

CONGRESS WAGS ALONG

The special session of Congress waggled along last week without many indications that the members are ready to proceed with legislation in accordance with the program submitted by the President. The Wages-and-Hours bill was backed by enough names on a petition to force the bill into the House for consideration. The Farm measure was before the two houses, but there was much disagreement between the bills and much confusion as to details. The government reorganization proposals and the Seven Regional T. V. A.'s were, apparently, quietly sleeping.

ECONOMY HURDLES

Other issues attracted attention including the preliminary discussion of tax revision, although legislation along this line is not expected until January. The President, in the interest of a balanced budget, virtually demanded that highway aid to the states be cut in half. Some senators immediately reacted unfavorably, insisting that state programs had been formulated in accordance with the Federal promises of money and should not be disrupted at this time.

PRESSURE MISSING

The Wages-and-Hours bill has caused considerable debate, with Labor leaders divided. President William Green of the American Federation of Labor, who supported the measure last summer withdrew his endorsement and suggested that Labor formulate a satisfactory legislative proposal. The pending bill, however, has the general approval of John L. Lewis, although the aggressive chief of the Committee for Industrial Organization has not exerted any tremendous pressure in its behalf. While farm legislation enjoyed priority in consideration, the supporters of the labor bill threatened to block agricultural relief unless some of its proponents ceased their efforts to prevent a report on the labor measure.

The compulsory farm plan faced heavy attack in both houses. The situation was further complicated by wide differences in the House and Senate measures and the inability of some senators to explain intelligently the details of the Senate measure. This was emphasized when Secretary Wallace termed the measure "more restrictive than necessary" and added that it might cost twice as much as the \$500,000,000 limit which President Roosevelt has put on the farm program.

The farm bill is criticized on essential points by farm organizations and the support of labor is not unanimously behind the other bill. While the President and Administration officials are insisting upon favorable action for both measures, the insurgent spirit in Congress is strong. The Labor and Farm blocs know from past experience that whenever they make up their minds to secure special legislation for laborers and farmers, the votes in Congress will be available.

WALLACE TESTIFIES

Secretary Wallace appeared before the House Rivers and Harbors Committee to testify in behalf of the Regional Conservator bill which would establish seven planning zones based on the country's principal watersheds for conservation, flood control and hydro-electric power development. Mr. Wallace emphasized the first purpose "of formulating comprehensive plans for the conservation of natural and human resources" and held that the generation and distribution of hydro-electric power would be a "by-product." He refused to be drawn into a general discussion of the power features of the program and insisted that his only interest in this phase would be "cheaper power for the farmers."

CAN FDR STOP SPENDING?

This brings us to a consideration of the President's leadership and, particularly, his present insistence upon a balanced budget. Mr. Roosevelt's determination to limit Federal expenditures in the interest of a saner national economy has been plain for a number of months. Having followed the "pump-priming" policy for several years in an effort to bring the nation out of the depression, the Chief Executive has concluded that it is time for the Government to let natural forces take over a part of the burden. This explains the moves being made to encourage private capital and industry to get busy. It also explains the President's desire to cut down on the money that the Government has been distributing.

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Lindbergh And Wife Return To United States

Plan To Spend Christmas Holidays In Their Native Land; Children Left In Their Home In England

New York, Dec. 5.—Ending his two years of self-imposed exile with a surprise visit in his native land, America's "Lone Eagle," Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, came back today. Unheralded, amid the strictest secrecy, Colonel Lindbergh and his wife arrived on the S. S. President Harding to break—at least for a brief interlude during the Christmas holidays—their never-explained sojourn abroad.

The famous aviator left his two small children, Jon, 5, and Land, 6 months old in England. They may be at the Lindbergh estate, "Long Barn," Sevenoaks, in Kent, England, or with Mrs. Lindbergh's sister, Mrs. Aubrey Niel Morgan, who lives in Wales. The arrival of Colonel Lindberghs almost passed unnoticed. An alert ship news photographer was the first person to see them. Other photographers and reporters were roving the first class quarters in search of "celebrities." Meanwhile, Colonel Lindbergh, heavily muffled, and his wife hurried down the third class gangplank immediately upon the ship's arrival at its North river pier shed.

They slipped down a side freight elevator, without going through the formality of customs inspection, and sped away in a khaki-colored sedan waiting at the curb to the home of Mrs. Dwight Morrow, mother of Mrs. Lindbergh, in Englewood, N. J. "Their visit will be brief," one of the liner's officers said. "They plan to return abroad immediately after Christmas."

Lindbergh, on his arrival, wore a bluish-grey light topcoat. Foregoing his habit of appearing hatless, he wore a grey fedora. Mrs. Lindbergh wore a black cloche with a fur collar and a helmet-type hat.

