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TODAY'S THOUGHT

"By gnawing through a dike, even a rat may drown a nation."—Burke

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BLACK CONFIRMED

Confirmation of Senator Hugo L. Black by the Senate last week placed the judicial robes of a justice upon the first member of the Supreme Court to be appointed senator was something of a revelation to the experts who, for weeks, busied themselves with efforts to anticipate the President's selection. Practically no one even suggested the joint sponsor of the Wages and Hours Bill, who has been an ardent and loyal supporter of the New Deal and a liberal throughout his ten year senatorial career.

Immediately upon the submission of Senator Black's name, the President's nomination was hailed as a masterful political manoeuvre. The forces of the Chief Executive promptly began an indirect attack, alleging that the Senator would not be eligible on account of the passage of legislation permitting justices to retire. The nominee's political fitness was also questioned. Later, the charge was made that the Ku Klux Klan supported him in Alabama. These objections were ineffective and the aggressive Alabamian was confirmed by a Senate vote of 68 to 16.

"NEW DEAL" JUSTICE

While even his friends probably would not claim that Senator Black's legal experience has been as broad as some of the present members of the Court, they insist that he is well qualified and, certainly, is as able as many appointees to the Court in the past. There is no doubt as to his sympathy with the objectives of the New Deal and it is sure that the President has not failed to appoint a man of his own political philosophy. This was to be expected and is no more than has been the custom in the past when conservative presidents have placed on the Supreme Court lawyers whose greatest qualification has been their assiduous practice of law in the interest of large corporations.

TROOPS TO SHANGHAI

The decision of the Government to strengthen its armed forces at Shanghai by the dispatch of additional marines from the West Coast emphasizes the gravity of the situation in the Far East and indicates the belief of this Government that conditions are not apt to improve. The reinforcement will leave San Diego probably this week but will not reach China for another month. Apparently, the United States will not abandon its foothold in China nor withdraw its nationals from the danger zone. The last step involved any number of difficulties and while many Americans have been and will be removed from the war zone, others will remain.

The decision of the Government to strengthen the forces came in the face of some demand that the United States withdraw entirely from China, removing not only its citizens but also its soldiers and ships. Obviously, the presence of our sailors and marines in the zone where large scale fighting between bitter enemies is underway cannot fail to carry a threat to future peaceful relations. An unexpected incident might involve our forces in a battle with the soldiers of China or Japan. However, the State Department probably considers this risk to be less than that involved in an entire surrender of our interests in China.

NEUTRALITY ACT

Meanwhile, the Neutrality Act had not been put into effect up to the writing of this column and there was no official intimation that the President would take any immediate action along this line. While the Act itself would automatically place a ban on shipment of supplies to China and Japan, the embargo would obviously be in the interest of Japan because the Japs would have the merchant ships to transport supplies for themselves and the warships to blockade the ports of China. This advantage, it should be noted, is more apparent than real because, under actual war conditions, it is doubtful if war supplies could be landed in China.

DESTROYERS DISCUSSION

The plan to lease six over-age destroyers to Brazil has been practically abandoned for the present in the face of considerable criticism, particularly on the part of the Government of Argentina, which appears particularly

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Doughton Returns To His Alleghany Home For Rest

Pilots 20 Major Bills Through House During Eight-Month Session Of Congress Just Ended

Congressman Robert L. (Farmer Bob) Doughton, of Alleghany county, has returned to his home at Laurel Springs for a period of rest after eight months of hard work holding down four of the most important chairmanships in Congress. The veteran North Carolina Congressman conferred Saturday with President Roosevelt regarding a number of legislative odds and ends and told the chief executive he would return to Washington for a further conference with him in September.

In the meantime Representative Doughton will remain at his Alleghany home, giving his personal attention to his herd of cattle and his future political plans.

Asked just before leaving the capitol if he would be a candidate for the Senate against Senator Robert R. Reynolds, Doughton said this was a question to which he had given no recent thought because his time had been devoted to closing tax loopholes and not running political offices.

Those who know the North Carolinian's mind believe he is seriously considering retiring from public life at the end of his present time and not being a candidate for any office.

If Doughton retires he will relinquish the most powerful position any member of Congress from North Carolina ever held in Washington. He is chairman of the ways and means committee which has charge of all tax legislation and also acts a committee on committees for the House. He is chairman of the joint committee on taxation, the special congressional committee on tax evasion, and in addition to this, is chairman of the House Democratic caucus.

Representative Doughton has used his prestige to the advantage of North Carolina in many ways. His recent successful fight to restore the cut in the Blue Ridge parkway appropriation is but one example. His position in Congress, coupled with his closeness to the President, has been a power in getting many North Carolina projects approved, not only for his district, but the state as a whole.

The North Carolina representative has piloted 20 major legislative measures through the House during the present session.

