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President Roosevelt's highly publicized swing across the Continent has about ended and in a few days the Chief Executive will board a cruiser at San Diego for a fishing trip that will end at the Atlantic Coast.

The political campaign of 1938 is waging along its way, with the President undoubtedly taking a leading part in the discussion, framing the issues and using the full force of his office to drive home to the people the advantages of the policies that he espouses. Once more, Mr. Roosevelt has demonstrated his amazing ability to set the stage, to properly time his acts, and to focus the limelight where, in his opinion it will do the most good.

Wants Decision.
The general attitude of the President toward the coming referendum at the polls is that of the people of the nation are divided between two schools of thought classified generally as Liberal and Conservative. He urges the people to vote in their party primaries and to make healthy choice between the candidates of the opposing parties. He insists that an election "cannot give a country a firm sense of direction if it has two or more national parties which merely have different names but are as alike in their principles and aims as peas in the same pod."

Naturally, the President urges the voters to favor Liberals in all contests and is more concerned about the general attitude of a candidate towards present-day problems than attitudes toward any particular test. He warns that progress may be blocked by men who say "Yes" and then find special reasons to oppose every specific object advanced to solve national problems.

Retains Popularity.
Regardless of whether the spurge on the Stock Exchange marked the end of the current depression or not, the amazing fact is that the President did not lose his hold upon the people. Although Mr. Roosevelt during the recovery movement, boasted at Charleston, "We planned it that way," the evidence indicates that the popular opinion of the nation does not blame him for the economic trouble of the past year.

The fact has been reasonably well established by two polls of public opinion. The Gallup Poll disclosed that only three persons out of ten blamed Roosevelt or the New Deal for the depression. The other seventy percent. put the blame upon something else, including natural economic trends, bad distribution of national income, lack of cooperation between business, labor and the Government, maladjustment of our economic machinery, etc.

The Poll of Fortune Magazine asked, "Do you approve in general of Roosevelt?" In reply, 54.8 per cent. of those polled said, "Yes." About eleven per cent. did not know, and only thirty-four per cent said "No." This result is more remarkable because the same poll that showed general approval of the President reported that none of his policies have the majority support of the people, except rearmament.

Practically everybody is interested in the economic situation in the country and most of us are wondering whether we have come to the end of the present depression.

Business Picks Up.
The writer is not a business expert, and cheerfully admits that most of the "sound policies" of economic and fiscal affairs have been thrown into the ash can by the experience of the world in the past decade. Undoubtedly, business signs have been more favorable in the past few weeks than was expected. The summer will probably prove more encouraging than anticipated. The spending program of the Government will have a favorable effect on Fall business and this will extend into next year. What happens afterward depends on the ability of private industry and capital to keep the ball rolling.

Without attempting to settle the argument as to what caused the 1937-38 depression, or call attention to the significant differences which distinguished it from the earlier decline between 1929-33, it is admitted, fundamentally, that the economic dislocation is much less serious than it was nine years ago. With this introduction we will attempt very briefly to recount some of the favorable and unfavorable factors now operating throughout the nation.

Heavy Industries.
The heavy industries, those which make goods that last a long time, such as factory equipment (Turn to page four, please)

More than half of the Blue Ridge parkway route

—will have been completed, or will be in process of construction, by the end of the summer, as a result of appropriations reaching a total of \$5,500,000, which have just become available, according to Congressman R. L. Doughton. The total appropriations for the parkway to date amount to \$16,000,000.

The Federal government and the States of Virginia and North Carolina are completing plans to begin construction with the funds appropriated by the last session of Congress. Grading of the parkway in sections of about 10 miles in length will be commenced in Virginia south of Rockfish Gap, at the southern end of the Shenandoah National Park, for about thirty miles, and for twenty miles near the Peaks of Otter in Bedford county.

In North Carolina the new money will be used to build about 14 miles from Mount Pisgah south toward the Great Smoky Mountains National park beyond Asheville, and the section between Boone and Blowing Rock, with another short section near Mount Mitchell. Several bridges and overpasses and underpasses will be built in both states. These overpasses and underpasses are being patterned from the "Clover-leaf" style, first used across the Potomac from Washington, where Fourteenth Street crosses the Mount Vernon boulevard. In this type of crossings, no traffic enters except from the right, thereby minimizing danger from other motorists suddenly driving onto the Parkway.

