condition. Farm leaders, however, call attention to the fact that parity prices have been attained under rigorously curtailed production, that without the effects of the drought and the AAA, the farmers would have raised normal crops and the price would be far below the present level.

FOUR MONTHS SESSION

Congress has been in session for more than four months but very little has been accomplished except the passage of the Neutrality Act and the Bituminous Coal Act, both largely revisions of previous measures. A number of laws have been extended and some work done on the appropriation program although up to last week the President had only signed the First Deficiency Act and the Naval Appropriations Act. Two others, Independent Offices and Treasury, have been completed by the legislative bodies, and an additional pair—Legislative and the Four-Departmental—have gone into conference. Most of the major appropriation bills have passed the House but have not been taken up in the Senate.

A statistician has figured out that the Senate has met sixty-one times since January 5, with sessions averaging two hours, fifty minutes each. The House has been in session seventy-eight times, nine minutes. This means about ten hours a week for the Senate and nineteen for the House. It is important, however, to realize that most of the congressional work is done in committee meetings outside of the regular sessions. The committees have been busy, although the Court plan has kept both chambers marking time until this matter could be decided.

TWO MAY RESIGN

Last week there were renewed reports that at least two justices plan to retire from the Supreme Court early next month and while no one could guarantee the rumors, there was an indication to put credence in them. Legislators seeking a solution of the controversy raging over the Court plan, hoped that the resignation of some members might pave the way for a compromise, possibly putting two additional justices on the bench. If this should develop, it is possible that the legislative situation would clear up rapidly and congressmen, who hate a hot summer in Washington, will put

Seat On Supreme Court Resigned By Van Devanter

Solid Alignment Of Four Conservative Justices Is Broken; Announcement Of Retirement Made Tues.

REGRETS EXPRESSED

Resignation Of High Court Judge To Be Effective June 2; Roosevelt Asks Justice To Visit Him

Washington, May 18.—Breaking the solid alignment of four conservative judges who have voted repeatedly to declare new deal laws unconstitutional. Associate Justice Willis Van Devanter announced his retirement from the United States Supreme court today.

His action cast new uncertainties into the tense and close senate battle over the administration court reorganization bill and enabled President Roosevelt to make his first appearance to the tribunal with which he has waged a two year conflict.

While Washington excitedly speculated over the possible consequences, that bill received its first major reverse. The senate judiciary committee, rejecting all amendments in quick succession, voted 10 to 8 to recommend that it be defeated by the senate.

With leading opponents of the bill demanding that the president now withdraw the hotly contested measure, the capital looked to the White House for the next turn in the controversy, generally expecting that the answer would be an emphatic "no."

Opinions on the effect of the 78-year-old Van Devanter's withdrawal were almost as numerous as those who expressed them. Significantly, however, there came from a little group of leaders on both sides predictions that the battle would continue with little if any change.

And yet, compromise was in the air. Administration supporters in the committee, including Chairman Ashurst, (D. Ariz.), today voted vainly for a compromise proposed by Senator Logan, (D. Ky.).

The Logan amendment would authorize a new appointment to the supreme court each year so long as the court included an incumbent justice of more than 75 years, and the number of justices was less than 15.

As introduced and as rejected by the committee today, the president's bill would authorize the appointment, to a maximum of six, of a new member for every incumbent who has passed seventy and declines to retire voluntarily.

In its practical application, however, Van Devanter's retirement reduced the maximum of additional appointments to five, since it leaves only that number of incumbent justices who are past seventy.

Van Devanter, who began his legal career as a lawyer on the Wyoming frontier, made known his retirement intentions in a letter to President Roosevelt, stipulating that he would be available to the president for a period of six months.

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Baptist W. M. U. Holds Meeting Near Roaring Gap

Mrs. George Crutchfield was hostess to the Women's Missionary union of the Baptist church on Thursday, May 13, at her home near Roaring Gap.

