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TODAY'S THOUGHT  
"Neither great poverty nor great riches will wear reason."—Fielding.

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## BILLIONS TO VETERANS

Benefits paid to war veterans from the Revolution through the World War, including peace-time pensions to retired and disabled soldiers, amounted to \$21,993,682.66 up to May 31, 1937, according to figures released by the Veterans' administration. About one-twentieth of this immense sum came from insurance premiums, allotments and other funds, leaving the net cost to the government of a little less than \$21,000,000,000.

## PROTECTIONISTS AROUSED

Protectionists interests are reported to have made plans to concentrate their attack on the reciprocal trade policy by lambasting the Czecho-Slovakian treaty. The government is expected to announce the list of products upon which it will consider granting concessions in order to secure similar commercial favors from Czecho-Slovakia. As Czecho-Slovakia is an industrial nation, producing a wide range of articles competitive with American goods, it is reasonably certain that some American industries will consider themselves adversely affected. They are expected to line up all industries which may be directly touched by lower duties and to appeal to other industries to join the fight on the ground that concessions in later treaties will hit them. On the other hand, foreign traders in this country are preparing to answer the attack in the belief that the government will do serious trouble in making the new agreement.

## NAVY YARDS BUSY

Government navy yards have a fair sized navy on the ways. With the new battleships recently authorized and including the cruisers, destroyers, submarines and cutters, the yards at New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Portsmouth, Charleston, Mare Island and Puget Sound are constructing 39 ships. Apparently, the government will have to plan for the bulk of its own construction in the future and this means that the yards will have to be equipped for construction on a larger scale than is now possible. As the declared naval policy of the United States calls for a fleet second to none, it appears certain that additional battleships will be required to equal the program of Great Britain. At least two more 35,000-ton battleships are expected to be authorized in the fiscal year beginning next July and one will probably be constructed on the Pacific coast.

## 34,100,000 EMPLOYED

More than 34,100,000 persons are employed in non-agricultural industries, according to Secretary Perkins, who says this represents an increase of more than 8,200,000 since the low point of the depression in March, 1933. The Secretary of Labor says that manufacturing employment is now at a level substantially equal to that of March, 1929, and the trade and service groups are employing nearly as many persons. On the contrary, however, construction employment is nearly thirty per cent off, transportation is twenty-four per cent less and public utilities sixteen per cent lower. The Cabinet member urged the raising and stabilizing of the wage earner's and farmer's incomes so that more goods can be consumed in this country.

## TO WEED OUT WEAK BANKS

Banks with unsound practices or maintaining improper financial structures will be weeded out by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation which is virtually placing the insured banks of the nation under the microscope. In cooperation with state banking authorities, it is "making a complete survey of the banks under their supervision with a view to determining what corrective steps can be taken with regard to weak and unsound banks." Leo T. Crowley, chairman, thinks that 800 to 400 weak banks should be weeded out of the system each year for several years. He insists that if banks are unsound or insolvent after a period of several years of increasing prosperity, there is little hope for their survival in any subsequent period of decreasing prosperity.

## SEC EXPELS BROKER

Concluding that Michael J. Meehan, colorful Wall Street figure, had been guilty of manipulative activities in stocks prohibited by the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Securities and Ex-

## Suggestion Of An Anti-Roosevelt Alliance Is Made

### Talk Of Possible Meeting Of Ex-President Hoover And Alf Landon At Home Of Lowden Renewed

Washington, Aug. 9.—As one of the subjects suggested for discussion at a proposed Republican rally next winter or spring is that of an alliance with anti-Roosevelt Democrats, G. O. P. leaders said here today. They reported some party members favor inviting anti-administration Democrats to run on the Republican ticket in the congressional elections next year.

An alternative proposal, that the Republican party change its name so Democrats may enlist without going under the banner of their traditional foe, has aroused little enthusiasm over the country, some of the leaders declared. It was said in usually well informed circles that talk of arranging the national Republican gathering sprang up about the time of Herbert Hoover's recent eastern visit. The former president, sightseeing today in Yellowstone Park, made no immediate comment on these reports.

John D. M. Hamilton, chairman of the Republican national committee, told reporters he was aware of the proposals for the meeting. He declined further comment, however. The general purpose of the rally, as outlined privately by other leaders, would be to reinvigorate the party and consider tactics for the 1938 elections. Every effort would be made, these party chieftains asserted, to prevent it from becoming a device for booming 1940 presidential candidates.

