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## What Other Editors Say

### Mr. Doughton Wins Again

From the Winston-Salem Journal

Representative Robert L. Doughton has again scored a remarkable triumph in Congress—two triumphs, in fact.

His first victory came when the House voted almost unanimously—361 to 2—for the bill containing broad amendments to the Social Security Act. As chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, Mr. Doughton sponsored that measure.

His second triumph took the form of a tribute to his leadership, joined in with equal enthusiasm by Democrats and Republicans. When the vote was announced on the important measure, the veteran North Carolinian was piloting through the House, the members gave him a rousing ovation. It lasted for several minutes, and one correspondent says it was "the most spontaneous that has greeted a member in many sessions."

This tribute was all the more remarkable, because it was really started by a Republican, Allen T. Treadway, ranking representative of the minority party on the Ways and Means Committee, who lauded Mr. Doughton for his able leadership and fairness as head of that body.

A member of Congress who wins the confidence of associates in his own party to such an extent that they give him a position of leadership is entitled to high commendation. But when a member wins the confidence of members of both parties, as Mr. Doughton has succeeded in doing, he has achieved something that comparatively few statesmen in the history of the country have been able to accomplish.

There was talk of Representative Doughton's retiring from Congress at the end of his present term. But so long as his health will permit him to remain on the job in Washington, we do not believe the people of his district will let him retire. It would be a tremendous loss to the whole State, if a man who has such prestige and exerts such a powerful influence in Congress as does this rugged son of the mountains of Northwest North Carolina should, for any reason, quit Congress.

Mr. Doughton's success in piloting the Social Security Bill amendments through the House is only one example of his great ability as a leader. The country owes him more, perhaps, than any other member of the House for the magnificent work he has done in putting through other vitally important legislative measures. And his work is by no means done, not even for the present session of Congress. There are other bills that mean much to the future of the Republic, the successful enactment of which into law will depend upon his skillful leadership.

All North Carolina is proud of the record Robert L. Doughton has made in Congress. And the people of his home State are counting on him with highest confidence in the crucial months ahead. Our people know that the country is safe so long as Congress follows the leadership of such a man as "Farmer Bob."

### The Low Down From Hickory Grove

Business in the U. S., it sure has a strong constitution, and instead of being dead and buried, as you might expect, from taking every concoction that anybody could think up, it still totters around.

And every day, business, it has been on the operating table. And they have taken out or re-designed its whole inwards. And how it has kept on functioning, will go down in history as the eighth wonder of the world.

From ocean to ocean they have administered castor oil, hot baths, cold baths, and used the stomach pump. And every time business showed a flutter of the eye-lid, they operated again—with, and without, anaesthetics.