The 10-mile section from the Meadows of Dan south towards the Virginia-North Carolina State line was advertised by the Bureau of Roads last week. The necessary money is available for the construction of the remaining 20-mile section in Grayson and Carroll counties, Virginia, to the North Carolina line near Galax, and the contract for the construction of this section is expected soon. Construction was commenced at the North Carolina line about two years ago, and the grading and a part of the surfacing has been completed through Ashe and Alleghany counties. More than 100 miles of paving is now under contract, and is expected to be finished by September.

Parkway landscaping is under way in Floyd and Franklin counties, Virginia, and on 10 miles in North Carolina just south of the State line, through Alleghany county. The first part of this work is the removal of dead and down timber and debris which constitutes a fire hazard. The second phase calls for the removal of all stumps, to improve the appearance of the Parkway and permit the young trees to grow. Under careful supervision, some trees and branches are removed to open views off the mountains. (turn to page eight, please)

The Galax Firemen's 4th of July celebration

—came to a close Saturday night, at twelve o'clock, ending a week filled with activity on the part of the firemen and those connected with the celebration.

Felts park, where the celebration was held, was thronged with people Saturday night, when nearly 3,000 persons passed through the gate.

On Monday, the Fourth, a total attendance of more than 6,000 persons was recorded. Included in these figures are those who attended during the day Monday, following the street parade, as well as those who were admitted Monday night.

The celebration opened on Saturday night, July 2, and was in progress exactly one week.

The big day was the Fourth of July, when a gigantic street parade was held in the business section at 10:00 a. m., and a water battle was fought in Felts park at 4 p. m. An outstanding feature of the parade was the Pulaski Firemen's band.

Benjamin Cardozo passed away Saturday night

—at 6:40 o'clock, at the home of Judge Irving Lehman, of the New York court of appeals. The 68-year-old associate justice of the United States Supreme court had been ill with heart trouble since last winter. In the last few weeks he had spent much time in an oxygen tent. He had long been a friend of President Roosevelt and only Saturday, the president and Mrs. Roosevelt sent flowers to him.

At the bedside of the jurist when the end came were members of the household and his secretary, Joseph Ruah, who announced the death.

Cardozo had served on the Supreme Court since 1932, when he was appointed by President Hoover.

Long celebrated as a liberal, he went to the court as successor to Oliver Wendell Holmes, famed as "the great dissenter."

A staunch supporter of the new deal philosophy, he upheld 22 of 27 laws brought before the Supreme Court in the historic period from 1934 to 1937.

His death ended more than a week's fight to overcome a relapse from the old heart ailment. The first news of the relapse came on July 2, when physicians reported he "has not been doing so well."

President Roosevelt described Justice Benjamin Cardozo Saturday as a "constant friend" of the nation and said his death was a great "personal shock."

Mr. Roosevelt jotted down a brief statement at Oklahoma City, before enjoining for Fort Worth, Tex., the next stop on his cross country trip. He said:

"The news of the passing of Justice Cardozo came to me as a great personal shock. Years ago, when he was chief justice of the high court of New York, I learned to admire and love him. He had a great soul. The whole nation has lost a constant friend." Associates on the supreme court and other high ranking government officials voiced words of highest praise for the justice.

The funeral of Justice Cardozo was held Monday at 2 p. m. (E. D. T.) at the home of Justice Lehman.

The service was conducted by Rabbi Dajessurum Cardozo (no relation) of the local Congregation Shereth Israel and the justice was buried in the Cypress Hills cemetery in Queens, Long Island.

This Week FEATURES YOU WILL LIKE

A Bible parable for leadership in times of emergency is found by Harold L. Lundquist, who uses it as the topic for the Sunday School lesson in this issue.

Muley Bates finds a painless way of paying off his bills, in this week's installment of "Mescal Ike." See our comic section.

An interesting close-up picture of Prince Bertil and Crown Princess Louise, of Sweden, in America for the tercentenary celebration, is in our news photo section.