Supt. Thompson Talks About Schools At Club Meeting

At the August meeting of the Woman's club, held last Friday at three o'clock, in the high school auditorium, Mrs. R. C. Halsey, leader for the afternoon, presented a most interesting program.

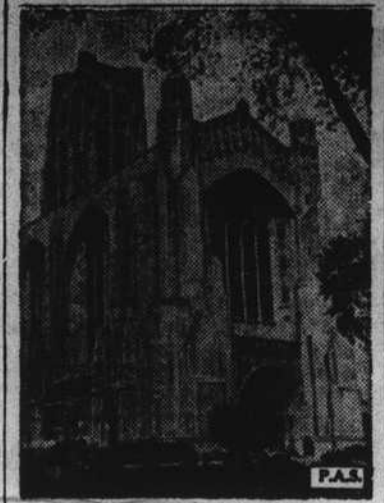
W. C. Thompson, superintendent of schools in Alleghany county, discussed the schools, picturing their needs very clearly. Peggy Cook entertained with a tap dance and Miss Annie Marie Choate and Mrs. P. L. Choate played a piano duet, both numbers being greatly enjoyed.

In conclusion, Mrs. Halsey led a round-table discussion, in which some objectives for the coming year were outlined.

Woodruff, Thompson And Myers Reunion To Be Held Sept. 12

A reunion of the Woodruff, Thompson and Myers families, widely known in the Carolinas and adjoining states, will be held at Liberty Grove Baptist church in Wilkes county, five miles east of North Wilkesboro, on Highway No. 268, Sunday, September 12. Every member of either family, and their friends, are cordially invited to attend and take with them well-filled baskets of good "ests" to add to the picnic dinner at noon.

Rockefeller Memorial



Chicago, Ill. . . The most beautiful and outstanding building on the University of Chicago campus was named Rockefeller Memorial Chapel in honor of the great philanthropist who made many large gifts to the institution.

Preparations For Great Galax Fair Progress Rapidly

Day by day, as the time for the opening day of the Great Galax fair draws nearer and nearer, plans and preparations for "the fair that is complete in every department" becomes more nearly complete and interest seems to be growing daily, indicative of a very successful fair.

W. C. Roberson, who is in charge of arrangements for the fair, maintains an office in the Merchants and Farmers bank building, upstairs, on East Grayson street in a Galax.

Marks Shows will be on the midway for the fair, which is to get under way on Monday, August 30, and continue throughout the week, closing on Saturday night, September 4.

Racing, fireworks, big free acts in front of the grandstand, a large and attractive display of agricultural and home manufacture exhibits, a large collection of interesting shows and thrilling rides are among the many attractions listed for the entertainment of the thousands of citizens of Grayson and Carroll counties and adjoining territory who are expected to be in attendance at the big annual event.

Another outstanding feature of the fair, it is expected, will be the horse show, although the exact date for this attraction has not yet been announced.

Glade Valley H. S. To Open For New Term On Aug. 31

Glade Valley high school will open its twenty-eighth term on Tuesday, August 31, with the following faculty in charge: Rev. C. W. Ervin, principal, and teacher of English and Bible; Paul Hudson, History; Miss Annie Belle Corry, Mathematics and French; Miss Lillian Cooper, Science and Home Economics; Mrs. Ellen Guerrant, Music and Dean of girls, and Mrs. E. B. Eldridge, Dietitian.

Miss Cooper and Mr. Hudson are the only new faculty members. Miss Cooper, of Blackey, Ky., is the daughter of Prof. W. L. Cooper, former superintendent of this school, and is a graduate of Flora McDonald college. Mr. Hudson, of Mooreville, is a graduate of Davidson college.

The buildings have been greatly improved during the vacation season, as extensive remodeling and repair work has been done. A new fire-proof roof has been put on the girls' dormitory and both dormitories have been painted. All the living rooms and halls in the boys' building have been either papered or painted. Two class rooms and the library have been papered.

More than five hundred books were added to the library, which now has twenty-six hundred volumes.

Congress Ends Lengthy And Stormy Session

Washington, Aug. 24.—Embroidered to the last in a spectacular warfare between fighting factions of the Democratic party, Congress adjourned Saturday. After eight months of furious wrangling, the weary legislators turned homeward, wondering if the party's once solid majorities had been split beyond repair.

They wondered, too, whether they would be summoned back into special session this fall to deal with problems left unsettled, and, if so, pessimistically predicted that the intra-party row would go on then, from where it stopped today.

For it ended on a note of wrathful defiance. Four of the Democrats who opposed the Roosevelt court bill arose, one after the other, and challenged the administration to unseat them because of that opposition.

Upon Senator Guffey (D., Pa.), who had suggested such a course the four, Wheeler, Burke, O'Mahoney and Holt, poured vitals of contempt and denunciation, while he sat grimly looking straight before him and said nothing.