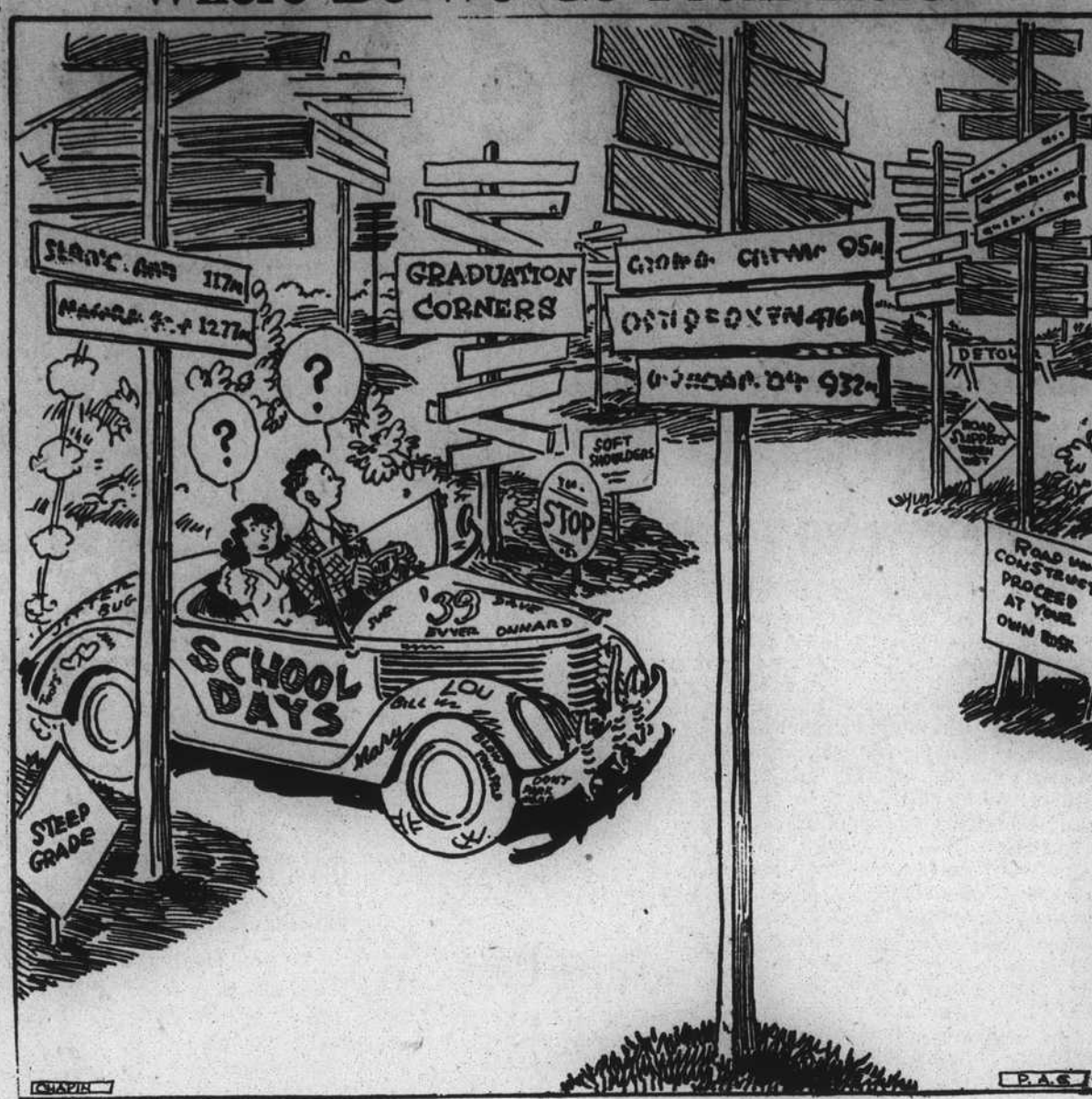
Grasshoppers, they may be a problem in certain places; boll-weevils in other places; plump ladies in sailor's pants in others. But our chief problem and menace, it is this new crop of Economists—and they been living on the fat of the land.

But the rest of us—our belt, it still goes around 2 times.

Yours, with the low down,

JO SERRA

## Where Do We Go From Here?



## Weekly Washington Merry-Go-Round

(Trade Mark Registered)

by Drew Pearson and Robert S. Allen

**Expect New European Showdown August 1 When Italy's Forts Are Built; German Engineers Constructing New "Siegfried Line" On Alpine Slope; Garner's Hat Went Into The Ring When FDR Made His First 1940 Moves; Plain Now That President Will Fight To Win Convention For New Deal.**

WASHINGTON—U. S. intelligence agents gather increasing evidence that there will be another serious international showdown in Europe around August first.

They base this prophecy on several things, chiefly the secret line of fortifications Italy is now building along the French frontier. Here, working with Italian labor supervised by German experts, Mussolini is constructing the same series of concealed pill-boxes and electric mine fields which face the Maginot Line on the Franco-German front.

Reason for this added fortification is the fact that the Germans do not particularly trust the valor of their Axis allies, and while Northern Italy is protected from France by the natural barrier of the Alps, the German General Staff insisted on a secondary line of Italian defense. This new "Siegfried Line" is being built on the slope of the Alps as they come down to the rolling plains of Italy.

