

Almost without parallel is the political situation with public attention centered upon the effort of the President to "purge" from office some of the members of his party who have not, in his opinion cooperated in the development of the New Deal.

Last week Mr. Roosevelt was thrown for a distinct loss when the veteran Senator from South Carolina, "Cotton Ed" Smith, won the renomination over Gov. Olin D. Johnston, an avowed New Dealer, and a candidate who had the verbal "blessing" of the Administration. Senator Smith, in his campaign, stressed the fact that he had supported "eighty per cent" of the New Deal, differing with it only when the interests of South Carolina did not coincide with its national policies.

As pointed out in these columns heretofore the South Carolina primary was complicated by other factors but, it must be scored as a defeat for Mr. Roosevelt because he undertook to influence the result in the light of his knowledge of these conditions. The issue of "white supremacy," raised by Smith, affected many votes, and the personal unpopularity of Gov. Johnston, in some quarters, was evidenced when the other candidate, an avowed New Dealer, in quitting the race, lambasted the Governor and left no doubt of his intention to support the Senator.

Next week the Democrats of Maryland go to the polls to pass judgement upon Senator Tydings, another Senator marked for the slaughter by the President. On the same day, voters of Maine go to the polls in the first general election of the year to elect State officials and three members of the House of Representatives. Two days later the Democrats of Georgia will give their decision on Senator George, another Senator on the so-called "purge" list.

The situation in Maryland is complicated by the fact that Senator Radcliff, a New Dealer, is managing the campaign of Senator Tydings and raising his voice against the effort of the President to eliminate Mr. Tydings. In this State, according to best information, the effort is endorsed by National Chairman "Jim" Farley who is out for the scalp of the Maryland critic, who, he thinks, has not "played ball" with the national organization.

In Georgia the chances apparently favor the renomination of Senator George, although, as in most political campaigns, it is virtually a guess to name the winner. The powerful state machine in Georgia is not on the warpath against Senator George and the influence of Senator Smith's triumph will probably have some effect. Even so there are individuals who believe that Mr. Camp, the New Deal candidate will win, just as there are followers of former Governor Talmadge, who insist that the set-up is favorable to him.

The other primary around which attention is focused is the Sixteenth Congressional District in New York, where Rep. O'Connor brother of the President's former law partner, is confronted with the opposition of the President. The New York fight is just getting under way, with the result to be determined by the voters on September 20th. In this district, the report is that Mr. O'Connor offers the best chance of success for the "purge" movement. In Maryland and Georgia the chances are against the President, although, it seems, the prospect of Senator George's victory is somewhat better than that of Senator Tydings.

The big day for primaries, however, is September 13, when the voters in eight states go to the polls. On that day the spotlight will turn on Arizona, Colorado, Louisiana, Michigan, New Hampshire, Utah, Vermont and Washington. Senators Hayden, Adams, Brown, Thomas, and Bone, Democrats, and Gibson, of Vermont, Republican, face the voters. Senator Overton, of Louisiana, has already been chosen by committee, and Senator Lonergan, of Connecticut, faces a convention of Democrats on the same day.

The results of primaries held up to this time do not indicate any definite trend for or against the President within the ranks of the Democratic party. In some States his men have been elected while in others his favorites have gone down. Critics, mild and severe, of the Administration, have been renominated, and supporters, lukewarm and enthusiastic, have likewise won the favor of the voters.

What effect the party strife will have on the fortunes of the party is another story!  
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## R. A. Doughton was highly honored at the dedication of the Doughton Memorial

bridge across New river, a few miles north of Sparta. The event was held—as a part of the celebration of the completion of the last link—Independence to Wytheville—of the Lakes-to-Florida highway. The bridge was named for Rufus A. Doughton, who was District Road commissioner when the bridge was constructed in 1927. Three thousand persons gathered at the

### Unveils Marker



Miss Irene Calhoun (above), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh S. Calhoun, Elk Creek, Va., who unveiled a marker at the dedication of the Doughton bridge, between Sparta and Independence, Monday morning. She is a Junior college, Radford, Va.

## A big celebration was held Monday in Wytheville

—Va., when the concluding ceremonies in connection with the marking of the completion of the last link in the Lakes-to-Florida highway were held. The events began Monday morning with the dedication of the Doughton Memorial bridge, where the highway crosses New river, across the state line north of Sparta. A motorcade moved from the bridge site to Wytheville for the remainder of the day's program.

Again there were speeches. Again Governor Hoey and former Governor Trinkle spoke. And again Doughton thanked the people of Virginia.

Justice H. M. Heuser, in white linen and wearing glasses, welcomed the visitors. There was a response from Frank Easley of Bluefield, W. Va., chairman of the roads committee.

Other speakers included Congressman Robert L. Doughton of North Carolina and Congressman John Kee of West Virginia.

"I appreciate the kind and complimentary things you have said of my brother," Doughton said. "We have a great highway system but it is not complete, but it is going forward under the great Hoey, under Governor Holt of West Virginia and Governor Price of Virginia."