Norman Thomas, socialist leader who was recently pelted with over ripe eggs during a speech at Newark, N. J., comes back for a return engagement. Picture in news photo section.

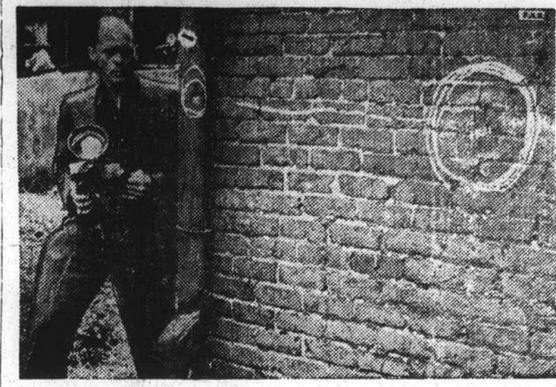
Ruth Chiswick despised Jeff Gray, yet she could not forget his heroism. Read about this mysterious man of the West in "To Ride the River With."

Two CCC boys, caught in a landslide, have one of the most exciting experiences Floyd Gibbons has written about in many weeks. See the "Adventurers' Club."

Edgar Allan Poe's fascinating tale, "The Gold Bug," is the subject of this week's miniature by Elizabeth C. James. You'll enjoy her expert condensation of the story.

Read about President Roosevelt's cross-country swing and his endorsement of various New Deal candidates, and the 1938 congressional campaign in general, as it is calculated to be effected by prevailing economic conditions, in "Looking at Washington," in this issue.

Target Of Irate Traffic Violator



KNOXVILLE, Tenn. . . Howard Jones, cameraman for the Knoxville (Tenn.) Journal, standing at rear of the city jail where he was fired upon by E. McNew, a political leader and head of a bonding firm bearing his name. White circles mark where two of the bullets struck while Jones took pictures. McNew was arrested for driving while intoxicated and other traffic violations.

Was Spring Bride



—Photo Courtesy Winston-Salem Journal
Mrs. Jack M. Thompson (above), who was, before her marriage on Saturday, April 16, Miss Jewel Hope Richardson, Sparta, Alleghany county agricultural agent, in cooperation with county agents of a number of nearby counties, Galax Association of Commerce, and the Carnation company, Galax.

Work has been going forward in recent weeks

—on landscaping along a ten-mile stretch of the Blue Ridge parkway, just south of the North Carolina-Virginia line, near Galax.

The first job is to remove from the woods and fields on the parkway land the dead and down timber and debris, which helps reduce the danger of fire and improve the appearance of the parkway, as well.

In this connection, the July issue of the Blue Ridge Parkway News had the following to say, in part:

"In the next job, the stump growth is removed so that the better trees may have the light and air and so that they may be seen. Here and there, under careful supervision, some trees and branches are removed to allow views off the mountains and to show the rhododendron, laurel, and azalea in the background.

"During the summer and next winter this work will be carried on throughout 100 miles of the Parkway. This past spring we have done, in addition, tree and shrub planting on three miles in Virginia as an example of what is proposed all along the road during the fall planting season.

"During the summer one of the most interesting parts of the work is to go ahead with the improvement of fields and pastures. Many fields will be allowed to grow back naturally into woods or they will be planted with seedling trees.

"Other fields will be limed, fertilized, and seeded. Some are planned as wild flower and game food meadows. In co-operation with some of the county agents and with the advice of experts on wildlife, we have arranged to get the proper seed to build up food for quail and the other game. One of the important ideas is to get a growth high enough to be above the winter snow line.

Any Alleghany farmer may build a brick silo

—and enjoy the advantages to be gained from one, under a plan that is being worked out by R. E. Black, Sparta, Alleghany county agricultural agent, in cooperation with county agents of a number of nearby counties, Galax Association of Commerce, and the Carnation company, Galax.

Exceptionally good use of silos can be made in this section, due to the fact that the high altitude of this region results in only 150 days of average growing weather in a year. This means, it is said, that in order for farmers to keep livestock profitably, silos must be built to store the feed during the other seven months of the year.