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## To Hold Clinic For Cripples At Roaring Gap

A clinic for cripples will be held at Roaring Gap Baby hospital on Thursday afternoon, August 27, from one to five o'clock. This clinic is free to persons of any age who wish to attend. Persons who are hare-lipped, flat-footed, crippled with rheumatism, or otherwise crippled, are invited to attend. Further treatment will also be free of charge for those under 21 years of age who are not able to pay. Dr. Moore, a specialist from Winston-Salem, will be in charge of this clinic, which is sponsored by the State Health department.

## Miller Named To Oppose Bailey For Robinson Seat

Little Rock, Ark., Aug. 10.—Congressman John E. Miller of the second Arkansas district was nominated yesterday in the "rank and file" convention of Democrats to oppose Gov. Carl E. Bailey for the United States Senate seat left vacant by the late Joe T. Robinson. The self-assembled convention repudiated the recent action of the state Democratic committee which rejected petitions for a party primary.

## BAPTIST W. M. U. TO MEET AT HOME OF MRS. WAGONER

The Women's Missionary union of the Sparta Baptist church will hold its regular monthly meeting this (Thursday) afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. Isom Wagoner. Mrs. Cleo Choate will be associate hostess and Mrs. L. L. Leff Choate and Mrs. R. C. Halsey will be in charge of the program for the afternoon.

## Former Sparta Man Is Partner In New Galax Business

J. B. Reed, formerly of Sparta, in partnership with R. K. Poole, Independence, has recently opened the Carroll-Grayson Motor Sales on East Grayson street in Galax. Mr. Reed and Mr. Poole are authorized dealers for Oldsmobile and GMC trucks, as well as for Plymouth, DeSoto and Nash products. They also carry a complete line of parts and accessories.

## Lightning Kills Four Sisters Near Creedmoor

Creedmoor, Aug. 10.—Four sisters, attractive daughters of Edgar Hester, were piled in a lifeless heap today before the eyes of their father and brother in a tobacco field, by a lightning bolt.

Edgar Hester, the father, and his son, Joe, were near the bush under which the girls had taken refuge from the sudden thunderstorm that arose while they were stringing tobacco about 4 o'clock. Uninjured themselves, the men saw the four girls slump together to the ground.

Although their bodies bore no sign of the bolt which killed them, the girls were dead when their father and brother, with two cousins, reached them. The small, bushy tree under which the girls were standing showed no sign of the bolt.

Marice, 24, eldest of the sisters, was a teacher at the Stem School. Vivian Mae, 19, had recently completed a business course in a Raleigh commercial school. Mary Swain, 16, and Edith, 13, attended the Creedmoor school.

The girls drove daily from their home in Creedmoor to the prosperous Hester farm on the Oxford highway to string tobacco, aiding in making the crop during the summer months.

## Judiciary Bill Is Passed Sat. By The Senate

Washington, Aug. 10.—An abrupt end was brought to the historic court controversy in the Senate Saturday with the passage of a compromise judiciary reform bill dealing only with lower federal tribunals. No roll call vote was taken, and Vice President Garner gavelled the measure through after less than an hour of perfunctory debate.

Few senators were on the floor when he banged his ivory mallet on the desk and declared the bill passed by unanimous consent. Several senators, caught by surprise, sprang to their feet and protested that they wanted a chance to vote against the legislation.

Garner promptly ruled that their objections came too late, but said they could have their opposition noted in the record.

The measure had been agreed to by administration leaders, after they abandoned President Roosevelt's original proposed to appoint additional justices to the supreme court if incumbents past 70 years of age did not retire.

## Officers Are Chosen By Local B. Y. P. U. Sun.

At a business meeting of the Sparta B. Y. P. U., held on Sunday night, August 8, the following new officers were elected: President, Tom Greene; vice-president, Mrs. C. A. Reeves; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. James Hoppers; corresponding secretary, Miss Edna Walls; pianist, Mrs. Odell Richardson; Bible Readers' leader, Dr. Odell Richardson; group captain, Miss Grace York and Robert Andrews, and reporter, Miss Grace York.

## Couple On Long Hike



HAYTI, Mo. . . Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hamilton (shown on highway near here), bound for the Texas Centennial at Dallas, have trudged over 1000 miles since they started from Phillippe, W. Va., last September.

## Doughton Is Said Not To Be Out Of Senate Race Yet

(The news article which is published below is reprinted from the Chapell Hill Weekly, and, as it concerns Congressman Robert L. Doughton, of Alleghany county, who wrote a letter recently to Louis Graves, editor of the Weekly in regard to the possibility that the chairman of the powerful House Ways and Means committee may be entertaining aspirations for the United States seat now held by Senator Reynolds.

