

Washington, Aug. 16—(AS)—The first session of the 76th Congress adjourned with two events attesting further spread of anti-New Deal sentiment among Senators and Representatives alike.

The President's bill to authorize the borrowing of 3½ billions of the securities of Government-controlled corporations and agencies, for the purpose of lending the funds for a wide variety of purposes in the effort to stimulate business, was killed by the refusal of a coalition of Republicans and Conservative Democrats to permit its consideration by the House, even after the Senate had agreed upon the measure in a modified form, involving only about half as much money as the President had asked for.

Another important measure behind which all the forces of the Administration lined up against the opposition, met the same fate. That was the bill to double the borrowing and lending powers of the U. S. Housing Administration, engaged in so-called "slum clearance" projects of building low-rent homes for the poor.

A combination of motives entered into this final revolt against the Administration. There was a genuine feeling on the part of economy-minded members of both houses that the time had come to stop Government spending-for-recovery.

Wide-spread Revolt

There was an even more wide-spread revolt against the idea of increasing the national debt by borrowing in the name of corporations or agencies, whose debts would not be included in the official Public Debt statements, on the theory that the proceeds of their lending would be used to finance self-liquidating projects.

Besides economic objections to the President's program, further opposition was inspired by objections to the President's policies in general.

There was also an element of personal revenge on the part of certain Democratic Senators and Representatives who were the object of the Presidential enmity in last year's elections, and who survived his so-called "purge" of the party leadership.

All those things combined with previous actions of the Congress to make the ending of this session a fairly complete defeat of the New Deal.

The way is now cleared for consideration of the prospects for the 1940 Presidential election, and that is what will engage the whole attention of official Washington and of the Senators and members back in their home states from now on. The battle for delegates to the nominating conventions of both major parties is already beginning.

Fear Roosevelt

It can be set down as a certainty that the man whom all Republicans fear most as the Democratic candidate is President Roosevelt himself. If he does decide to break the precedent first formulated by the founder of his own party, and run for a third term, it is conceded that he will be the hardest man for the opposition to beat.

There are careful observers, professing to be able to read the political signs, who hold that the President is merely waiting until the time is right to announce that he will not be a candidate to succeed himself. Such tactics, it is pointed out, would prevent too great concentration of delegates behind any other individual who might be distasteful to the President, and so increase his chance of having a candidate of his choice named, in the last-minute confusion just before the convention.

The candidate who is now coming to be regarded as the President's choice is Security Administrator Paul V. McNutt. He is the only Democrat with a considerable vote-gathering ability who might have Mr. Roosevelt's blessing. In actual political strength at the moment, however, Vice-President Garner is away out in the lead, on the Democratic side.

On the Republican side, the outstanding candidate of the moment is Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio, son of former President Taft. The Ohio primaries come among the earliest of any of the states, and the Hamilton County (Cincinnati) Republican Committee has already begun its campaign to win the primaries for its fellow-citizen, Senator Taft. It couldn't go ahead without the Senator's written consent, and he gave it in a strong statement attacking the Administration and the New Deal, adding that the task which lies ahead of the next President is so great that no sens-

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Married In July . . .



Mrs. Culver Dale (above), of Watauga County, who was, before her marriage in Independence, Va., Saturday, July 15, Miss Lucile Pugh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will T. Pugh, Whitehead. Rev. L. D. Mayberry, Independence Methodist pastor, performed the nuptial ceremony. —Photo Courtesy Winston-Salem Journal.

The Alleghany County Board of Education met

—in special session, on Tuesday, August 8, to hear patrons of Glade Valley School District in regard to

the location of the new school building being constructed in that district. After hearing their counsel, Attorney John Folger, of Mount Airy, the board decided to leave the matter of location to the State Superintendent of Schools.

On Saturday, W. F. Credle, state director of school house planning, was sent here from the office of the State Superintendent, Clyde Erwin. He went over the situation and made a report to Mr. Erwin, who called W. C. Thompson, county superintendent, Tuesday and stated that the present site of the new school building, as fixed by the county board of education, was confirmed by the state authorities.

Work will be resumed on this project immediately, looking toward an early completion. The county will save approximately eight to ten thousand dollars on this plan by having the aid of the Federal Government under the WPA, it is said. It is in the interest of all concerned to see that this project proceeds smoothly, avoiding any delay in its construction, it has also been pointed out.