It was 4:20 p. m., when the ceremonies were over. The slanting rays of an afternoon sun were falling across the hills of Virginia as an 88-year-old man walked across the new bridge over New river. His cane made a hollow noise on the concrete. He stopped there at the south end and looked up at the bronze plaque, shining in the sun. "He's a great man—this fellow Doughton. We folks are sure proud of the road and the bridge. Why, I can remember when there was a ferry here. That's been a long time ago. Doughton sure has done us a lot of good."

Following the afternoon program a group of representatives of chambers of commerce and similar organizations from cities located on the "Lakes-to-Florida" route, at the instance of Dr. Waggoner, decided to make an effort to contact other chambers of commerce in cities on Route 21 with reference to holding a meeting at Wytheville within the next 30 days to map plans to advertise the highway.

## Sparta H. S. opened Monday, September 5

—for the 1938-39 term, with the largest enrollment in the history of the school. C. R. Roe, who has been principal

of the school for several years, is at its head again this year.

Rev. Howard J. Ford, pastor of the Sparta Baptist church, conducted the devotionals at the opening exercises, and Rev. A. B. Bruton, pastor of the Sparta Methodist charge, made an interesting talk, developing the thought that a student should grow physically, mentally, socially and spiritually.

The enrollment in the high school department is now 290, and it is expected that, within two weeks, this number will have been increased to 300. The enrollment in the grades is practically the same as last year—around 275.

Miss Nellie Ruth Kreger, Music teacher, announces, in response to numerous inquiries, that anyone outside of the school who wishes to study Music, may see her and arrange for classes.

## The Great Galax fair will open on September 12

—in Felts park, Galax, and will run throughout the week, closing on Saturday night, September 17. A big

program of entertainment and agricultural display is being planned, and it is expected that the event will be largely attended.

Free acts will be given in front of the grandstand each afternoon and night, and fireworks each night will furnish added attraction. Racing each afternoon and music by Smith's Superba band will be other features of the fair.

Kaus' United Shows will be on the midway all week, furnishing carnival attractions.

## Mrs. Virginia Greene, county health nurse, will vaccinate

—Alleghany school children against typhoid, smallpox and diphtheria, during the next few days, at times and places designated below, as follows:

Monday, September 12—New River, 9:00-9:30; Tolliver, 10:30-11:00; Whitehead, 1:00-1:30, and Laurel Springs, 2:00-4:00.

Tuesday, September 13—Wolf Branch, 9:00-10:00; Pine Swamp, 10:30-11:30, and Airbellows, 1:30-2:00.

Wednesday, September 14—Vox, 9:00-10:00; Blevins X Roads, 10:30-11:30; Little Pine, 1:00-1:30; Glade Creek (col.), 2:00-2:30, and Dividing Ridge, 3:00-3:30.

Thursday, September 15—Glade Valley, 9:00-10:00; Hooker, 10:30-11:00; Rich Hill, 1:00-2:00, and Cherry Lane Post Office, 3:00-4:00.

Friday, September 16—Stratford, 9:00-9:30; Irwin, 10:00-10:30; New Hope, 11:00-12:00, and Rocky Ridge, 1:00-2:00.

## Dedicated In Ceremonies Held Monday Morning



## The Alleghany Agricultural fair is to be held

—here, on the grounds of Sparta high school, Friday, September 30, and Saturday, October 1. Fair catalogs

are ready for distribution and may be obtained from F. H. Jackson, Agriculture teacher in Sparta high school, or from the office of R. E. Black, Alleghany county farm agent.

Citizens of the county are urged to begin the selection of exhibits and entries for the fair, and to do their best in making this the best agricultural fair ever held here.

Fair officials announce that the premium list this year is even better than it was last year.

The annual fair is an event that is anxiously looked forward to each year by hundreds of persons, and it is expected that attendance this year will be very large.

## National And World NEWS At A Glance

VA. MAY HAVE ANTHEM  
Richmond, Sept. 1.—"Carry Me Back To Ole Virginny," which now serves as the Old Dominion's "theme song," may eventually be given the title of state anthem. Virginia has a seal and a flower, the dogwood, but no anthem. The proposal that the familiar old song, be made the anthem, was placed before the state conservation commission today.

CANNON WRITES HULL  
Richmond, Sept. 2.—Bishop James Cannon, Jr., has written Secretary of State Cordell Hull urging that the United States sever diplomatic relations with Japan and asking that this country place an embargo, "if not on all forms of commercial and monetary transactions, at least upon all trading in whatever can be used as munitions of war," it was learned here today.

TO OPEN CAMPAIGN  
Bristol, Sept. 3.—L. E. Gulliford, of Pulaski, Republican nominee for Congress in the ninth Virginia district, will fire the opening gun of his campaign with an address at Scott county courthouse, Gate City, at 2 p. m. Wednesday, September 14, it was announced after a meeting of the district executive committee of the party here today.

ESTABLISHES RECORD  
Cleveland, Sept. 4.—A young fellow surrounded by a little bit of motor swept around a 10-mile closed course at the sizzling speed of 250.886 miles an hour today for 200 miles to win \$12,000 and get his name in the papers for establishing a new record for the event.