According to present schedule, the Italian Siegfried Line will be finished in late July, which leads to the new forecasts that Germany will renew her squeeze play on Poland around August first—perhaps even earlier.

By that time, German fears of a French invasion of Northern Italy—always the weakest link in the Axis defense—will have been removed, the harvest will be in, and the appeasers in the Chamberlain Cabinet may have convinced their colleagues that the loss of Danzig is inevitable and had best be accomplished peacefully.

### Hurley's Cottage

Graduating from the Capital's swank Madeira finishing school this June was Patricia Hurley, daughter of former Secretary of War Pat Hurley. Patricia is a spirited young lady whose "coming out" party will take place shortly, and paralyzed her teachers by announcing:

"Mother and I are so upset over having to give the party at our little house in Leesburg. It's so small that I wasn't able to invite more than 2,000 of my most intimate friends."

### Ball Fan Wheeler

Senator Burt Wheeler is one of the most effective floor fighters in Congress, but as a pop-fly catcher he is a washout.

An ardent baseball fan, the Montanan was watching a doubleheader between the Washington Senators and Philadelphia Athletics when a foul tip zoomed toward him. Wheeler made a desperate effort to catch the ball, but it slipped through his fingers, and was pocketed by a mox's skillful spectator.

"Shucks," grinned Wheeler to Federal Trade Commissioner

Charles H. March, sitting next to him, "I've always wanted to take one of those balls home with me but it doesn't look as if I ever will."

"Maybe they'll hit another over here," said March hopefully. The words were hardly out of his mouth when another foul sailed toward them, this time aimed at March.

"Grab it, grab it!" yelled Wheeler, jumping up and down excitedly. Portly and gray-haired, March set himself to make the catch, when the Senators' bat boy raced up and nailed the ball.

"Can you beat that?" wailed Wheeler. "Right in our hands and robbed of it. Charley, it looks like the fates are again' us."

Note—Besides being a redhot fan, Wheeler likes to scout for the Senators and last spring sent a rookie third baseman to their training camp. The youngster didn't last long, however, and was sent home.

### Under The Dome

Senator Alben Barkley encountered Senator Arthur Vandenberg the day after the latter threw his hat in the presidential ring on a one-term platform.

"Van," said Barkley, "it's too bad you decided against a second term, because we already had decided against you for a first term."

Ex-Senator Tom Heflin of Alabama is back in Washington looking for a federal job. He is spending considerable time in the Senate cloakrooms spinning yarns and drumming up support for an appointment. . . . Colonel Ed Halsey, secretary of the Senate, is known among his friends as "the Grover Whalen of Capitol Hill" . . . Three presidential white hopes, Vandenberg of Michigan, Taft of Ohio, and Byrd of Virginia, all ardent economy advocates, were on the Senate floor when the \$50,000,000 river and harbor port was being log-rolled through without a roll-call. Not one raised his voice against it or even demanded a record vote.

### Garner Strategy

No political story was ever more meticulously planted than that which broke a week ago, announcing categorically that the Vice President of the United States was a candidate for the Democratic nomination whether the President ran for a third term or not.

Chief planter of the story was Emil Hurja, formerly chief statistician for Jim Farley, but now going to let down the 25,000,000 American voters who believe in him and the ideals he advocates. He is going to fight and you'll begin to get reports of his offensive very soon."

When Hopkins finished you could have heard a pin drop. Later, some of the politicians,

ner candidacy out into the open at this exact time, all of them hinging on recent developments inside the New Deal.

1st was inside word that Jim Farley, after returning from his transcontinental junket, expressed the private view that the President could be renominated without difficulty if he wanted it.

2nd was the disclosure that the President intended to make a trip across the country in July.

3rd was an off-the-record speech by Harry Hopkins in Indianapolis, in which the White House intimate served fighting notice that Roosevelt intended to "control" the nominating convention.