Then, they circulated a petition among their Democratic colleagues, asking that Guffey be ousted from his position as chairman of the Democratic senatorial campaign committee. They said they had obtained from fifteen to twenty signatures.

However, the petition was withdrawn later when Senator Barkley, of Kentucky, the Democratic leader, disclosed that a week earlier Guffey came to him with his resignation from the committee. Barkley said he was busy at the time and suggested that the resignation go over until after the session.

Shortly before the session ended formally at 7:22 p. m. (est), Mr. Roosevelt sent the Senate a letter expressing his "regards and good wishes" and hoping the legislators would have a "pleasant, happy vacation."

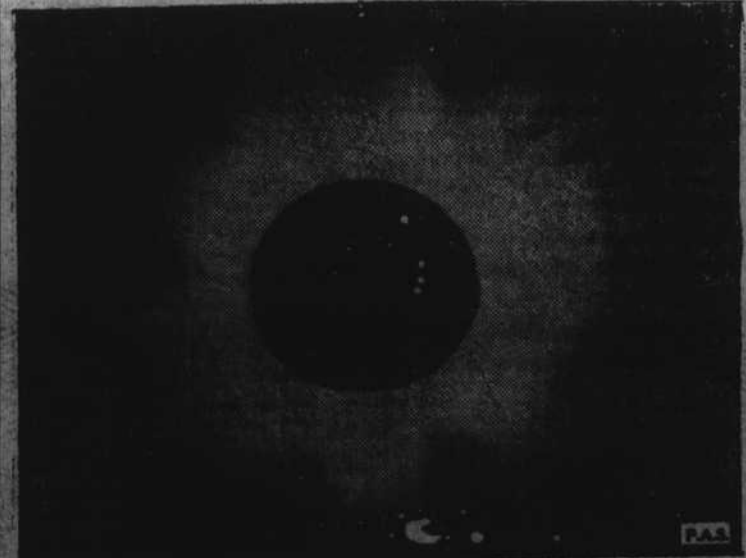
Baptist Sun. School To Hear Robert Carico Sunday

On next Sunday morning at 10:00 o'clock, the Baptist church will have as a visitor at its Sunday school, Robert Carico, of Delta, Pa. Mr. Carico is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Carico and a grandson of M. A. Higgins, of Emice, N. C.

Young Carico, who received his B. S. degree last week at the Appalachian State Teachers college, Boone, is a very fluent speaker and will deliver a lecture on "Temperance."

Besides this speech there will be some special songs by small children and other musical numbers. Everybody is invited to this special program and Sunday school.

Globular Corona Of The Sun



The first picture to call attention that the sun is surrounded by atmosphere more than a million miles in depth, in which the visible corona shines more strongly. The picture was taken during the eclipse of the sun on June 8th, from a plane at an altitude of more than 25,000 feet.

Special Session Of Congress Is Thought Likely

Washington, Aug. 24.—Increasing expectation was evident in the capital tonight that President Roosevelt will call a special session of Congress in the fall for a showdown on crop control and wage and hour legislation.

The President discussed a special session at a luncheon conference with the Democratic leaders, Senator Barkley, of Kentucky, and Representative Rayburn, of Texas.

He told reporters afterward, however, that he had not made up his mind. He had been advised both for and against, he said.

One group of influential house Democrats passed the word earlier in the day that they are against congress meeting before its regular session next January. They argued time is needed to cool tempers aroused in the session just ended.

A special session in November to tackle highly controversial issues was freely predicted, however, by Senator Guffey (D., Pa.), an administration stalwart, and Speaker Bankhead, of the house.

Guffey, who stirred up a tempest in the dying hours of the last session by predicting "oblivion" for foes of the President's proposal to reorganize the Supreme Court, spoke at New York, where he will depart for Europe tomorrow.

He expressed belief to reporters that a special session will pass upon wage and hour regulation, anti-lynching and farm loan bills.

Former Duke U. Professor Named D. C. Court Judge

Washington, Aug. 22.—President Roosevelt made further progress Friday in his program for injecting new and liberal blood in the federal judiciary by sending to the Senate for confirmation the appointment of Justin Miller, formerly dean of the Duke University Law School at Durham, as associate justice of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia to succeed the late Justice Van Orsdel.

Clearing Skies Cheer Searchers For Lost Fliers

Barrow, Alaska, Aug. 24.—Clearing weather in the Arctic encouraged hopes of aviators here today that they soon would be able to fly over the polar ice fields in search of six lost Soviet airmen.

Heavy fogs, which kept planes grounded at Barrow this week, were lifting.

The Soviet North Pole camp informed Moscow by wireless the temperature had dropped below freezing, rain ceased and murky skies had cleared.