Considerable mystery was attached to the reason for the famed aviator's selection of the Yuletide season for returning. Although their second son, Land, is too young to realize the significance of Christmas—he was born in England last May 12—the elder son, Jon, now five years old, presumably has reached the age where Christmas means most, and the absence of his parents would make it a lonely event.

In the face of Lindbergh's silence, the question of whether he plans some day in the future to return to residence in his native land or take up British citizenship, as has been rumored, remained unanswered.

The fact that he left his two children at their quaint old home, "Long Barn," at Sevenoaks, in Kent, indicated that he does not plan a permanent return for some time and that the "wound" had not healed since the grey December day in 1935 when he stood on the deck of the S. S. American Importer, exile-bound, and, with his 3-year-old son, Jon, in his arms, saluted the Statue of Liberty on the way out to the open sea.

Length Of 1938 Ministers School At Duke Reduced

Durham, December 7.—The board of managers of the North Carolina Pastors' School, meeting at Duke university today, decided to reduce the length of the 1938 session to one week, from the two-week sessions that have been operated during the past 19 years. Announcement was also made that Dr. Harold C. Phillips, pastor of the First Baptist church, Cleveland, Ohio, will deliver the opening address of the school. Mrs. Grace Sloan Overton, one of last year's school leaders, will return to give another week's course. The pastors' school is conducted with the cooperation of the two North Carolina conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and Duke university.

Asks Capital's Aid



Political observers saw their predictions of a CIO-New Deal split come true when John L. Lewis (above) charged that the administration had lost prestige "because of lack of competent and coordinated man-power." They were surprised, however, when A. F. of L. leaders publicly joined with Lewis in calling for united action by labor and capital to solve the nation and unemployment problems.

Administration Is Winner In Farm Bill Vote

Washington, Dec. 7.—Determined senate and house leadership turned the legislative tide temporarily, at least, in favor of the administration farm bill today.

By a vote of 51 to 25, the senate rejected an amendment by Republican Leader McNary, of Oregon, to limit operation of the bill to three years. Friends of the crop control measure called this the first test of senate sentiment on the No. 1 item of President Roosevelt's special session program.

Foes of the legislation had gained an initial advantage yesterday in the house, when that chamber voted 85 to 76 to discard compulsory control of wheat marketing.

Another senate test was in the making, and senators urging that the bill be sent back to the agricultural committee for re-drafting expressed confidence that they could muster more than the 25 votes cast for McNary's idea of confining the program to the years 1938, 1939 and 1940. Eleven Democrats joined the 14 Republicans in supporting McNary's amendment.

The fierce debate that preceded the vote brought Senator Johnson, (R-Calif.), silver-haired veteran of the famous fight against entering the League of Nations, to his feet for the first time this session.

In a booming voice that belied effects of his illness last session, he demanded that "we take time to determine the wisdom of our actions," and sided with McNary's contention that the bill should be given a limited trial.

New Alleghany Co. Prison Camp To Be Open For Inspection

The new quarters of the Alleghany county prison camp will be open for inspection to the public next Saturday afternoon and Sunday, December 11 and 12.

This new camp is modern in every respect, and is designed by the North Carolina State Highway commission as a standard one-hundred-man camp. The people of Alleghany county, it has been said, may be justly proud of this \$35,000 structure. The public is cordially invited to visit the camp on the above date and see how the prisoners are cared for under the modern system.

Sparta Girls And Elkin Boys Win Basketball Games

In the basketball game played here Tuesday night between the Elkin and Sparta teams, the Sparta girls were victorious, making a score of 40 points compared with 8 for the Elkin girls. Annie Mae Truitt scored 18 points of this number. The Sparta boys lost to the Elkin team with a score of 11-28, some of their best players being unavoidably absent.

Roosevelt Back In White House; Tooth Examined

Washington, Dec. 6.—President Roosevelt, back in the White House tonight after a shortened vacation in the south, submitted to a dental examination.

The examination centered on a gum pocket still draining after a tooth extraction November 18. Slow healing of the cavity prompted the chief executive to trim off his 12-day itinerary so he could receive dental treatment.

X-ray pictures taken tonight will determine whether the jawbone should be scraped to prevent spreading of any infection.

The president's general condition was described by Captain Ross T. McIntire, his naval physician, as "excellent." Six days of resting and fishing around the Florida keys had given him a nice tan and "put him on his toes," the doctor said, adding:

"He got ten hours sleep on the train last night. He feels fine, but his jaw is still sensitive. The combination of a gastro-intestinal disorder and the bad gum had him feeling a little low for three or four days, but he has regained strength and is now feeling shipshape."

The president was extended a warm official welcome at the depot after completing a 26-hour ride by special train from Miami, Fla. Vice President Garner, Speaker Bankhead and six members of the cabinet were on hand.