4th was the unanimous adoption of a resolution by the convention of Young Democrats of Iowa endorsing the President for a third term, and word that the Young Democrats in other States were planning similar stands.

To the Garner board of strategy this succession of events had all the earmarks of an organized campaign. The Garnerites are no better informed than anyone else as to whether Roosevelt will run again, but one thing they are sure of—his desire to dominate the convention.

Against this Garner will fight to the end. It is the ruling motive behind his presidential drive. Above all, he is against Roosevelt control of the convention. So his Board of Strategy decided to get busy.

### Campaign Trip

That the President's trip across the country will be more than a pleasure jaunt to the Golden Gate Fair was intimated by Hopkins in his off-the-record talk to the Indiana politicians. Harry made no direct mention of either the trip or the third term issue, but he gave his listeners plainly to understand that Roosevelt intended to boss the convention.

"Don't let anyone kid you," Hopkins said, "that the President is going to wind up his eight momentous and history-making years in office by quietly fading into the background. That's the silliest kind of wishful thinking. The great reforms he has wrought and the liberal cause he believes in, are not going to be abandoned like that. The President is not only going to fight for control of the 1940 convention but he is going to win that fight, and I'll tell you why:

"Because the Democratic Party can't win next year without him. Regardless of what the Tories in Congress and the press say, that is an irrefutable fact and there are no two ways about it. The Democratic Party can win in 1940 with Roosevelt because the people believe in him. The party can't win with an anti-Roosevelt man and you leaders know it. That's why the President will control the convention and why he is going to fight with everything he has for that control. He is not only going to let down the 25,000,000 American voters who believe in him and the ideals he advocates. He is going to fight and you'll begin to get reports of his offensive very soon."

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Later, some of the politicians,

lieutenants of Paul McNutt tried to draw Hopkins out on his hint of an aggressive Roosevelt convention campaign. But Harry only looked wise and said cryptically, "Just keep your ears to the ground and watch for developments. They'll be coming along very shortly. You never want to forget that the President is a master politician and he never moves until the time is ripe."

Two days later Roosevelt disclosed his plan to depart as soon as the congressional situation permitted.

### White House Guests

The White House has a new tenant. For a long time, the only occupant of the dog kennels has been a lone rabbit, last vestige of Sistine and Buzze.

But last week the President received, as a gift from an admirer, a live sheep. Most of his gifts are properly marked and stowed away in the trophy room on the ground floor of the White House. But the sheep raised a new problem.

It was solved by putting him in one of the three pens formerly occupied by dogs, situated on the Treasury side of the White House grounds, and sheltered by hedges and trees from public view.

Now the rabbit has a friend.

Note—Cal Coolidge got more live presents than almost any other President, from raccoons to a wolf. He gave most of them to the zoo; but not a batch of baby ducks which Mrs. Coolidge kept for a while in the bathtub of Mrs. Eleanor Patterson's home, at that time a temporary White House.

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## THE DOCTOR Tells the Story

by W.E. AUGHINBAUGH M.D.

### ECZEMA

The skin is subject to many diseases, and the conditions which bring about these maladies, are numerous, and increase with age.

Some of these diseases are purely local in character while others are systematic. If you are troubled with some skin eruption do not let yourself be obsessed with the idea that you have acquired or inherited some so-called "blood disease."

Among these skin troubles, perhaps the most common one to which mankind is heir is eczema. Indeed some physicians and most patients incline to the belief that it is a major affection; for there can be no question that it adds misery in almost unbearable quantities to those whom it afflicts.

Some have it in a dry form and others in a wet form, commonly termed "weeping eczema." It is non-contagious and it inflames the skin, always being accompanied by an itching and burning. Slight vesicles and pustules are present and the skin in and about them thickens and eliminates scales or crusts.

It is often associated with asthma and constitutes about 40 per cent of all skin diseases—indeed there are few elderly people free from its ravages. With the decrease of general vitality and resistance, poor assimilation and elimination and a chronic or acute diabetes, gout, rheumatism, nephritis, one may expect eczema.