To Search For Fliers



Glendale, Cal. . . Jimmy Mattern, noted flier, just before take-off to join in search for the reported Russian fliers lost in the Arctic. Four years ago, Mattern was saved by these same fliers in about the same location.

Republicans Map Plans For Fight During Next Year

Washington, Aug. 24.—The Republican campaign to take advantage of Democratic discord and score a comeback next year got under way today.

Party officials from 14 widely scattered states met behind closed doors with John Hamilton, their national chairman.

They reported, Hamilton said, that there has been a substantial change in public sentiment due to the Supreme Court controversy and to the President's "vacillating policy" on labor matters.

It was one of a series of meetings planned by Hamilton in Washington, or other cities. There also has been talk of a national convention of Republican leaders to re-invigorate the party for the 1938 elections, but the national chairman said that was not discussed today.

"We are trying to determine where we should direct our fire," Hamilton told reporters.

Among the topics discussed, he added, were methods of interesting young people and means of raising money for the party's next drive.

Kansas Senator To Oppose U. S. Trade Policy

Washington, Aug. 21.—Senator Arthur Capper (R), Kans., announced today that he would carry on a "grass-roots campaign" against the administration's reciprocal trade agreements policy.

He denounced the trade program, under which the government has made agreements with 16 nations, as a disguised method of "selling out the farmer for the benefit of Eastern manufacturers."

The slender, grey-thatched Kansan said he would speak during the next three months at more than 40 fairs, farm picnics, and agriculture association meetings throughout the Middle West. Predicting that the agreements would "arouse a growing volume of protest" among the farmers, he said that agricultural exports had fallen steadily during the last 12 months as a result of the parts.

Capper cited State Department figures for the last fiscal year, which showed a \$400,000,000 increase in imports of agricultural products, while farm exports declined \$30,000,000.

SMALL ALL-METAL PLANE DEVELOPED IN CALIF.

San Diego, Calif., Aug. 24.—Development of a small all-metal airplane, described as the first non-fabric cabin machine ever produced in the American light plane field, was announced today by the Ryan Aeronautical Company.

Of low-wing construction, the plane will seat three including the pilot.

Roosevelt Makes Stirring Speech On Roanoke Island

Governor Clyde R. Hoey Introduces President To Great Throng Gathered On Historic Spot

Fort Raleigh, Roanoke Island, Aug. 24.—A great throng gathered here last Wednesday on this historic island, drenched in poetic tradition of an infant America, under gnarled old oaks and sweet-scented pines, to hear President Roosevelt attack the foes of the New Deal in a speech celebrating the 350th anniversary of the birth of Virginia Dare, the first white child born on these shores.

The President of the United States stood here on the speakers' platform, sipping occasionally at a glass of water as he made his first public address since the defeat of his Supreme Court measure.

Time and gain the throng cheered Mr. Roosevelt.

The great and near-great were crowded here in the center of the recreated village of "Lost Colony," the place where a baby daughter was born to Ellenor and Annanias Dare, 350 years ago today.

Never had the Tarheel state witnessed anything like this celebration. Long it had been an ambition of these fisherfolks from the banks of Dare to have this nation's chief executive visit this hallowed spot. Today that ambition was realized.

In introducing President Roosevelt to Tar Heels here at old Fort Raleigh, Governor Clyde R. Hoey said:

"I want to present the nation's first citizen, the most colossal figure of the century, the greatest humanitarian of his time, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt."

Then a great wave of cheering swept through the crowd, voicing its pleasure to receive Mr. Roosevelt.

Mr. Roosevelt made his speech after a four-mile ride from Manteo down a flag-draped road.

Photographers caught a picture of President Roosevelt, Governor Hoey, and former Governor Ervinghaus.

"Three governors," said the nation's chief executive, and smiled.

It was a great reunion for Ervinghaus and the President.

"You've got beautiful weather this time, Mr. President," said Ervinghaus, recalling the dressing Mr. Roosevelt got on his last visit to North Carolina at the Green Pastures rally in Charlotte last September.

ALLEGHANY TEACHERS TO MEET HERE SATURDAY

A county-wide teachers' meeting will be held on Saturday, August 28, at 10 o'clock, at Sparta high school. All teachers in Alleghany county are expected to be present.

After discussing plans for the year, the teachers will receive the books for their schools and also their supplies.

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"Old friends and old ways ought not to be disdained."

- AUGUST
- 27—First petroleum well opened at Titusville, Pa., 1859.
- 28—Henry Hudson entered Delaware Bay, 1609.
- 29—New Amsterdam surrendered to the English and became New York, 1664.
- 30—Natives massacred at Fort Mims, Ala. by the Creek Indians, 1813.
- 31—Von Hindenburg defeated the Russian forces in the Battle of Tannenberg, 1914.
- SEPTEMBER
- 1—The first electric railway opened at Baltimore, 1888.
- 2—Frederick Douglass moved to Washington, 1845.