A larger number of musicians than ever before

—is expected to participate in the various contests at the sixth annual Old Fiddlers Convention to be held

in Galax, in Feltz Park tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday nights.

Registrations have reached a high number, and one of the heaviest registrations ever seen here before for a similar event is reported.

The event is being sponsored by Galax Lodge, Loyal Order of Moose, and the Galax Parent-Teachers Association. A total of \$129.00 in cash prizes will be awarded the winners of the different contests.

In the event of rain, the programs will be held in the high school auditorium. In addition to the cash prizes, a silver loving cup will be awarded the contestant who, in the opinion of the judges, is the best all-around musician participating in the event.

A SERIES OF REVIVAL SERVICES BEGAN HERE

—in the Presbyterian Church, last (Wednesday) night. Services will be held each night during the series, at eight o'clock.

Rev. Lowry Bowman, of Sarasota, Fla., is doing the preaching.

The jury list for the September term of Superior Court

—for Alleghany County has been announced, and is as follows:

Rex Mitchell, Walter M. Irwin, M. F. Evans, J. M. Doughton, R. G. Cox, Glenn Edwards, Arol Choate, Connie Edwards, Fred Collins, Fred Handy, G. N. Evans, James W. Wagoner, Fred L. Andrews, R. L. Hendrix, C. C. Reeves, Fred Brown, R. T. Landreth, J. F. Busic, A. M. Osborne, John Richardson, Rufus A. Joines, John C. Church, C. G. Mitchell, Kelly Williams, A. A. Ayers, J. T. Miles, D. F. Wagoner, Elmer Edwards, John T. Choate, T. A. Edwards, E. E. Cadill, Robert Taylor, L. V. Joines, W. F. Doughton, M. E. Reeves and Van Miller.

Mary Pickford, the "Sweetheart" of America, accepted

—during the past few days an invitation to reign as queen of the fifth annual National Tobacco Festival to be held at South Boston, Va., on Thursday and Friday, September 7 and 8. The invitation was tendered to the former screen star jointly by Senator Harry Flood Byrd and Governor James H. Price, of Virginia.

As queen of the celebration, she will be crowned "Regina Tobacco V." She will be attended by 100 of the most beautiful girls from the tobacco-growing sections of the South, who will serve as princesses.

A crowd estimated at 2,000 persons was on Whitetop

—Mountain Saturday, August 12, for the closing day and night of the eighth annual Whitetop Folk Festival, which was held on the second highest peak in Virginia. The 1939 festival came to a close Saturday night with a square dance, in which more than 500 persons participated. Saturday's crowd, said to have been one of the largest in the eight-year history of the festival, was twice the size of the crowd on Friday, the opening day.

On Friday night, "The Barter Country Jig" and "The Mountain Version of Romeo and Juliet" were presented by the Barter Players, of Abingdon. After these performances, a square dance got under way and lasted far into the night. Folk music, made by fiddle, banjo, dulcimer and string bands, and the voices of singers interpreting folk songs, "ballad hymns" or "white spirituals" echoed across the mountainside all day. The less "polished" performers were eliminated in preliminary competition Friday, and Saturday's program was given by the select group who survived the preliminary rounds.

Dr. Robert Gordon of Washington, who gave a brief talk, praised the festival highly, describing it as "the best of its kind in the world." An extra feature Saturday was the public wedding of Council Cruise, who sang the first ballad at the first Whitetop festival eight years ago, and Arita Hawks, both of Tazewell. They were married on the festival platform by the Rev. G. M. Pennington, Konarock minister.

W. E. Alderman, Galax, was among the performers who won the right to appear in the final program of the festival. He was entered in the carol singing class.

A new schedule of monthly security wages for WPA

—project workers was announced Tuesday in Washington, D. C., by Commissioner F. C. Harrington. The new schedule, Commissioner Harrington said, would raise the national average about \$2.50.

This, he added, would mean that the old average of \$53 a month would be stepped up to about \$55.50. The new wages became effective September 1.

REV. L. F. STRADER WILL PREACH SUNDAY MORNING—August 20, at eleven o'clock, in the Sparta Methodist Church, of which he is pastor.

Preview Glimpse Of Percheron Show . . .



