

WHAT ABOUT BUSINESS?

Congressional problems, budget-balancing and world affairs are on the sidelines as the President and his official advisers study business conditions in the United States. That the recession of business has been substantial is well established and business activity has reached its lowest point since the spring of 1936. That the present slump will extend well into 1938 is also the deliberate conclusion of able economists of the Administration.

Whether the Government should take positive action is the subject of considerable discussion. Certainly, the government has a vital interest in the state of business because its income depends largely upon the profits of commerce and industry. Moreover, the cost of relief also depends upon the employment which is available and this too depends upon the condition of business in the United States. The balancing of the budget is predicted upon a continual flow of tax collections into the Treasury and a decreasing expenditure for relief and this indicates that Mr. Roosevelt's fiscal goal will be impossible unless some improvement takes place in the business world.

"PUMP-PRIMING" AGAIN?

The Government, as readers well know, has largely curtailed its "pump-priming" expenditures and there are many who believe that this has been done too abruptly. Consequently, there is a growing demand for increased Government spending and, surprisingly, some of it comes from business leaders who have been insistent heretofore that the first requisite of prosperity is a balanced budget.

Efforts to revive private housing have not met with success and experts are of the opinion that aid must be had from industrial expansion if construction is to revive a demand for heavy goods. The public utilities and the railroads are named among the industries needing building programs but, immediately, the explanation comes that because of Government restrictions, private capital is not available for expansion.

Consequently, one may expect a drive to revise the laws which it is claimed, now discourage the investment of private funds in business. Certainly, if such a revision can remove difficulties in the path of private initiative without nullifying the broad social reforms of the Administration and the controls necessary to protect the public, it should be attempted and the present indications are that if the Administration makes no such move, the members of Congress will initiate the action themselves.

WILL INDUSTRY REVIVE?

Generally, it is conceded that private industry must initiate a campaign of industrial construction or the Government will be forced to resume spending on a large scale for relief, housing public buildings and such activities. Graphs, charts and other data showing the state of industry and employment indicate no early improvement unless some definite action is undertaken. That the President is being strongly advised by some of his official family to keep up a program of Federal spending is established but that the Chief Executive is determined to balance the budget, inclines one to the belief that, if possible Mr. Roosevelt would prefer to see the initiative come from private sources. Generally, it is agreed that the failure of private construction to take over the recovery load laid down when the Government recessed its activities is responsible for the present recession and that the trend will continue downward unless spending on a large scale is resumed.

Various suggestions have been made, including a proposal that the collections under the Social Security Act be used for expenditures in the housing field. This it is said, would revive the heavy industries and stimulate business generally. No new taxation would be required at this time but if the Social Security funds are used, the Government will be obligated to repay the money in the future. Another plan proposed in some quarters is the mechanizing of the Army which would involve a huge sum. This

Roosevelt Urges Some Reductions In Business Taxes

Does Not Ask Immediate Action On Suggestions In Message To Congress Delivered On Monday

Washington, Nov. 16.—Suggestion was made to the newly convened congress yesterday by President Roosevelt that some of the tax burdens on business should be lightened. However, the chief executive presented his Capitol Hill leaders with a vexatious problem by omitting a request for immediate action on the recommendation.

Endeavoring to carry out his wishes for "early" legislation on such subjects as crop control and wage-hour legislation, they encountered an insistent demand in both houses that quick steps be taken to help business out of its present difficulties.

Whether the demands would reach such proportions as actually to delay the president's immediate program remained to be seen.

The chief executive's recommendations went to congress in a special message shortly after it met in response to his call for the special session a call which went out before the current industrial recession began.

Aware that many members were disposed to measure the value of prospective legislation in terms of assistance to business, the president presented his proposals—crop control, the wage-hour bill, government reorganization and regional planning—as measures which would give such assistance.

He acknowledged the industrial decline, spoke especially of "lightening inequitable burdens on the enterprise of small business men" and referred to the crop control and wage-hour bills as measures which would maintain and stabilize purchasing power. Government reorganization and regional planning he called "essential tools for the whole task."

"For the sake of the nation, I hope for your early action," he said, in conclusion.