Prices and other details of the plan, as worked out, follow: brick silo, 10 by 25 feet, for 10 to 14 cows, \$200; brick silo, 10 by 30 feet, for 15 to 20 cows, \$240; brick silo, 12 by 30 feet, for 20 to 25 cows, \$286, and brick silo, 12 by 36 feet, for 25 to 30 cows, \$344.50. The prices mentioned above include brick blocks, labor of building, cement, lime, reinforcement, doors, plastering on inside, financing and all interest charges. Delivery of brick blocks to the farm, if farm is on a passable road, is also included in the prices. Under the plan, farmers would do the following: build a suitable foundation, furnish suitable sand and lumber for scaffolds, board two masons while silo is being built (5 to 7 days), and haul the cement and lime to the farm, although the cement and lime would be paid for by the contractor.

If the farmer should prefer to haul his brick blocks he would have \$7 per thousand deducted from the prices. The brick blocks will be purchased from the Marion Brick company, Marion, Va. If the farmer prefers to have some local mason build the silo he can do so. Bricks may either be bought for cash or the purchase may be financed over a period of time, the same as the silo costs.

The plan is flexible and permits each purchaser to do as he prefers in regard to hauling, erecting and paying.

For a brick silo, 10 by 25 feet (the most popular size), under the plan, the cost of the silo would be \$200 and the purchaser would pay \$20 down. The balance of \$180 would be paid off at the rate of \$5 per month for 36 months. If the purchaser should prefer to do his own hauling, he would deduct \$7 per 1,000 brick blocks from this amount. Should he prefer to pay cash, he would deduct \$18 from the \$200, leaving a net cash price of \$182.

Many farmers have already indicated a desire to go ahead with this plan, and it is believed that a considerable number of silos will be built under the provisions of the plan. No farmer in this section, it has been said, who is keeping eight or more cows, can afford to be without a silo with this plan.

For complete details, any interested person should get in touch with R. E. Black, Sparta, Alleghany county farm agent; Warren B. Giersch, Galax, President of Galax Association of Commerce; Dan B. Waugh, Galax, of a representative of the Carnation company.

The U. S. Battle fleet will be reviewed today

—in San Francisco, Calif., by President Roosevelt, during his visit in the Golden Gate city on his trans-

continental speaking swing. The bulk of the fleet steamed in Tuesday through the Golden Gate, anchored in "Man O'War Row" in San Francisco bay, and made ready for the presidential review.

In man o'war row, the new arrivals joined the U. S. S. Pennsylvania, flagship of the fleet, the cruiser Houston, from which the president will review the fleet, and other ships already at anchor. Navy spokesmen said about 80 ships in all would participate in the review.

Thousands of spectators lined the cliffs along the gate and took up points of vantage to view the warships as they steamed into port.

Six battleships, nine heavy cruisers, seven destroyer divisions, submarines and plane carriers will participate in the review scheduled to start when the president steps aboard the Houston at Oakland at 3 p. m. today (Thursday).

When the presidential flag, with its four stars and seal on a background of blue is broken out, the Houston will start the presidential salute of 21 guns. The Pennsylvania and some 30 other craft will add their volleys.

The Houston will first pass the Pennsylvania which again will fire the presidential salute. Then the president's cruiser will move along the lines of anchored ships, which will be four deep, and swing back on a rectangular course.

The review is expected to require about an hour.

The president was scheduled to arrive at Crockett, Calif., this morning, at nine o'clock. He was to detain and motor around San Pablo bay, making a brief inspection tour of the Mare Island navy yard, thence to Sausalito and across the Golden Gate bridge to San Francisco. The chief executive will motor through the city to the 1939 World's Fair grounds at Treasure Island Navy yard, thence to the 1939 World's Fair grounds at Treasure Island.

A change has been made by the Co. health nurse

—Mrs. Virginia Ashley Greene, who has announced that she will be at her office in Sparta, in the future,

on Monday morning of each week, instead of Tuesday afternoon, as heretofore. Each week, at this time, Dr. Robert King, Health officer for the new health district comprised of Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga counties, will also be in the local office.