With Miss Mildred Taylor as program leader, topics related to the general subject, "The Slave," were discussed by the following members: Mrs. Bruce Wagoner, Mrs. Amos Wagoner, Mrs. Leff Choate and Mrs. Bayne Doughton.

Enormous "Still" Seized Last Week In Alleghany

The largest distillery ever to be found in Alleghany county was seized last Thursday about two miles north of Sparta, by Sheriff Walter M. Irwin and Chief of Police R. D. Gentry.

The still, which was a steam outfit with a capacity of one hundred gallons, had a 100-gallon condenser, and a 50-gallon boiler.

The officers poured out 2,050 gallons of mash, to which eighteen 100-pound bags of sugar had been added only that morning.

Four men, who were operating the distillery at the time of the discovery, posted bond for their appearance at court.

Roosevelt Is Expected To Fight For Plan

Administration Leaders Counting On Assistance Of Chief For Passage Of Court Reform Measure

Washington, May 17.—It was said yesterday by administration leaders that they were counting on yeoman assistance from President Roosevelt in the intensified struggle for enactment of his court reorganization bill.

Coupled with the chief executive's refusal to accept a compromise on that dispute-breeding measure, they said, were assurances that, as his help is needed, he will supply it with an aggressive return to the battle.

Conceding defeat in the judiciary committee's vote on the bill Tuesday, they arranged to begin, a week or so later, a senate debate that may prove the most bitter in years and one which outside developments may influence vitally.

There was other business on the congressional calendar for the week, but the court fight overshadowed it all, even a fight in the house over the size of the relief appropriation. That debate was part of the general conflict over economy in government expenditures.

The house program called for disposition of the interior department appropriation bill today, consideration of minor legislation Tuesday and Wednesday and debate on the relief measure Thursday and Friday.

The president asked for \$1,500,000,000 for relief in the fiscal year that begins next July 1. Two days ago, in the face of efforts to cut the item by \$300,000,000 to \$500,000,000, he again said that the original figure was what would be needed.

The senate, still awaiting the court bill, had little on its schedule. Today, it was to meet to consider calendar bills which can be passed by unanimous consent. There was a possibility that it might take up the bill for the civilian conservation corps before the week is out.

The president, early in the fight, backed his court bill up with radio speeches and innumerable conferences with members of the senate. He made it clear that the purpose of the bill is the appointment of men to the court who hold a view of the constitution consonant with what he believes to have been the attitude of the people in returning him to office.

Bill Halsey Is Fatally Hurt When Struck By Auto

Bill Halsey, son of John N. Halsey, of Pine Branch, near Mouth of Wilson, died early Friday morning from injuries said to have been received when run over by an automobile about eight o'clock Thursday night.

According to meagre information obtainable here, young Halsey was walking along the highway with a girl when struck by the car.

"Dry" Meetings To Be Held Next Sunday In County

County-wide Meeting Of Alleghany Dry Forces To Be Held Here Saturday; Cale Burgess To Speak

A decision was reached at a recent meeting of the Alleghany County Dry Forces to hold meetings in as many churches in the county as possible on next Sunday, May 23.

The public is urged to attend these meetings, at which speakers will discuss reasons why the sale of liquor should not be legalized in Alleghany county.

The schedule is as follows: Laurel Springs Baptist church, 11 a. m.; Church of the Brethren, 11 a. m.; Pine Fork, 11 a. m.; Pleasant Grove, 11 a. m.; Scottville, 2:30 p. m.; Mount Zion Methodist church, 3 p. m.; Antioch Methodist church, 2 p. m.; Glade Valley Presbyterian church, 11 a. m., and Dunkard church, in Glade Creek township, 11 a. m.

On Sunday night, May 23, a lecture is to be given in the Sparta Baptist church by the Rev. Mr. Adams, of Rutherfordton, who will also show stereoptical slides.

Of special interest, it is said, will be the county-wide "dry" meeting to be held at the Alleghany county court house in Sparta on Saturday, May 22, 2:30 o'clock, which people from all townships in the county are invited and urged to attend. Cale Burgess, of the United Dry Forces, is scheduled to deliver an address at this meeting.