Wallace Is Asked For Advice On The Farm Problem

Washington, Nov. 16.—Senate farm leaders called in Secretary Wallace today to help clarify the confused crop control situation.

A dispute between senate and house sub-committees on cotton regulation appeared likely to delay the whole administration program for 10 days.

Chairman Smith (D. S. C.), shouting determination to call the senate agriculture committee together every day "and nights and Sunday, too, if necessary" to get out a bill, announced a conference tomorrow with the secretary.

"We've asked Wallace and his crowd up here to explain just what all these farm bills mean," he said.

Jumping the gun on the committee, Senator Ellender (D. La.) introduced in the senate a proposal for tobacco marketing quotas to become effective on a two-thirds referendum vote of the producers. He said he would make a similar proposal for rice.

NEW HOPE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL FOR OCT. ANNOUNCED

For October, the Honor Roll at New Hope school was as follows: First grade: Lynore Bare, Alton Delp, John Delp, Arnold Delp, Carrie Burchett, Johnnie Ray Finney, Ethel Jordan, Sally Bert Phillips, Young Irwin, Jr., Walter Jones, Virginia Jordan and Marie Jones. Second grade: Robert Black, Dora Perry, Eugene Burschett and Bobby Joe Edwards. Third grade: Kathleen Jordan. Fourth grade: Edna Osborne and Ernest Cleary. Fifth grade: Betty Gene Whitaker.

Sparta Bird Dogs Defeat Piney Creek Basketball Squad

The Sparta Bird Dogs basketball team defeated the Piney Creek team in a game played here in the Sparta high school gymnasium last Thursday night. The Sparta players had not been victorious until they changed the team name. They won the first game played after the change was made.

The Sparta Bird Dogs invite the public to see the games they play, and the Piney Creek boys have been congratulated on the point of safe shooting and sportsmanship.

Cherry Seems To Be Giving Thought To Senate Battle

Raleigh, Nov. 16.—R. Gregg Cherry, the "Iron Major" of North Carolina politics and speaker of the 1937 House of Representatives, said Sunday he is "giving serious consideration" to the U. S. senatorial race and may become a candidate.

"Friends," said the chairman of the State Democratic party, "repeatedly have urged me in recent weeks to announce as a candidate for the Senate and I have been giving it serious consideration."

Cherry said that he had made no definite decision and probably would not until the first of the year.

He indicated that he has reached the crossroads of his political career.

It has been generally talked in North Carolina political circles for the past two years that the genial, rough-riding Cherry wants most to ascend the gubernatorial throne.

"That always has been an ambition of mine," said Cherry. "I guess every man has some ambition like that. For a long time I have thought about the governorship."

Cherry would not be eligible to run until 1944—when the west gets to pick the candidate again. With Governor Hoey hailing from the west, the 1940 gubernatorial candidate of the Democratic party will come from the east.

Whether Cherry will pass by an opportunity that surely exists in being the fair-haired boy for governor in 1944 is a question that is passing from lip to lip in the Capitol City.

If he runs for the U. S. Senate that opportunity will be gone with the wind.

And Cherry frankly admits that nothing would please him more than to be governor.

Only the admiration apparently can change his mind and throw him into the senatorial race with Robert R. Reynolds and Frank W. Hancock.

Would Have Vote Of People Before Taking War Action

Washington, November 16.—A determined drive to keep the United States from plunging into any foreign war, without the voted consent of the American people, was launched in Congress today.

Constitutional amendments were introduced in Senate and House proposing to give the American people the right to a direct vote on the question of going to war.

The referendum, however, would not apply to defense against an outright invasion of the American continent by some foreign foe.

Senator Robert M. LaFollette, (P.) of Wisconsin, introduced the proposed amendment in the Senate, while Representative William A. Ashbrook, (D.) of Ohio, offered it in the House.

At the same time, Senator Arthur Capper, (R.) of Kansas, announced he would sponsor a like amendment in the Senate.

Way Down On The Suwannee



While early snows usher in the winter sports season in northern climes, the Summer Sun still holds sway down Florida-way. Here, a youthful Isaac Walton casts his line from a giant lily-pad in a quiet inlet on the placid waters of the Suwannee, famed in song and story.

