

**FOR EDUCATION**

Federal grants to the States for educational purposes have been hastened by the report recently submitted to Congress by the President who received it from an Advisory Committee on Education. Finding "glaring inequalities in educational opportunities, which 'can be adequately corrected' only by Federal aid, the study recommends the contribution of \$855,500,000 in six years, divided into six major funds.

**NEW FEDERAL AID**

The first, of \$40,000,000 in 1939, and increasing \$20,000,000 a year, would be for general aid in the operation and maintenance of public elementary and secondary schools. A second, from \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000 annually, for improvement in the preparation of teachers; the third, \$20,000,000 to \$30,000,000 annually, for construction of buildings; the fourth, \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000, for improvement of State Departments of Education; the fifth, \$5,000,000 to \$15,000,000, for civic, general and vocational part time activities and the sixth, \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000, for rural library service.

**STATES TO CONTROL**

The committee insisted upon State control, plainly and exactly established by law, with the exception of a provision that States maintaining separate schools for Negroes provide an equitable distribution of the funds without reducing the proportion of present funds spent on Negro schools. So complete will be State authority that local authorities will have to decide whether parochial and private schools will share in the benefits. However, the advisory group held that the largest share should go to rural schools, because the farm population has a disproportionately heavy educational load to be borne on a lower per capita income.

The National Education Association, the largest teachers' organization in the country, gave the report its official commendation after a committee reported that the President favored the main principles, that the money be distributed to equalize educational opportunity for the nation's children and that school control be kept in the hands of the States and local school districts.

It is interesting to point out that Federal grants for educational purposes already exceed \$50,000,000 a year. They include vocational education in public schools, rehabilitation of the physically disabled, instruction at land-grant colleges, agricultural experimentation and agricultural and home economics extension work. The activities would not be interfered with, except possibly to be placed more clearly under State control, and the new grants are to be in addition to the sums appropriated for the purpose mentioned.

**RE-ORGANIZATION BILL**

The Senate last week debated the administration's reorganization bill with the measure under heavy attack from a group of Senators, loosely identified as the insurgent, or anti-court-reform. Democrats and Republicans opposed. Several Presidents have attempted to solve the problem of administrative efficiency presented by the 135 separate agencies of the government in Washington. In 1932 Congress gave President Hoover power to rearrange the bureaus but with the provision that changes had to be submitted to Congress, without effect until sixty days, not even then if either house passed a resolution of disapproval.

The present measure including the gist of two house bills, provides for submission of reorganization orders to Congress for sixty days but to prevent any of them from taking effect a bill would have to pass both houses and, if vetoed, secure the necessary two-thirds to thwart the change. Senator Byrnes, in charge of the bill, admitted at the outset that no large percentage of the budget can be saved by regrouping agencies and that the only way to save big money "is to stop appropriating money for the agencies."

**AN EXECUTIVE JOB**

The Senate bill is in five titles, the first giving the Chief Executive power to reduce or consolidate executive agencies, except a group specifically exempted, including the Federal Reserve System. (Turn to page seven, please)

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## An Alleghany man was given an unusual honor

—by the national House of Representatives last week when the lower congressional body renamed the Blue Ridge parkway the Doughton-Blue Ridge parkway, in honor of the Alleghanian.

Under an amendment introduced by Representative Robert F. Rich (R), Pennsylvania, to the Interior Department bill and unanimously adopted, the scenic highway connecting the Great Smoky Mountains and the Shenandoah National Parks will be known by the new name.

This action was taken just before the House approved an appropriation of approximately \$2,500,000 to continue construction of the parkway—18 additional miles in North Carolina and 18 in Virginia—during the next fiscal year. The House also adopted the appropriation of \$86,350 contained in the bill for administration, protection and maintenance of the Great Smoky Mountains Park.

Representative Doughton, together with Representative Zebulon Weaver, were on the House floor when the parkway item was reached in the bill. When Representative Rich arose it was expected that he would offer an amendment cutting the appropriation since he led an unsuccessful fight a year ago against the parkway.

Instead the Pennsylvania Republican surprised the House by proposing this amendment renaming the parkway.

