

The President's new recovery program, outlined to Congress two weeks ago and explained to the people in a radio address, is derisively referred to as "the campaign fund for 1938" by the opposition, which includes a number of Democratic members of Congress as well as most of the Republicans.

While Congress may do considerable ear-marking of funds, the prospects are that the program will proceed. It is important, therefore, for the people of this country to understand the background, the intended results and the consequences of the President's proposal. Briefly, the President argues:

The National Income:
The national income, which was \$80,000,000,000 in 1928, dropped to less than \$40,000,000,000 in 1932, but rose to \$68,000,000,000 in 1937 as a result of the Administration's acts to reestablish reservoirs of credit, to put purchasing power in the hands of the consuming public, and to secure a more equitable distribution of the national income.

By the end of 1936, he said, the Government felt that a large measure of the Government's spending activities could be reduced. During the winter and spring of 1937, cotton factories, automobile plants and other industries, for various causes, produced goods faster than the consumers could buy them, and by the autumn of 1937 had surplus stocks on hand. During the same period prices of some products rose faster than was warranted and many commodities were priced to consumers above the "inflationary boom prices of 1929."

Government Action
Naturally, the question arises, did the Government do anything about the situation then? The answer is three-fold: In December, 1936, the Treasury began to "sterilize" incoming gold from abroad to keep it from inflating the credit structure of the nation; in April, 1937, the Government issued warnings against the practice of over-production and high prices; in May, 1937, the Federal Reserve increased its requirements in order to curtail banking credit.

Complaints of Business
Evidently, to answer the complaints of business that Government interference has retarded recovery, the President said, "It should be noted in fairness that since January 1st, 1937, the President has recommended to Congress only four measures of major importance to business of the country." These include:
(1) legislation to stabilize agriculture.
(2) legislation to end loopholes in personal income tax laws.
(3) legislation to put a floor under wages and a ceiling over hours of labor in industry, and
(4) tax legislation to remove inequities from the Undistributed Profits tax, especially as they affect the smaller types of business.
Legislation for items (1) and (2) have been approved by the President, item (3) is under consideration and congressional action on item (4) is in the final stages of free conference. "The record speaks for itself," says the President, adding "no other measures affecting business have been proposed."

In discussing possible increase in the national income, Mr. Roosevelt continued: "I want to make it clear that we do not believe that we can get an adequate rise in national income merely by investing, lending or spending public funds. It is essential in our economy that private funds be put to work and all of us recognize that such funds are entitled to a fair profit. The Government cannot and should not act alone. Business must help. I am sure business will help."

The Present Proposal
What does the President propose?
First, that in the coming fiscal year Government expenditures for the WPA, the Farm Security Administration, the National Youth Administration and the CCC be continued at the same rate as at present. To do this, will mean an increase of about a billion and a quarter dollars more than estimated in the message sent to Congress on January 2nd.
Second, to make definite additions to the purchasing power by providing new work by
(a) adding \$300,000,000 to the amount available for immediate construction of additional slum-

Teachers for the 1938-39 term have been named

—by the school committee for District No. 1 of Alleghany county, recently. The committee is comprised of

R. B. McMillan, chairman, Walter Osborne and A. V. Milsap. Teachers elected are as follows:

Sparta high school—Charles R. Roe, principal, Mrs. Julia West Roe, Mrs. Ida J. Warren, Mrs. Lacky Halsey, Mrs. Grace C. Rector, Mrs. Thelma O. Richardson, Mrs. Bessie McMillan, Mrs. Rebecca O. Choate, Misses Annie Sue McMillan, Aileen Perry, Gertrude Andrews, Elma Waddell and Polly Dougherty, Ralph B. Cheek, Bryan Taylor, Burton F. McCann and Arnold Jones.

Airbellows—Miss Muriel Caudill.

Cherry Lane—Miss Hazel Burdette.

Chestnut Grove—Miss Vada Mae Duncan.

Glade Valley—Mrs. Rachel H. Thompson.

Irwin—Miss June Crouse.

Liberty Knob—Mrs. Grace W. Wagoner.

New Hope—Miss Donna C. Jones.

Stratford—Miss Ivazelle Taylor.

Tolliver — Miss Annie Reid Truitt.

Pine Swamp—Mrs. Lella G. Wagoner and Mrs. Vera W. Edwards.

Whitehead—Miss Johnny Dale Taylor and Mrs. T. Lovell Grayson.

Wolf Branch — Hugh Choate and Mrs. Reba C. Howell.

It is said that both the teachers and patrons feel that the committee should be commended for the prompt election of teachers.