N. C. Baptists In Session This Week At Wilmington

Wilmington, Nov. 16.—The opening sessions of the North Carolina Baptist convention in First church here today was marked by discussion of Christianity through foreign missions as the way to peace for a war-torn world, and by reports of increased giving to church causes.

"Christianity as now believed in, interpreted and lived, gives us security against war," Rev. John T. Wayland, of Durham, declared in the principal address of tonight's session, attended by the 685 registered delegates and as many more visitors and local church-goers.

"In Spain," he said, "the forces of Franco are bayoneting the loyalists with the blessing of the Vicar of Christ, His Holiness, the Pope. The loyalists are fervently being supported by the liberal Christians in Europe and America. The little group of Christians in Japan, when asked by their emperor for their loyalty in a war on the Chinese people, responded enthusiastically."

"In America the war system is supported and blessed by the great majority of Christian people, and even more of them expect to use war as last resort as instrument of national policy for the enthronement of the ideals of Christian democracy against facism, communism, barbarism or war."

The Rev. Mr. Wayland then pointed to four aspects of Christian life that he said show "we are not Christ's ones but pagans." He listed these as: placing the material above the spiritual; "tribal" loyalties and national pride; blindness to the fact God loves the peoples of other nations; finding greatness in dominance and show.

The convention was opened at 2 o'clock this afternoon after the reading of a letter from Dr. William L. Poteat, president of the convention, who is ill at Wake Forest, naming one of the three vice presidents, Robert N. Simms, Sr., Raleigh, to preside in his stead.

The wage and hour bill passed last session by the senate was still securely sewed up in the house rules committee, but an effort was begun today to rip it loose by means of a petition. If 218 signatures are obtained, the bill will go on to the floor automatically.

Both Roosevelt And Garner Have Toothache Tuesday

Washington, Nov. 16.—President Roosevelt and Vice President Garner sympathized with each other today—both fell victims at the same time to that common and irksome ailment, the toothache.

It probably wouldn't happen again in a hundred years, but hurried calls for the dentist went out almost simultaneously this morning from the White House and a hotel where Garner resides.

The President was hit the hardest, though he did not lose a tooth. He was found to have a badly infected molar and a slight temperature. On advice of physicians, he cancelled all engagements and kept to his room.

Garner had two teeth extracted, by a public health service dentist. He then went to work at the Capitol.

When Garner heard about the President's trouble, he said: "You see how closely we work together?"

Union Service To Be Held In Sparta Thanksgiving Day

A union Thanksgiving service, with all the churches in town cooperating, will be held at the Sparta Baptist church on Thanksgiving Day, at nine o'clock in the morning.

Rev. Howard J. Ford, pastor of the Baptist church, will deliver the sermon, and the pastors of the other churches will also take part in the service. The choir will furnish special music.

Everyone is invited to attend this Thanksgiving service.

G-Men Receive Word To Capture Payne And Turner

Washington, Nov. 16.—The Federal Bureau of Investigation said yesterday it had issued identification orders on William Payne and John Washington Turner, who have been identified as the two armed bandits who on May 7 robbed the Commercial State Bank of Laurel Hill and escaped with \$2,540. Both are natives of North Carolina.

Both Payne and Turner, the latter being better known as Jack Borden, are wanted for the murder of George C. Penn, a North Carolina state highway patrolman, and for bank robberies.

The pair escaped from Caladonia prison farm at Halifax February 15, and are said to have immediately engaged in a series of bank robberies which culminated August 22 in the shooting of Penn in a pitched gun battle after the patrolman had attempted to stop their automobile.

Payne is also sought for the kidnaping of two youths whom he forced at the point of a gun to drive from Asheville to Thomasville, where he ejected them from the car and drove on by himself, the F. B. I. said.

Department of Justice agents were set on the pair's trail after they had robbed the Bank of Montgomery at Troy. The bank's deposits were insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, so the robbery became a federal offense. In fleeing to avoid apprehension for the murder of State Patrolman Penn, Payne and Turner violated another federal law, and they are now also charged with unlawful flight to avoid prosecution.

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Hopkins Says U. S. Should Move To Abolish Poverty

Washington, Nov. 16.—Harry L. Hopkins, the works progress administrator, told the United States conference of mayors today:

"I see no reason in America why we should not move forward steadily toward the complete abolition of poverty."