Mrs. Greene will continue to be in the office, which is located in the Court house, on Saturday mornings, as usual.

Dr. King will give free treatment for venereal diseases each Monday morning. Before any person who is now receiving treatment from a private physician can be treated at this clinic, he will be required to present a transfer from his physician to the Health department.

Persons wishing to see either the County Health nurse or the Health officer may come to the Health office on Monday mornings.

A number of boys were selected Tuesday

—for enrollment in the Civilian Conservation corps. The selections were made at the enrollment station in Wilkesboro.

The boys are: Earl Atwood, Sparta; Walter Bell, Whitehead; Earl Lewis and Eugene Delp, Independence; Walter Coulson, Ray Lowe and Lewellyn Norman, Ennice; Bayne Rector and Arnold Sturgill, Sparta; Fletcher Perry, Furches, and Carrol Edwards, (col.) Glade Valley, and Spencer Maxwell, (col.), Piney Creek.

Howard Hughes reached Siberia early yesterday

—on his around-the-world flight and headed his silver monoplane east across the vast Soviet steppe land

toward Yakutsk, 2,177 miles away. Hughes and his four found-the-world flight companions reached Omsk, Siberia, yesterday (Wednesday) at 4:37 a. m. (5:37 p. m. EST Tuesday) on the fourth leg and second half of their flight.

The fliers, when they headed for Yakutsk, were still almost a day ahead of the record of the late Wiley Post, who circled the world in seven days, 18 hours and 49 minutes.

Remote Yakutsk, on the Lena river which empties into the Arctic ocean, is the last Soviet stop Hughes has scheduled on his dash around the world.

From there he planned to soar over the tumbled mountain ranges of Far Eastern Siberia and then across the Bering Sea to Fairbanks, Alaska, a hop of 2,456 miles.

Hughes, the \$75,000,000 fireball of the airways, roared away from Floyd Bennett airport, New York, Sunday night, in his "flying laboratory" on the transatlantic dash to Paris and the globe-circling trip.

Hughes said goodbye Sunday to Katherine Hepburn, the movie star, it was learned shortly after the take-off. The farewell probably occurred at Saybrook, Conn., where Miss Hepburn, long rumored to be the aviator's sweet heart, has been staying recently. This trip probably accounted for his lateness in arriving at the field Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Wiley Post, widow of the world-circling flier whose mark Hughes is shooting at, was due Tuesday in Fairbanks where she expected to greet Hughes.

She was on her way north to Barrow, Alaska, to dedicate a memorial there to her husband and the late Will Rogers.

National And World NEWS At A Glance

CLEMENCY IS REFUSED
Tallahassee, Fla., July 7.—Franklin Pierce McCall, 21-year-old kidnapper of Jimmy Cash, a youngster he had after played with, was refused respite from death today by the state pardon board.

JAP SHIP REPORTED SUNK
Hankow, July 8.—Chinese air headquarters reported a Japanese warship turned over on its side and apparently went down today when Chinese bombers scored direct hits in a raid on enemy naval concentrations in the Yangtze river.

SEC. HULL PLEASED
Washington, July 8.—Secretary of State Hull expressed satisfaction today at the agreement reached at Buenos Aires to end the Chaco dispute between Bolivia and Paraguay. He called it a major step toward permanent inter-American peace.

PANAY HEROES HONORED
San Francisco, July 9.—Two heroes of the Panay bombing in the Yangtze river, Ernest R. Mahlmann and Homer W. Truax, were decorated with the navy cross and given citations today.

ALASKAN HEAT SEVERE
Barrow, Alaska, July 10.—Es-kimos and white sweltered yesterday as the thermometer reached 67 degrees, highest on record at this outpost, 300 miles north of the arctic circle.

BANDITS INDICTED
Welch, W. Va., July 12.—The McDowell county grand jury returned indictments today against three young bandits who played "hide and seek" with officers in two states, who sought them for a series of robberies.

SAILS FOR BERMUDA
New York, July 12.—With two blonde dolls under one arm, Shirley Temple sailed today for Bermuda with her father and mother on the S. S. Queen of Bermuda. "I want to ride in those little carts they have there," she said.