The election to determine whether or not liquor shall be legally sold in Alleghany county is to be held on Tuesday, May 25.

Methodist W. M. S. Holds Meeting At Home Of Miss Vass

The Women's Missionary society of the Methodist church held its regular meeting on Friday, May 14, at the home of Miss Margie Vass, who was program leader, with Mrs. James Toms, and Mrs. Mexa Phipps hostesses.

Mrs. J. T. Inskip presided at the meeting.

Mrs. Dalton Warren, Mrs. A. B. Bruton, Mrs. Jack Clark and Mrs. Maynard Turner each participated in the program, which dealt with "Building The Church Around The World."

Rev. M. A. Adams, of Rutherfordton, discussed reasons why liquor should not be legalized in Alleghany county.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Rev. Howard J. Ford. During an enjoyable social hour, the hostesses served dainty refreshments to twenty-seven members and guests.

REV. WAYNE THOMPSON TO PREACH HERE SUNDAY

Rev. Wayne Thompson will preach at the Baptist church here on Sunday, May 23, for Rev. R. L. Barry, who is conducting a series of meetings at Glendale Springs, in Ashe county.

Rep. Doughton Is Author Of Magazine Article

Alleghany Co. Solon Talks About Relation Of The Business Man To Members Of National Legislature

Washington, May 18.—Representative Robert L. Doughton, in a signed article appearing in a recent issue of Dun's Review, a business magazine of New York, discusses the relations of a business man with his congressman.

The veteran North Carolina member points out that there are only a few members of Congress who are business men and for this reason the high law making body needs the advice and counsel of those engaged in the business walks of life.

"Most members are anxious to get the benefit of all sound opinion, and it is equally certain that men who have made a success in their business have given some evidence that they had a soundness of mind and breadth of understanding," Doughton declares.

"The question is: Are they tall enough? Can they look over the heads of their own immediate interests and into the field of a great national progress?"

Representative Doughton said both little and big business men could help their legislators but they "must first be sure they are motivated by unselfish aims and are standing on an intellectual height. They must, no less than the legislator, see the landscape beyond."

Revival Meetings To Begin Sunday At Shiloh Church

Rev. A. B. Bruton, pastor of the Sparta Methodist circuit, plans revival services to begin at Shiloh Methodist church on Sunday night, May 23, at eight o'clock.

The pastor will be assisted by Rev. J. J. Matney, a native of Watauga county. The Rev. Mr. Matney is a member of the Pacific-Northwestern Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church. For about twenty-five years he has been preaching in the western states and has held some important pastorates.

LIBERTY CHURCH GROUNDS, CEMETERY TO BE CLEANED

The grounds and cemetery at Liberty church, in the Stratford section, are to be cleaned on Thursday afternoon, May 27. Interested persons are requested to gather there at this time and assist in the work.

WOMAN'S CLUB TO HOLD MONTHLY MEETING FRIDAY

The Sparta Woman's club will hold its regular monthly meeting on Friday, May 21, at 2:30 o'clock, in the high school auditorium.

PREACHES OWN FUNERAL

Coatesville, Ind., May 16.—Wade McMillan preached his own funeral sermon.

The 88-year-old eccentric farmer—squeakily sang a solo, "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder." 5,000 attended.

Large Spider Is Found In Banana Bunch At Store

Mrs. John Mac Edwards received a most unpleasant surprise on Tuesday, when a large black spider jumped at her from a bunch of bananas hanging in the window of the Cash and Carry store.

Holding the cluster by the stem, she had reached up to cut off some of the fruit for a customer, when the insect sprang toward her. As she drew back, the spider fell on the window counter, where it was killed.

It is thought that the insect was a tarantula, a large, venomous spider often shipped in bunches of bananas.

Guessing Game As To Van Devanter's Successor Begun

Names Of Scores Of Federal And State Officials Are Mentioned For Position On High Tribunal

Washington, May 18.—The names of a score of federal and state officials and former judges figured tonight in a great guessing contest about Justice Willis Van Devanter's successor on the supreme bench.