"I offer this as an amendment to the paragraph, realizing that to offer other amendments cutting down the appropriations will do no good," Rich asserted after having his amendment read at the desk.

"I believe, however, that there is one thing we may do constructively and that is name this the Doughton-Blue Ridge parkway."

"If there is anyone in the House of Representatives that is responsible for having this parkway constructed between the Smoky Mountain park and the Shenandoah park it is the honorable, genial gentleman from North Carolina, Mr. Doughton. He has worked diligently and earnestly to have this highway constructed and I question very much if the project would have been considered had he not got behind it wholeheartedly."

"There is nothing that would stand out as a monument to that great gentleman from North Carolina like naming this beautiful highway after him. If you will adopt the amendment I have just offered it will give him credit for that beautiful highway to be built (turn to page ten, please)

## "Egg Day" will be inaugurated here Sat., March 12, from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m.

—When subscribers to The Alleghany Times, and others wishing to subscribe, will be able to pay their subscriptions in eggs. Seventy-five eggs—six and one-fourth dozen—will be accepted as full payment for a full year's subscription to the paper, if the subscription is for a person living in Alleghany county, the only territory where one-dollar subscriptions are accepted.

## NYA work in Alleghany has been discontinued

—temporarily, according to an announcement made this week by Mrs. Margaret C. Ray, the supervisor.

Mrs. Ray expressed the hope that this work will be resumed soon. The interest that the people of the county manifest in the work will, she decided, it is thought, whether or not it will be resumed in the immediate future. It is estimated that approximately forty young people in the county would be eligible for work on the NYA projects.

The NYA work was discontinued in six other counties in this district last week.

## Roosevelt rounded out five years in the White House

—Friday and, when asked, at the press conference, to comment on his fifth anniversary in office, said: "The significant thing after five years is that the old ships of state is still on the same course."

Using nautical language which his experience with ships has taught him, the president said at times the helm of the ship of state may be put hard astarboard and with the shifting of the wind put hard aport, but this was done to keep her on the course charted for attaining fixed objectives.

Mr. Roosevelt began his press conference by referring to the services he and Mrs. Roosevelt attended at St. John's Episcopal church Friday morning. On March 4, 1933, just before taking the oath of office, the president worshipped in this church and on each fourth of March since, he has attended a special service there.

The president said the text of the sermon Friday was the fifteenth Psalm, and if he were a newspaperman, that would be his lead on a story Friday. This reference sent newspaper correspondents searching for a Bible and the passage in which David described a citizen of Zion. It reads:

"Lord who shall abide in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly and worketh righteousness and speaketh the truth in his heart. He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbors, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor. In whose eyes a vile person is contenteth, but He honoreth them that fear the Lord. He that sweareth not to his own heart and changeth not. He that putteth not out his money to usury nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved."

Although swept into office with the electoral votes of all the states except Maine and Vermont, Mr. Roosevelt was unable to get a single piece of his legislative program through a special session of Congress. He conceded Friday that the wages-hours legislation, which the House recommended at the special session, may not be enacted at the current meeting but is hopeful that it ultimately will be passed.

## A representative of the N. C. State Employment service

—will be in Sparta on Wednesday of each week, having begun this schedule on March 2. The public is notified, therefore, of this change of date.

## It's Water, Water Everywhere!



DALLAS . . . A "floodscape" taken from the air shows a residential section on the outskirts of this city after the backwaters of the Trinity River, swollen by the torrential rains of several days, overflowed its banks inundating wide areas in nearby towns and fields.

## The 48th annual meeting of the Baptist W. M. U.

—of North Carolina opened Tuesday afternoon in Asheville. The sessions were to last through today (Thursday).

One thousand women from North Carolina were expected to be in Asheville by Wednesday for the session.

The first general meeting was held Tuesday night, when delegates heard an address by Mrs. George McWilliams, of Liberty, Mo., who discussed plans for the golden jubilee observance of the union. Mrs. J. S. Farmer, of Raleigh, presided at the session.

Tuesday afternoon was taken up with conferences of the executive committee, associational superintendents and young people's leaders.