Hoey Is Heard At Dedication At Colored College

Durham, Dec. 7.—The name of Philanthropist Benjamin N. Duke, part of whose tobacco millions went into the North Carolina College for Negroes, was given to the new auditorium at the college today in a dedicatory program featuring an address by Governor Clyde R. Hoey.

The auditorium, built with Public Works administration aid, was filled slightly beyond capacity with about a thousand persons. A new dormitory, library and several faculty cottages also were dedicated today.

Although it is not a panacea for all the ills affecting civilization, "we cannot go forward except by education," the governor declared.

Robert L. Flowers, vice president and secretary-treasurer of Duke university, and chairman of the trustees of the Negro college, presided at the program. In announcing the name of the new auditorium, Mr. Flowers said: "The most gentle, the most self-effacing, if you please, the man who had more of the milk of human kindness... was Benjamin N. Duke."

Robert N. Gantt, vice chairman of the college's trustees, referred to the educational advance in North Carolina that began with the administration of Governor Charles B. Aycock at the turn of the century and declared:

"Not since his administration has there been a turning back; not even a marking of time."

Alleghany Native Dies In Twin City Of Bullet Wound

Samuel Clayton Shepherd, of Winston-Salem, who was shot about 4:30 o'clock last Thursday morning at Crystal Ice and Coal company there, while on duty as watchman, died at a local hospital at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Police investigated the assault but have been unable to make much headway. Plans were made for an autopsy.

Mr. Shepherd was born at Laurel Springs, in Alleghany county, April 21, 1888. He was the son of J. F. and Alice Heftenstall Shepherd. He went to Winston-Salem in 1915 from Laurel Springs, and was connected with Crystal Ice and Coal company for nine years. He was married to Miss Nellie Hogan in 1914.

Return To U. S.



Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh and wife, Anne Morrow Lindbergh (above), who landed in New York yesterday after almost two years in England. They plan to spend the Christmas holidays in America and return soon thereafter to their English home.

Senator Glass, Of Virginia, Contrasts Present And Past

New York, Dec. 7.—Joseph P. Kennedy, chairman of the federal maritime commission, tonight asked Roosevelt administration critics to "stop bellyaching," and added "it isn't going to do you any good."

Speaking extemporaneously before the economic club, Kennedy followed Senator Glass (D., Va.), to the rostrum.

Senator Glass, the honor guest of the club before which he spoke 24 years ago in a rousing defense of the federal reserve act, regarded in political circles as epochal, had brought a great burst of applause when he said:

"I cannot refrain from contrasting the difference between that age (when he was fighting for the federal reserve) and this era. Then, I was in eager and enthusiastic accord with everything that was being done. Today, I am totally in disagreement with nearly everything that has been done (by the administration) and nearly everything proposed to be done."

"I went to Washington as a real enthusiast of the new deal," Kennedy said. "I still am an enthusiast of the new deal."

"It isn't going to do you any good to bellyache or to say Roosevelt is no good or that everybody in Washington is crazy. Whether you like it or not he (the president) is going to be there three more years."

He spoke of the depression years when there was such fear that "everybody" was being scared "half to death."

Then he asked his hearers to back the administration to give "help not for Roosevelt, not for the new deal, but for yourself." Never was it more imperative "to get behind him," he cried, "to stop bellyaching and do something for the cause."

There was a faint undertone of booming mixed with applause as he finished.

Other speakers were Lewis W. Douglas, former director of the budget, and Wayne C. Taylor, fiscal assistant secretary of the treasury.

Galax Band To Go On Air Saturday In Winston-Salem

"The King's Serenaders," Galax string band, is scheduled to broadcast over radio station WAIR in the Robert E. Lee hotel in Winston-Salem, next Saturday afternoon, December 11, at 3:30 o'clock.

The local group has been heard a number of times over station WOPI in Bristol, Va.-Tenn.

Those who will participate in the program and the instruments they will play, are: Elmo ("Caesar") Vaughan, electric Hawaiian guitar and mandolin; Lynn ("Banty") Vaughan, guitar; Harmon ("Slim") Marion, guitar; and Aaron Higgins, violin and banjo.

Cold Wave Strikes Sparta And Much Of N. C.; Snowfall General In Mountain Section

Doughton Dashes Hopes For Tax Relief In 1937

Washington, Dec. 7.—A slender hope that business would be given tax relief on this year's earnings was shattered today by Chairman Robert L. Doughton, of the House ways and means committee, who indicated strongly that revisions in the undivided profits levy would be made effective on January 1, 1938.

The veteran North Carolina member, after reviewing the history of this tax, which has caused such a backfire from business, pledged "my best efforts toward revision and substantial modification to be effective January 1, 1938."

Representative Doughton aired his views on taxation matters in a statement which he had read before the Association of Tax Administrators at their meeting today in Atlantic City.