He does not say he will run, but he makes it plain that he has not definitely given up the idea. "The fact that he is non-committal is important political news," says the Weekly in a foreword to the letter, "Because, from his latest previous word on the subject most people in North Carolina had got the impression that he was out of the race."—Editor).

Mr. Doughton's letter is as follows: "Dear Mr. Graves: "Your letter requesting information as to my purpose relative to entering the next Senatorial campaign in our State has been received and given attention.

"Many similar letters from all sections of North Carolina have reached me, and continue to arrive daily, most of which urge me to become a candidate for nomination to the Senate and pledge support in case I should decide to run.

"Congress is in the midst of a very busy and important session and my heavy duties and responsibilities demand all of my time. Moreover, the primary is almost 12 months away and I do not feel that I would in any way be justified at this time in doing or saying anything that would in the slightest interfere with my obligations to the people of the district I represent, as well as the state and nation. I feel also that the people should be given a rest from politics during the hot summer months.

"I will, however, at or near the close of the present session of Congress advise my friends and the people of North Carolina what office, if any, I will seek in the next Democratic primary.

"Assuring you of my appreciation of your interest in the matter, and with best wishes always, I am,

"Very sincerely yours,  
"R. L. DOUGHTON."

## BIG APPLE CROP FORECAST

Washington, Aug. 10.—The agriculture department announced today crop conditions on August 1 indicated a 1937 national apple production of 202,274,000 bushels, compared with 117,506,000 bushels in 1936.

## Democrats Hold Harmony Meet; Roosevelt Absent

Washington, Aug. 10.—Senate Democrats gathered tonight at a "harmony" dinner but President Roosevelt was a conspicuous absentee.

The chief executive, who was accused only yesterday by Senator Copeland, of New York, of destroying party harmony, sent a letter to the party gathering, instead of attending. White House aides said "pressure of other things" prevented the President from going.

Copeland attended the dinner—announced as a banquet in honor of the new party leader, Senator, Barley, of Kentucky—along with virtually all of his colleagues among the strife-ridden Democratic ranks in the Senate.

It was a "stag" affair, behind closed doors at the Raleigh Hotel, with no outsiders invited and even the one woman senator, Mrs. Caraway, of Arkansas, left off the guest list.

Senators in charge of the affair insisted it was purely social, to honor the new leader, and that no serious speeches were listed. They said almost a dozen informal talks were on the program.

Vice President Garner, who has been working persistently since his return from Texas to heal party wounds, was the presiding officer or toastmaster. The President's letter was sent to him for reading at the dinner.

## County Nurse To Vaccinate Against Smallpox On Sats.

Mrs. Virginia Ashley Greene, Public Health Nurse for Alleghany county, will be in her office in the courthouse on each Saturday morning for the next several weeks, from 9 until 12 o'clock, for the purpose of vaccinating against smallpox.

## Stokes County To Hold Liquor Election Aug. 17

Danbury, Aug. 10.—Long a stronghold of prohibition, Stokes county appears to be tottering, a recent cross-section survey revealed.

Its citizens—men and women from the rolling hills on the Forsyth county line to the mountains that troop down from Surry in the west—will decide August 17 whether liquor stores are to be established.

On that date Stokes county will march to the polls. Not since the national referendum in 1933 has its citizens had an opportunity to vote their sentiments. Then the county voted against repeal, 1,998 to 430. Dry leaders are confident of another overwhelming victory. Wet campaigners likewise predict victory but are conservative in their estimate of voting power.

## N. C. Girl Named "Miss California" In Recent Contest

Venice, Calif., Aug. 10.—Phyllis Randall, 21-year-old blonde from Charlotte, N. C., Saturday had won the title of Miss California in a beauty contest here.

Miss Randall won her title and the right to represent this state in the Atlantic City contest next month, over two score other contestants at the annual Mardi Gras here.

## Hoey Endorses Stacy For Seat On High Court

Raleigh, Aug. 10.—Governor Hoey sent a telegram to President Roosevelt tonight endorsing Walter Parker Stacy, chief justice of the North Carolina supreme court for appointment to the vacancy on the United States Supreme Court.

The Governor told reporters he believed the President was giving "serious consideration" to the appointment of Stacy, who recently was endorsed by 11 of the 13 members of North Carolina's delegation to Congress.