Jesse Jones sees no real danger in conditions

—prevailing at the present time, and is "unable to see any justification for this recession in business." Jones,

who is chairman of the Reconstruction Finance corporation, spoke Thursday night in Lynchburg, Va., after being introduced by Senator Carter Glass as "one of the really sage men in the administration at Washington." Lynchburg is Senator Glass' home town.

"No real dangers confront us," Jones said in his address before the annual dinner of the Lynchburg chamber of commerce. "Our banks and financial institutions are sound and strong. . . We must all learn restraint. The government cannot go on forever paying out more than it takes in."

"I have no desire to sound a discouraging note. To the contrary, I have no fear of the future."

Senator Glass, vigorously applauded by a hometown crowd in his brief introductory remarks, referred to his bill, recently passed by congress and signed by the president, authorizing the RFC to lend a billion and a half dollars to government subdivisions for self-liquidating projects.

He said he didn't believe in the bill in principle, but introduced it because the loans would be administered by Jones. By means of that bill, he said, "we both hoped to avert a more vicious proposition."

He then reiterated the charge that other phases of President Roosevelt's "pump priming" proposal duplicated the functions of the Glass bill, with the difference that the RFC would make its loans so as to realize a profit for the government, whereas the "other agency" would "give the taxpayers' money away."

Carter Glass, Jr., chamber president, introduced his father by recalling that the senator had been called an "unreconstructed rebel" by President Roosevelt. Senator Glass said he appreciated the "terse and truthful" presentation and that for the balance of his life he proposed to remain unreconstructed "when it comes to things of wrong doing."

The Sparta H. S. baseball team played Monday

—afternoon at Glade Valley against the Glade Valley high school team. The final scores were 10-3 in favor of Sparta.

Dan Rector, pitcher for the Sparta team, was the outstanding player of the afternoon. He is a Senior student and has pitched several shut-out games. He is said to be the best all-round athlete in Sparta high school.

Plans are under way in Alleghany for surfacing

—a number of "Farm-to-Market" roads in the county during this year, through the Works Progress ad-

ministration, according to a statement made recently by Claude Miles, WPA project superintendent.

At present, 76 men are employed on a WPA road project at Vox, and assignment cards have been issued to 65 more. A rock crusher is being operated at Vox, where one and one-half miles of stone have been hauled, ready for crushing. It is expected that this project will be completed within a few days.

Five of the trucks used on the project at Vox are rented by the U. S. Government from individuals in this county. The State Highway department furnishes crushers, road machines and several convicts on the "farm-to-market" road projects.

With Carey Brown as foreman, the WPA shrubbery project at the courthouse here has been completed. The five men and five women who were employed on this project are now working on a similar project on the grounds of Sparta high school. Another recently completed WPA project is the hard-surfacing of one and a quarter miles of street in west Sparta, known as Reeves avenue. Eighteen men, with George Edwards as foreman, are working at the rock crusher, which remains there crushing stone to hard-surface additional side streets in Sparta.

Among the WPA projects that have been sent to Washington, D. C., to be approved is that for a new brick high school building at Piney Creek. About forty laborers and carpenters would be employed on this project for approximately four months. It is planned to have the new building ready for use when school opens next fall. Another project submitted for approval is the building of a sidewalk from the Sparta Baptist church to the Presbyterian manse, and another stretch from John Choate's residence to that of W. F. Hoppers, on Main street. Still another project submitted is that for an addition to the State Fish hatchery at Roaring Gap, which is expected to employ twenty-five laborers.

At the beginning of the WPA projects in Alleghany county early this year, only one laborer reported for work. At least a hundred are now employed on the various projects in the county.

A minstrel is to be presented Saturday night

—April 30, in the Sparta high school auditorium by the school faculty, and students. For this event,

the interlocutor will be Bryan Taylor. End men will be F. H. Jackson, B. F. McCann, Arnold Jones and Dan Rector.

Following the presentation of the minstrel, a "beauty contest" will be staged, with local business men as contestants. The men will be dressed in ladies' clothes, and will be judged on their "femininity."

SPARTA H. S. WON FROM GLADE VALEY H. S.

—in a baseball game played here on Friday, April 15.

Dan Rector, Sparta pitcher, was the star of the game. He pitched nine innings and allowed only two hits. With men on bases, he belted out a home run in the first inning.

FDR Spending Okay; Business Booms



WASHINGTON, D. C. . . Vice President Garner, House Speaker Bankhead, Senate and House Majority leaders Barkley and Rayburn pause on the White House steps after assuring the President of legislative approval for his \$5,000,000,000 recovery program. The certainty of favorable Congressional action has given stocks and bonds, carloadings and business indices a firmer tone than any time since 1937.

Thousands were gathered in Newton Tuesday

—to hear Postmaster General James A. Farley deliver an address on the occasion of the dedication

of the new \$60,000 post office building.