White House officials remained silent. Others said it was too early to talk about a new justice. Most informed persons predicted the appointment would be deferred until after June 2, when Van Devanter actually leaves the bench.

Many authorities felt the man picked would be prominent in the legal profession, although the president could, if he desired, select a non-lawyer.

Here is a list of those mentioned in the conjecture today: James M. Landis, 38, former law clerk to Associate Justice Brandeis, present chairman of the securities commission and newly designated dean of Harvard law school.

Attorney General Homer Cummings, one of the originators of the court reorganization program and former Democratic national committee chairman.

Solicitor General Stanley Reed, 52-year-old Kentuckian.

Robert H. Jackson, 45-year-old assistant attorney general, of Jamestown, N. Y., who argued before the court on social security act and was a principal witness for the court bill before the senate judiciary committee.

Frank Murphy, Michigan governor, and former governor general of the Philippines.

Benjamin V. Cohen, 42-year-old New York lawyer, co-drafter of the securities and public utility holding company acts, and public works administration attorney.

Thomas G. Corcoran, another young new deal law framer, who serves in a legal capacity in the Reconstruction Finance corporation.

Justin Miller, of California, member of the United States board of tax appeals.

Mrs. Warfield To Become Bride Of Ex-King On June 3

Announcement Of Wedding Plans Made Tuesday In Monts; No Members Of Royal Family To Attend

COUPLE TAKES WALK

Place Where Honeymoon Of Duke And Bride Is To Be Spent Is Not Announced; Ceremony To Be Private

Monts, France, May 18.—Still unreconciled with the powers who oppose his marriage as king to his heart's choice, the Duke of Windsor will be married June 3 to Wallis Warfield in a private, civil ceremony in the Chateau de Cande.

Only a handful of friends faithful to him in his self-imposed exile will be invited to the wedding. No member of his family in England will be present.

The duke issued the announcement of the wedding plans through Herman L. Rogers, of New York, spokesman for Mrs. Warfield and himself.

It was interpreted as evidence that, just as last December when the then king wrestled to keep his throne and marry the American-born divorcee, he had lost another conflict with the British government.

Friends said he tried to get official recognition of his marriage, now that the emotional storm of the abdication had died away and his brother-successor crowned as King George VI.

But in ten words today he told the story of his failure: "There will be no members of the royal family present."

The brief announcement of the wedding plans was interpreted also as meaning that Mrs. Warfield as Duchess of Windsor would not be styled "her royal highness."

Rogers said the exact time of the wedding has not been fixed, although probably it would take place at noon.

Mayor Charles Mercier, of Monts, a modest country doctor, who administers the community's medical as well as legal needs, presumably will perform the civil ceremony.

Whether there also will be a religious ceremony, as is customary in France, was "still under discussion," Rogers said. No steps have been taken to obtain the approval of the Anglican church, he added.

The wedding invitations will be issued in a few days.

Rogers came down a winding lane from the Chateau to a high iron gate barring entrance to the grounds.

After he had read two official statements, one giving the wedding date and the other announcing that members of the duke's family would not be present, he explained only a very few persons who had been close to the duke and Mrs. Warfield in Cannes, Austria, and the Chateau de Cande would be invited.

It was indicated not more than a dozen persons would receive invitations. The names of the best

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The well fed man does not believe in hunger.
MAY
1-Head of the Department of Agriculture made a member of the President's cabinet, 1898.
2-Steamer Savannah, the first to cross the ocean, sailed for Europe, 1819.
3-The Advance and Rescue sail for the Arctic regions in search of Sir John Franklin, 1850.
4-Famous Brooklyn Bridge opened to public traffic, 1883.
5-De Soto landed in Florida in search of gold, 1539.
6-Gen. Kirby Smith surrendered in Texas, ending the Civil War, 1865.
7-Century of Progress Exposition opened in Chicago, 1933.