"I wish to direct your attention to the eminent qualifications and unquestioned fitness of Hon. W. P. Stacy, chief justice of the supreme court of North Carolina, for appointment to the Supreme Court of the United States," the Governor telegraphed.

"Judge Stacy meets every requirement for that high position. In ability and learning, character and capacity, saneness and liberalism—Judge Stacy would sustain the best traditions of the great court of last resort. His appointment would meet the universal approval of this entire state."

## Home-Coming At Glade Valley H. S. Attended By Many

Good attendance marked the Home-Coming occasion at Glade Valley high school, which was held on Saturday, August 7. Members of 15 of the 25 classes that the school has turned out were present, and, taking into account alumni and friends present, around 50 persons were served a picnic supper on the school grounds.

After the supper, E. B. Eldridge, president of the Glade Valley High School Alumni association, held a meeting of the alumni. The secretary, Miss Ruth Bowlin, could not be present on account of illness, and Miss Una Norman, of the class of '36, was named temporary secretary, and served in this capacity.

A decision to change the date of the annual Home-Coming from August to Monday of Commencement week at the school was reached.

## General Farm Bill Expected Early At Next Session

Washington, Aug. 10.—The Senate agriculture committee voted unanimously today to report out a general farm bill within a week after the convening of the next session of Congress.

Chairman Smith (D., S. C.) said the new bill would be ready for the Senate regardless of whether the President called a special session of Congress or did not meet until January.

## METHODIST W. M. S. TO HOLD MEETING TOMORROW

The Women's Missionary society of the Methodist church will hold its regular monthly meeting tomorrow (Friday) afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock, at the church. Mrs. Dalton Warren and Mrs. Will Pugh will be hostesses on this occasion and Mrs. Lola White will be leader of the program.

## Roosevelt Signs Bill Providing Parkway Funds

### Sum Of \$4,500,000 Is Made Available For Scenic Roadway This Year; Work Plans Under Study

Washington, Aug. 10.—A sum of money amounting to \$4,500,000 was made available today for the current fiscal year for the Blue Ridge parkway, connecting the Shenandoah and Great Smoky Mountains National parks, by the signature of President Roosevelt.

A. E. Demaray, associate director of the national park service, said plans for new work in the parkway are still under study, and it has not been determined where the work will be started first.

He said \$1,500,000 could be used for completion of sections under contract, including surfacing, bridge structures and roadside improvements from Jarman Gap to Rock Fish Gap and from Adney Gap to the Virginia-North Carolina line in Virginia, and from the line to Deep Gap and from Buck Gap to Bull Gap in North Carolina.

New work which could be economically undertaken during the year, he said, included the sections between Pinnacles of Dan to the Virginia-North Carolina line in Virginia and from Beacon Heights to N. C. route No. 104 and from Buck Creek Gap to Bull Gap in North Carolina.

Demaray said the general aim of the service is toward completion of the major part of the parkway between Roanoke and Asheville.

The appropriation carried in the bill fell approximately \$800,000 short of the total Demaray said could be profitably expended on the entire project this year. He said, however, that the status of the plans are such that all the work named could be let to contract if and when money is provided.

## Road Improvement Program To Be In "Full Tilt" Soon

Raleigh, Aug. 10.—An \$8,000,000-program to improve farm-to-market and school bus roads in North Carolina will be "in full tilt" by September 1, Governor Hoey said yesterday.

A total of \$2,000,000 of the record sum will be spent before winter. The Government predicted the WPA would contribute at least \$200,000 to supplement the fund. An additional \$5,800,000 made available by the General Assembly for secondary road betterment will be spent during the current fiscal year.

## LOCAL LIBRARY RECEIVES 400 ADDITIONAL BOOKS

Four-hundred additional books have been recently donated to the Community library by different libraries. These books are now being prepared for circulation.

### ALMANAC

Who's to do this work?  
Who's to do this work?  
Who's to do this work?

"If everyone becomes master, who shall turn the mill?"

AUGUST

- 13—Los Angeles, California, captured by the Americans, 1945.
- 14—End of Indian War in Florida proclaimed, 1862.
- 15—Will Rogers and Wiley Post crossed near Point Barrow, Alaska, 1955.
- 16—France withdrew her troops from the Ruhr, 1925.
- 17—Fulton's steamboat made the trip from New York to Albany, 1807.
- 18—Virginia Dams, first child of English parents to be born in American town of Roanoke, Va., 1877.
- 19—The German people voted to remain in the Weimar Republic, 1933.