The Roosevelt administration is not disturbed by the warning that "new propaganda" will be launched on members of Congress against the new recovery program, Postmaster General Farley said while in Newton.

"We know that this propaganda isn't going to have any effect on the country," the national Democratic chairman said.

In North Carolina to dedicate two post office buildings, Farley said he had not seen a copy of the anonymous letter which the president received a warning that "new propaganda" was about to be released. The letter was read Monday to the House by Representative Rayburn, of Texas.

Farley, who has been called the nation's ace political strategist, made a dozen appearances in a 250-mile drive through the Piedmont before he headed for South Carolina to blast the foes of President Roosevelt in a speech before a group of Democratic women.

Four thousand persons jammed the main street of Mooresville at mid-morning and gave a rousing cheer at Farley and "Farmer Bob" Doughton climbed to a speakers' stand erected under an oak tree.

"I give you a great American, a great statesman and a great Democrat," said Doughton in introducing the postmaster-general.

All along the route, men and women and children stood and waved at the big black car in which Farley was riding. The nation's No. 1 mailman and politician waved back.

At Barium Springs, Farley stopped long enough to shake hands with 320 children at the orphanage, told them he was delighted to see them and to be in their grand state.

Fifteen minutes later the motorcade stopped in front of the Statesville post office. State Senator Jack Joyner was there to shake hands with Farley. An official delegation from Newton joined the motorcade there and again Farley was on his way.

Passing out of Farmer Bob's district, Farley crossed into Catawba county, stopped at Claremont to shake hands with a group at the little post office and tell them that he was delighted to be with Major Bulwinkle.

At least 6,000 persons crowded into the Newton town square for the speech there. Flags flew from every building. Bunting draped the streets.

Farley inched his way through the crowd to the speakers' platform where National Committee-woman Beatrice Cobb, of Morganton, and Judge Wilson Warwick waited to greet him.

An early summer sun beat down on the crowd. It was almost noon. The crowd extended a block to the north, a block to the east and back across the square into the courthouse green.

The 28th annual commencement at Glade Valley H. S.

—began on Saturday night, April 23, at eight o'clock, with a music recital, followed by the commencement

sermon to the graduating class on Sunday morning, the 24th, at eleven o'clock. This sermon was preached by Rev. W. C. Cooper, pastor of the Mocksville Presbyterian church. On Sunday night, Rev. Marion Murray, of Banner Elk, delivered a sermon to members of the Young People's league, using as his text the 16th verse of the 11th chapter of Hebrews.

Rev. Joe H. Carter, Anderson, S. C., delivered the literary address to the graduates on Monday morning, April 25, at ten o'clock. For his topic he chose four words beginning with the letters that stand for "Glade Valley High School"—"G. V. H. S.—Gratitude, Vision, Hard work and Service," and spoke of the part these play in attaining success.

The closing program, the senior play, "The Time of His Life," was given Monday night.

All the exercises were well attended. A large number of former graduates were present for commencement this year.

Those receiving diplomas and Bibles were Virginia Moxley, Cleo Osborne, Violet Blevins and James Greene. Master Billy Harrier was the mascot of the senior class.

The following students received awards: Maggie Sapp, scholarship medal; Georgia Bryan, Louise Ervin, Memorial music medal; Violet Blevins, Brenau recitation medal; Francis Bryan, scholarship award; Francis Bryan, domestic art prize; Roger Shepherd, declamation medal; Violet Blevins, citizenship award; Bill Cook, dramatics award; and Bobbie McCall, Arlene Davis, James Greene, Eugene Metcalf, and Jack Lawson, room prizes.

Those who received awards for best writing in different grades were: Opal Spicer, first grade; Cora McCann, 2nd grade, and Vergie McCann, 3rd grade.

Awards were made for highest average in each grade, as follows: John Robert Pierce, 1st grade; George Gentry, 2nd grade; Elizabeth McCann, 3rd grade; Helen Brooks, 4th grade, and Grace Pierce, 5th grade.

The school at Cherry Lane closed Friday

—April 22, and those receiving awards for perfect attendance during the past year were: John Robert Pierce, Wayne Brooks, George Gentry, Carl Gentry, Harrel Brooks, Dorothy Spicer, Helen Brooks, Buford Spicer, Kyle Gentry, Herbert McCann and Grace Pierce.

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Help was offered President Roosevelt

—Tuesday by 16 big business men in establishing a system of continuing consultation between government and business for the prevention of over-production and periodic depressions.

A planing mill is under construction at Twin Oaks

—by M. A. Goodman, who estimates that approximately 25 men will be employed in the plant. Various kinds of building material will be finished at the new mill.