JAPS REJECT PROTEST  
Tokyo, Aug. 31.—Japan tonight flatly rejected a United States protest against destruction of a Chinese-American airliner by Japanese war planes near Canton August 24.

## Sparta voters approved the water and sewer system bond issues in Tuesday's election

by overwhelming majorities. The total number of votes cast for the water

—system bond issue, as proposed, was 228, and 14 against, while those who favored the proposed sewer system bond issue numbered 229, as compared with 12 who recorded opposition to it. Of the 297 qualified voters of the town, 243 voted in the election. The question of

### Honored Monday



R. A. Doughton (above), Sparta, former lieutenant governor of North Carolina, and also North Carolina State Road commissioner, for whom the bridge across New river north of Sparta, which was dedicated Monday, was named.—Photo Courtesy The Roanoke Times.

## Glade Valley H. S. opened Tuesday, August 30

—with the largest enrollment in a number of years, according to Superintendent E. B. Eldridge. The dormi-

tories are filled to capacity, a number of applicants having been turned away because of lack of room.

Rev. R. L. Berry, pastor of the Sparta and Glade Valley Presbyterian churches, who was present for the opening, conducted the devotionals and made a talk.

C. W. Irvin, principal of the school, made a short talk on the work and advantages of the school and outlined the course for the ensuing year.

The Arthur Walker Literary Society gave its initial program for the year on Saturday night. Some former students of the school gave talks on the opportunities for training in public speaking that are afforded by the literary societies.

The Young People's league presented the first program of the year on Sunday night, under the direction of Miss Lillian Cooper, who is the council advisor of the young people's work. Those taking part in the discussion of the topic "The Reach of the Soul," were Juanita Darnell, Maggie Sapp, Evon Eldridge, Ted Wyatt and Miss Cooper.

Among the visitors at the school last week was Dr. Willard Hudson, Forest Hill, Maryland. Dr. Willard graduated with the class of 1916.

## Piney Creek high school opened on September 1

—for its 28th term, with a larger enrollment in the high school department than for a number of years. The grade enrollment, however, was slightly smaller than it was last year.

The teachers are as follows: L. K. Halsey, principal and teacher of Mathematics; J. G. Robertson, English and French; W. R. Francis, History and English; Mrs. W. R. Francis, Home Economics and Science; Lake K. Boyer, Agriculture; M. F. Parsons, Seventh grade; Miss Gladys Robbins, Fifth A and Sixth grades; Miss Jean McMillan, Fifth B and Fourth grades; Miss Blanche Gambill, Second and Third grades, and Mrs. Ruth W. Halsey, First grade.

majority against the registration or a majority of the voters voting to carry the two proposals was eliminated by the overwhelming majority favoring the two. The majority was so marked that even the most optimistic ones favoring the issues were surprised. It had been prophesied that the proposed bond issues would carry only by a small majority.

The outcome of the election should serve as a mandate to the officials in charge to take immediate steps in starting these projects on their way, it has been said since the result of the voting became known.

The voters approved the issuance of \$26,000 in water bonds to match \$30,000 the federal government will provide for the \$56,000 project. This project has already been approved.

An application for the sewer project is now pending with P.W.A. The voters approved a bond issue of \$14,000 for this project should it gain approval of P.W.A. The federal government would provide 70 per cent. of the cost.

## New peace hopes were raised in Europe Tuesday

—night when new Czech concessions in connection with the Czechoslovak-German dispute were reported.

The reports gave rise to new hopes that the dispute may be settled without war, as Adolf Hitler proclaimed his nation immune against any war-time blockade.

While the German fuhrer spoke, Britain's home fleet was steaming toward the North Sea for autumn maneuvers and French reserves poured into the powerful fortifications facing Germany's western frontier.

Statesmen fruitlessly looked to the reichsfuhrer's message, formally opening the Nazi party Congress at Nurnberg, for indication of Hitler's future attitude in the quarrel in which he has concerned himself as "protector" of 3,500,000 Sudeten Germans.

The message belittled the efficacy of pacts as implements to attain national greatness.

"I come before you, my old party comrades, not with a pact but with seven new German districts of my own homeland," the message said, referring to the March 13 annexation of Austria. Whether Prah's new proposals for solving the minority dispute would be acceptable to the Sudeten Germans—or Hitler—as a basis of further negotiation remained uncertain.

An outline of these, given by Reuters (British News Agency) from what it described as usually well-informed sources in Praha, indicated that they would go far toward meeting the principal demands of the Sudeten German party.

The Czechoslovak cabinet was said to have approved these "principles":

Recognition by Praha of territorial autonomy of the Sudeten German region of Czechoslovakia.

Recognition of full equality of Sudeten Germans in the Czechoslovak state.

## Sparta Public library recently purchased fifteen

—new books, among which are the following: "Good-by, Mr. Chips," by Hilton; "River House," by Willoughby; "Rich Man, Poor Girl," by Greig, and "Coming Round the Mountain," by Webb.

Two books, "The Short Stop," by Zane Grey, and "Tales of Secret Egypt," by Rohmer, were presented the library recently by Mrs. P. H. Tompkins, Jr.