Wednesday, the delegates were welcomed to the city. Dr. Ira S. Knight, pastor of the First Baptist church at Durham, spoke on "Home Missions," and Mrs. J. Clyde Turner, of Greensboro, delivered an address. The principal speaker at the session yesterday afternoon was Mrs. C. K. Dozier, of Fukuoka, Japan.

## Mrs. A. V. Washburn, of Goldsboro, was heard in Sparta

—at a conference held in the Baptist church last Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Washburn is Baptist State Vacation Bible school leader. All churches in the Alleghany Baptist association were represented by delegates or pastors at the meeting.

At the close of the conference, Rev. H. J. Ford was selected as principal of the Vacation Bible School work, with the following conference leaders: Beginners' department, Mrs. Tom Moxley; Primary department, Mrs. Hugh Choate; Junior department, Mrs. A. O. Joines, and Intermediate department, Mrs. C. A. Reeves.

Mrs. Washburn spoke on the same subject at Liberty church at 7:30 o'clock.

## Republicans of Alleghany will hold a meeting

—in the court house in Sparta, on Saturday, March 12, at 2:30 p. m., for the purpose of naming a county executive committee for the coming term. Delegates to the state and congressional conventions will be selected at that time.

The meeting has been called by N. Carl Jones, chairman of the Alleghany county Republican executive committee.

## REV. HOWARD J. FORD IS TO PREACH SUN. MORNING

—March 13, at eleven o'clock, in the Sparta Baptist church.

## A hearing was held Tuesday for Coy Collins

—who faced charges growing out of the death on Saturday night, February 26, of Wallace Sutton, who was fatally injured in an automobile accident a few miles west of Sparta, near the residence of Johnson Wyatt. The hearing was held in the Alleghany county court house Tuesday morning.

Collins was charged with driving an automobile while under the influence of intoxicating beverages, with involuntary manslaughter and with failing to render aid in such a case, as prescribed by law.

Soon after the accident a warrant was issued and Collins was arrested and placed under bond, in the sum of \$1,000, for his appearance at the hearing held Tuesday.

The court withheld a decision in the case until Saturday.

## Herbert Hoover and Adolf Hitler had a talk

—with each other Tuesday in Berlin. The German leader and the former president of the United States, whose home is in California, chatted for 45 minutes.

Ex-President Hoover had no comment to make after his meeting with Chancellor Hitler at the Reich chancellery. Chancellery officials said the two statesmen talked of national problems, German-American relations and "just about everything."

The conversation was in the presence of Hugh R. Wilson, the United States ambassador, and an interpreter, Paul Schmidst.

Afterward, Hoover attended a luncheon given by Wilson. He sat between Konstantin von Neurath, president of the German council on foreign affairs, and the French ambassador.

They were flanked by the British and Polish ambassadors.

As coffee was served in an adjoining room, Hoover talked successively with Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, president of the Reichsbank; Count Lutz Schwerin von Krosigk, minister of finance; Dr. Otto Meissner and Count Weizsaecker.

Every free moment during the forenoon and afternoon was occupied with individual talks with Germans and Americans with whom the ex-president is acquainted.

Hoover's evening was taken up with a dinner and reception given in his honor by the Carl Schurz society. Schacht, an honorary member of the society, presided.

## Several Sparta Merchants Are Cooperating In A Big Dollar Days Event

—which will be held Friday, Saturday and Monday, March 11, 12 and 14 during which time a harvest of exceptional values will be offered to

the buying public of Alleghany county and adjoining territory. The cooperating business firms of Sparta are ready and waiting with their stores literally crammed with bargains for this big selling event.

## Completion of work on U. S. Route No. 21

—south of Wytheville, Va., toward Speedwell on the Lakes-to-Florida highway that passes through Elk

Creek and Independence, in Grayson county, and on through Sparta, into the South, is expected in the near future. Convicts have completed the laying of the first course of stone between the bridge over Reed creek and Speedwell, and less than one-half mile is yet to be laid. When this is done a continuous hard-surfaced road will be provided for a distance of more than 800 miles. This route is said to be one of the shortest and best constructed thoroughfares from the Great Lakes to Florida.

There are many interesting facts connected with the early development of this route. Grayson county citizens donated by private subscription \$10,000.00 to help build a road down Iron mountain, and Wythe county citizens, especially those living at Speedwell and Cripple Creek, donated \$8,500.00 to continue down Iron mountain to Speedwell.