The main building is 70 x 46 feet in size. A 125-horse power steam boiler, which will furnish power to operate the mill, is housed in a brick building at the rear of the main one.

Part of the equipment has already been installed, and Mr. Goodman plans to begin operations by May 10.

Gov. Clyde Hoey named to the supreme court

—bench Attorney General A. A. F. Seawell to succeed the late Associate Justice George W. Connor. Harry

McMullan, assistant attorney general, was elevated to the attorney generalship to succeed Seawell. The appointments were made by Governor Hoey Tuesday.

Plans have not been announced for administering the oaths of office. McMullan indicated, however, that he and Seawell might be sworn in at a single ceremony.

McMullan will name his own successor as assistant district attorney-general at a later date.

The governor's appointments came as no surprise to many state officials, a large number of whom had endorsed the attorney-general and his assistant for the posts. One official even had gone so far as to send a rabbit's foot to Seawell and McMullan.

More than a score of other persons also had been recommended for appointment to succeed Justice Connor, who died unexpectedly of a heart attack Saturday.

"A large number of worthy and capable men were presented, but I could name only one man and I finally decided to select the attorney-general," Governor Hoey commented.

Seawell and McMullan will serve in their new capacities until the November general election. The Democratic and Republican executive committees will nominate candidates, whose names will be placed on the general election ballots.

Seawell, despite his 73 years, is one of the most active state officials. A native of Moore county, though his place of nativity now is in Lee county, he comes from the central portion of the state—a section not represented on the court. After serving five terms in the General Assembly, he was appointed assistant attorney-general in 1931 and attorney-general in 1935.

McMullan is 53 years old and a native of Hertford. He has served in the State Senate, as head of the sales division of the Department of Revenue and as chairman of the Industrial Commission. He was appointed assistant attorney-general two years ago.

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June 1 has been set as an approximate date

—for the adjournment of Congress and leaders arranged a heavy program Saturday for the legislators

this week. President Roosevelt intended to complete his legislative recommendations during this week and leave Washington Friday for a fishing trip. Messages were expected from the chief executive on monopoly and the removal of tax exemptions on salaries of public employees and on income from federal and state securities.

Administration leaders on Capitol Hill hoped to send the tax revision to the White House this week, obtain senate approval of the naval expansion bill and clean up a half-dozen odds-and-ends of legislation in the house.

The president's multi-billion dollar spending-lending program will continue its journey through the house appropriations committee. Officials of the farm security administration were scheduled to testify before the committee Monday.

The spring term of Alleghany court will begin

—on Monday, May 2, in the county court house here, with Judge Don Phillips presiding. Solicitor J. Earle

McMichael, of Winston-Salem, solicitor of the 11th judicial district of North Carolina, will prosecute for the state.

Many persons predict that this will be the longest term of court ever held here. The criminal docket is the longest in many years, there being 28 cases on the warrant docket and 13 cases continued from last term. Two of the criminal cases that are expected to consume the most time are those of the State vs. Glenn Maxwell, murder, and the State vs. Coy Collins, drunken driving. There are 19 cases on the civil docket.

A venire of 40 men will be summoned from Surry county for Maxwell's trial. It is thought, that the jury for this case will be selected Tuesday afternoon and that the main portion of the trial will be held on Wednesday.

The spelling champion of the county was named

—in a contest held last Thursday, April 21. The champion is Myrtle Rutherford, a member of the

Freshman class of Piney Creek high school. Miss Rutherford will represent Alleghany in the Journal and Sentinel finals to be held in Winston-Salem on Saturday, April 30.

Schools of Alleghany entering the county contest, and the winner from each school competing in the county finals at Sparta high school, were as follows: Sparta high school, Dorothy Shephard; Piney Creek high school, Myrtle Rutherford; Tolliver school, Mack Caudill, and Laurel Springs, Lester Church. Mack Caudill, the runner-up in the contest, failed to spell correctly the word "source."

R. E. Black, of Sparta, has announced recently

—that Dr. C. A. Thompson and Dr. B. O. Choate, both of Sparta, have volunteered to assist local youths to qualify for attendance at Citizens Military Training camps this summer. Mr. Black is chairman of the Military Training camps association for Alleghany county.

Since these physicians are serving without charge, it is now possible for young men of Alleghany county, between the ages of 17 and 29, to attend camp this summer without expense whatsoever.

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"Huckleberry Finn," which was given at Piney Creek H. S.

—on Saturday night, April 23, was an outstanding success, breaking all previous records there for attendance. Proceeds from this play amounted to more than \$80.00.

Ramond Francis, high school instructor, who was a member of the Carolina playmakers at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, coached the characters in this play. Mr. Francis has had considerable experience in coaching dramatics, having had special training along this line at Emory and Henry college, Emory,