In addition to promising revision of the undistributed profits tax, the head of the revenue-raising committee of Congress said some changes would be made in the capital gains tax. He declared, however, that the provisions of this tax had been "distorted."

The need for revenue, caused by payment of bonus and invalidation of AAA processing taxes by the Supreme Court forced his committee to seek other sources of revenue. Doughton said in giving the background which led up to the enactment of the undistributed profits tax.

"Stills" Seized And Destroyed In Alleghany County

On Saturday, December 4, United States Investigators Bennett, John Norton and Walter Jones and Sheriff Walter M. Irwin cut up a large distillery in the Rich Mount section of Bullhead, destroying 1,500 gallons of mash, two 50-gallon "stills" and other paraphernalia for manufacturing liquor on a large scale.

This "still" had been in operation for a long period of time, as evidenced by the truckload of coals that had been raked out of the furnace.

Sheriff Irwin and Deputy Sheriff Steve Spurlin destroyed a "still" on Tuesday in the Glade Valley section with a 9,000-gallon capacity. This outfit was so large that the officers compared it with a "city." They cut up 14 four-hundred gallon boxes of mash and a brick furnace, as well as the shed covering it. At this place the officers reported that they found a "lake" of slop dammed up by logs.

Contest Held By S. S. Class For Membership Ends

The membership contest between the two teams of the T. J. Carson Memorial Sunday School class of the Methodist church closed Sunday, with the "Green's" winning by the narrow margin of three points. The losers, the "Reds," will entertain the class with a "tacky" party to be held tomorrow (Friday) night, at 7:30 o'clock. Each member of the class is cordially invited to be present, and is asked to dress in costume.

Alleghany School Teachers To Meet Sat. In Sparta

A meeting of the Alleghany county teachers will be held at Sparta high school Saturday morning, December 11, at 10 o'clock, according to an announcement made by County Superintendent W. C. Thompson. A program committee has arranged an interesting program, and all teachers in the county are invited and urged to attend.

Heavy Covering Of Snow In Banner Elk Region Pleases Ski Enthusiasts; 14 Below On Mt. Mitchell

Snow flurries have been frequent in Sparta and Alleghany county during the past few days, snow having fallen here as late as shortly before noon Tuesday, after zero weather was registered at 7 a. m. The sun came out, however, shortly after noon, and at 10 p. m. Tuesday the mercury was up to 20 degrees. Yesterday (Wednesday) was fair and the temperature was considerably higher than on the previous day.

A heavy snow hung on at Whitehead, where two degrees below zero was reported Tuesday morning.

Winston-Salem warmed up to 25 degrees just before midnight after hitting a low of 11 degrees during the previous 24 hours. The weather bureau reported a high of 34 during the day.

In the Blue Ridge mountains west of the Twin City, towns swept by snow Monday reported falling winds, snow flurries and a rising mercury.

The official forecast said slightly warmer weather, with probably rain or snow in the extreme western portion of the state today and Thursday, would follow yesterday's icy spell that sent the mercury nose-diving to subzero at many points.

Subfreezing temperatures for the most part formed weather menu over the entire area last night.

Encased in snow, to the delight of ski enthusiasts, Banner Elk reported abating winds and 14 degrees at 10 p. m. after registering 4 degrees below at 7 a. m. yesterday.

Mountaineers predicted snow for the Banner Elk area today, but skies were clear as a whistle last night. Much ice was reported on highways leading into the mountain town. Express trucks were forced to cancel schedules, but the mail and other traffic moved over the winding, slippery roads.

At West Jefferson, the reading was 4 above at 7 a. m., but rose to 12 degrees at 10 p. m. High winds were reported.

Mount Mitchell, highest point in eastern America, registered 14 below zero. Asheville had a low of 4 above.

Solons Pass Mileage Bill For Trips Home

Washington, Dec. 7.—Both the House and Senate today passed a mileage bill for the special session of Congress without a roll call.

This measure will pay congressmen their railroad fare to Washington for the special session. They will also be paid for the regular session although most of the members will remain in Washington and not return home for the holidays.

"The 'mileage grab' for special sessions which run into regular sessions has often been the subject of criticism and there was quite a bit of comment on the Hill today that possibly the only legislation enacted by the lawmakers at the special session would be for transportation.

On a standing vote in the House on the measure, Representative Walter Lambeth, of Thomasville, and Representative William Umstead, of Durham, were seen to stand in opposition to the mileage bill which passed, 325 to 7. The bill passed the Senate unanimously.

N. Y. GOVERNOR'S SON TO WED MISS ROSENBAUM

New York, Dec. 7.—The engagement of Miss Peggy Lashanska Rosenbaum, whose mother is known on the concert stage as Madame Hulda Lashanska, to Peter G. Lehman, son of Governor Herbert H. Lehman, of New York, was announced today. The wedding will take place early next summer.