The road enthusiasts of North Carolina, it is said, did much to hasten this road.

Ex-Governor E. Lee Trinkle's last official act as governor of Virginia was to sign a bill which placed this road from Wytheville to Independence, in the State system, it is said.

The late Hugh and Rich Chatman, of Winston-Salem and Elkin and R. G. Click, of Elkin, it has been said, were behind the movement in North Carolina, working with R. A. Doughton, of Sparta, and were responsible for the bridge being built over New river, south of Independence.

In commemoration of the services rendered this road by R. A. Doughton, a bill has just been gotten through the Virginia Legislature and signed by Governor James H. Price, naming this bridge over New river the "R. A. Doughton Memorial Bridge."

Mr. Doughton and R. P. Johnson, of Wytheville, president of the Lakes-to-Florida Highway association, it has been pointed out recently, have both lived to enjoy life and health more than the three score and ten years allotted.

Plans are being formulated for a big celebration in Wytheville sometime in July, soon after the completion of this route.

## A new WPA project for Alleghany

—county has been approved recently for the setting of shrubbery around the court house in Sparta and on the grounds of the schools at Sparta, Piney Creek and Laurel Springs. Mountain laurel and other shrubbery native to this county will be used.

Cary Brown has been appointed supervisor of this WPA project. It is thought that six women and the same number of men will be assigned to this work, which will probably begin tomorrow (March 11).

## Elisabeth Cobb, daughter of Irvin S. Cobb

—writer, and Cameron Rogers, 37, member of a socially prominent Santa Barbara, Calif., family, filed notice Tuesday of intention to wed.

Miss Cobb gave her age as 34. The couple said they would be married within a month.

Smithy's Store and Belk's Department store, modern and up-to-date department stores, are offering exceptional values in Ladies' ready-to-wear and in men's and children's dress and work clothing. While Cash and Carry Store and Smithy's grocery departments are offering food values at extraordinary low prices, B. & T. Drug company, Sparta's up-to-the-minute drug store, is offering values that will please all who visit this store during these three days.

In fact each business establishment participating in this event is making every effort to make these three days a veritable feast of values for the people of Alleghany county and nearby adjoining territory. These business firms have greatly reduced prices on merchandise of many kinds and anyone interested in getting the most for his money is urged to turn now to the big double-page advertisement in this paper and see for himself the many unusually attractive prices on almost any kind of merchandise in which he may be interested.

The merchants cooperating in this bargain harvest are extending an invitation to their customers and friends to take advantage of the big bargains offered for these three days.

## Earl Pennington, Laurel Springs, was killed

—almost instantly in Kannapolis late last Saturday, March 5, when he apparently lost control of his

motorcycle and crashed into a telephone pole. Young Pennington, who was 21 years of age, suffered a broken neck, and a fractured skull.

After passing an automobile, he went off the left side of the road and his machine struck a pole ten feet from the pavement.

Pennington had lived in Kannapolis since November, being employed with the Fisher Motorcycle company.

He is survived by his sister and mother, both of Laurel Springs.

Ten minutes after the motorcycle crashed, two automobiles collided within 50 yards of the spot where Pennington died.

Cars driven by P. C. Woods and Bert Helms, of Kannapolis, were badly damaged but occupants were unhurt.

Funeral details have not been learned.

## The Sparta Public Library received three dozen

—volumes of fiction, and as many magazines, last week from Mrs. A. S. Carson and Miss Jean Carson, Raleigh, who also presented the library a much-needed set of reference books—a five volume set of "Everybody's Encyclopedia."

Among the books donated were five volumes of Victor Hugo's novels, including the perennially popular "Les Misérables" and "Notre Dame."

Some popular books for boys to be found in this collection are "The Rover Boys on Treasure Island" by Arthur M. Winfield; "Bound to Rise," Alger, and "The Hickory Ridge Boy Scouts," Allen Douglas.

Among the books that will appeal to grown-ups are: "The Rose Dawn," by Stewart Edward White; "The Shadow of the East" by E. M. Hull, and "His Own People," by Booth Tarkington.