I am certain that doctors will agree with me when I say that it is one of the hardest diseases to conquer that the medical profession knows. I had one patient, a wealthy man, of about seventy-five years, whose entire body was affected.

I accompanied him to most of the best specialists in skin diseases in this country and in Europe, who wrote various prescriptions for him and changed his diet repeatedly. We simply exhausted medical intelligence and the materia medica upon him, and he had not benefited in the least.

Several teeth pained him and ulcers developed. The offending teeth were extracted. He got a new colored cook, who said, "Boss, I kin cure yo suah of dat trouble, if you does what I says."

I told my patient to try anything. She fed him fried herring for weeks. Gradually his skin cleared and he became practically well, all of which convinced me that his particular case of eczema was due to some food allergy, or to use a more understandable word—food poisoning. And I learned about medicine from that Negro woman.

### That's Real Community

A little country girl called at a neighbor's house. "Mrs. Smith," she said, "mother wants to know if you won't please lend her a dozen eggs. She wants to put them under a hen."

The neighbor was surprised. "I didn't know you had a hen." "We haven't. Jimmy has gone to borrow the hen from Mrs. Brown."

## Two Sides To Every Question by Lytle Hull

Democracy—Dictator troubles are occupying the centre of the stage today for the reason that their outcome may affect every individual in the civilized world.

There is another struggle going on in which the world is interested but which, for the moment at least, vitally affects a comparatively small proportion of its inhabitants. This struggle centers around the Zionist movement in Palestine.

Volumes are required to give even an idea of the vast ramifications of Jewish and Arab claims based upon the historical past, but a few words might suffice to convey a rough outline of the present disagreements.

In the early days of the Great War it was recognized by England and France that an Arab revolt against their Turkish rulers would make it possible to drive the Turks out of Arabia and greatly help the strategic position of the Entente. In order to bring about this revolt, negotiations were entered into with Sherif Hussein of Mecca, one of the most influential leaders in Arabia.

On October 24, 1915, a letter—known as the McMahon note—was dispatched to Hussein. This note stated that the British Government would guarantee to uphold the independence of the Arabs in the greater portion of

the Arabian Peninsula—at the conclusion of the war. The guarantee excepted certain districts, but these exceptions did not include Palestine. On the strength of this agreement, the Arabs revolted and joined arms with England and her Allies. Thus ended the first chapter.

In the Spring of 1916, an arrangement, known as the Sykes-Picot agreement, was entered into secretly by England, France and Russia. It agreed, in effect, to divide between those nations—at the conclusion of the war—control of the greater part of Northern Arabia. The terms of this treaty conflicted with some of the conditions upon which the Arabs had agreed to join the Allies.

When the Bolsheviks gained control in Russia, they exposed the terms of this secret treaty, and the Arabs demanded an explanation. The British Foreign Office was able to convince Hussein that this expose was primarily the work of German-Turkish propagandists—and the Arabs were appeased. So ended the second chapter.

On October 2, 1917, appeared the famous Balfour Agreement. Whether or not this agreement is a binding guarantee of a National Homeland for the Zionists in Palestine is the much discus-

ed question of today, but it is certain that the Zionist leaders were induced to so consider it, and on the strength of that conviction threw in their lot with the Entente Allies. And thus begins the most tragic chapter of them all.

It is stated—and with some reason—that in time of war there may be justification for sharp trading, but Zionists and Arab feel that the British Government carried on these negotiations in a manner, and for a purpose, which even the exigencies of war cannot excuse.

They contend that England was determined to get a strangle-hold on Palestine which would aid greatly to her strategic position in that part of the world, both during and after the war, and that she allowed nothing to stand in the way of her accomplishment. They don't hold the English people, as such, responsible, but fasten the blame upon the British Government which they accuse not only of deceiving Jew and Arab, but of keeping their own people in ignorance of their policy.

England now controls regions in Arabia which, according to the terms of the McMahon agreement, should belong unreservedly to the Arab state, and the world feels (turn to page 3, please)