He added that, if one-third of the population is improperly housed, fed and clothed, "the only answer is to do something about it."

Hopkins said he believed unemployment could be reduced by "moving the national income up, and by a broader distribution of purchasing power."

He reiterated belief that work should be provided for the jobless, and declared that care of the aged, the sick and unemployed is the responsibility of government, not of industry.

SEVERAL PUPILS ON HONOR ROLL AT ROCK CREEK

Pupils of Rock Creek school who were eligible for the latest Honor Roll of the school follows:

First grade: Dwight Reeves and Billie Finney.

Second grade: Johnnie Coe and Imojean Carpenter.

Fourth grade: Kathleen Carpenter and Alton Crouse.

Sixth grade: Fred Hampton. Seventh grade: Mary Sue Reeves.

Father-And-Son Banquet Held At Sparta H. S. Fri.

F. R. Farnham, N. C. State Dairy Specialist, Chief Speaker; Local Students Are Hosts To "Dads"

The Agriculture students of Sparta high school were hosts to their "dads" at a Father-and-Son banquet held in the library at the school building on Friday, November 12.

Plates were served seventy boys, "dads" and guests by the Woman's club with a meal of two courses.

Bobby Crouse, acting as toastmaster, introduced Earl Richardson, who made the welcome address.

F. R. Farnham, State Dairy Specialist, was the chief speaker of the occasion. In speaking of "Better Pastures," he said that, due to topography of the land of Alleghany county, pastures should be the chief crop in this county keeping the sloping and steep land in pastures and improving them through application of lime and acid phosphate, rather than plowing them up and reseeded.

He also stated that the best pastures in the world were found in England, where they have not been broken in over 300 years.

In closing, Mr. Farnham stressed the fact that farmers should keep the pastures they have and improve them rather than plow up and reseed.

Others who made short talks were Rev. A. B. Bruton, R. E. Black, C. R. Roe, T. R. Burgess, Walter Osborne, W. B. Taylor and F. H. Jackson.

This very successful banquet was sponsored by the local chapter of the Young Tar Heel Farmers of North Carolina, a state organization of students taking vocational agriculture. Approximately one hundred land fifty similar banquets will be held in North Carolina this year.

Guests were as follows: J. A. Higgins, J. M. Doughton, Hurley Edwards, E. J. Pugh, J. R. Pugh, Sam Perry, Left Edwards, Lee Andrews, R. A. Wagoner, B. F. Wagoner, Connie Edwards, M. L. Richardson, Jess Moxley, L. K. Boyer, Rex Mitchell and A. C. McMillan.

Students of Piney Creek high school who are eligible for the honor roll for the second month of school are as follows:

First Grade—Susie Halsey and Gayle Billings.

Second Grade—Herbert Barr, Buddy Warden, Billy Halsey, Robert Caudill, Leta Fae Woodie, Mary Frances Parsons, Raline Barr and Wanzelon Landreth.

Third Grade—June Hash, Evelyn Brown, Lois Finney, Ozena Landreth, Virginia Delp, and Marie Billings.

Fourth Grade—Bytha Sturgill, Edwin Wyatt and Mary Frances Richardson.

Fifth Grade—Susie Brown and Annie Lee McMillan.

Sixth Grade—Carolyn Billings, Bruce Whiteley, Jesse Cox and Wayne Hoppers.

Seventh Grade—Burton Landreth, Thomas Smith, Tom Woodie, Logene Pugh, Helen Halsey, Betty Mae Wagoner and Ella Phipps.

Eighth Grade—Howard Smith, Sidney Sturgill, Bina Collins, Maxine Jenkins and Virginia Robbins.

Ninth Grade—Georgis Billings, Elizabeth Cooke, Racine Fender, Rhea Fender, Mattlene Gambill, Edith Hash and Mary Kennedy.

OTIS MABE SERIOUSLY HURT WHILE WORKING ON ROAD

Otis Mabe was seriously injured Nov. 8 on the scenic parkway, when some timbers fell on him as he was removing forms from a bridge. He was taken by ambulance to the Eldon hospital, after receiving first aid here.