Midget, world's smallest purebred Percheron stallion, makes friends with Marceau, 2100-pound Percheron grand champion. The little fellow is 36 inches high, weighs 220 pounds, can walk on his hind legs, bow and count. Midget has sired eight colts, some of which weigh 1000 pounds. Both horses will be shown at the National Percheron Show, St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 26-Sept. 4.

Thanksgiving is to come a week earlier this year

—than usual, according to a statement issued Monday by President Roosevelt during a press conference at

his mother's summer home at Campobello Island, New Brunswick, Canada.

For the last six years, the president explained, a great many people have been complaining that there is too long an interval between the Labor Day holiday early in September and Thanksgiving Day toward the end of November, and that the time is too short between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

This sounds silly, he said.

But he added that stores, working people and retailers had proposed that Thanksgiving be changed from the usual last Thursday in November. This year Thanksgiving would normally fall on November 30, and Mr. Roosevelt has decided to issue a proclamation setting aside November 23 as Thanksgiving Day.

He recalled that in the early days of the republic a day in October was marked down for Thanksgiving and that it was not until after the Civil War that the last Thursday in November was selected for observance.

A gridiron rebellion grew Tuesday apace with a pile-up of protests from rock-ribbed traditionalists against President Roosevelt's plan to change the day of Thanksgiving this year from November 30 to November 23.

There may be two Thanksgivings this year.

Tradition-bound New England was largely shocked.

Unless the party nominee is suitable—President Roosevelt said he would take no active part in the campaign

—of 1940, and termed the party's possible action, in the case of the nomination of a "conservative or lip-service" candidate, an "unfortunate suicide

of the old Democratic party." The chief executive told the Young Democrats' National Convention in Pittsburgh, Penna., Thursday night, in a carefully worded message

read to the crowded opening meeting by Pitt Tyson Maner, of Montgomery, Ala., retiring president of the Young Democratic Clubs of America, that if his party insisted on nominating "conservative or lip-service" candidates in 1940 he would take no active part in "such an unfortunate suicide of the old Democratic party."

"If we nominate conservative candidates, or lip-service candidates, on a straddling platform," he said, "I personally, for my own self-respect and because of my long service to, and belief in liberal democracy, will find it impossible to have any active part in such an unfortunate suicide of the old Democratic party."

He said in substance, he not only would "take a walk" as Alfred E. Smith did on the party before Roosevelt's renomination, but he predicted the Democratic party would "fail if it goes conservative next year, or if it is led by people who can offer naught but fine phrases."

Giving no hint as to how he feels on a third term, Mr. Roosevelt added he did not expect a conservative to be nominated "for I believe the convention (next

Superior Court judges will wear judicial robes

—while in court rooms of the superior courts of the 100 counties of North Carolina, according to a reso-

lution adopted recently by a conference of North Carolina's superior court judges at the Mt. Mitchell game refuge, with the object of increasing dignity of the courts.

"Professional" jurors were hit in a resolution stated by Judge H. S. Burgwyn and adopted unanimously. It would require the sheriff to summon talis jurors from outside the courthouse. It was pointed out that many persons make a point of attending the courts in hopes of being "picked up" for jury service, and that many of these have served on juries numbers of times in the course of a year.

A return to the custom of displaying the state and national flags beside the judge's bench in court rooms was presaged in a plan of court room procedure by a resolution requiring that county commissioners of each county comply with a statute to that effect.

The resolution specified that the commissioners "should purchase a standard of colors, preferably in silk, consisting of a United States color and a state of North Carolina color, each with gold fringe tassels and poles upon which is mounted a brass eagle, and that upon the receipt of same the sheriff of the county shall cause the colors to be displayed upon the bench during each session of the superior court, the United States color to be placed on the (turn to page six, please)

Teachers of the Alleghany Schools for the 1939-40 term have been announced

—by county school officials here recently, including high schools and the elementary schools of the county. W. C. Thompson is superintendent of Alleghany County Schools. The list follows: Sparta High School—C. R. Roe, principal, Mrs. C. R. Roe, Bryan Taylor, Mrs. Dalton Warren, Miss Nina Gray Liles, Miss

An Alleghany County farm tour is planned

—for Thursday, August 31. A schedule of the farms to be visited has not yet been worked out, but will be

published in next week's TIMES, according to an announcement made this week by R. E. Black, Alleghany County farm agent.

L. I. Case, sheep and beef cattle specialist, of State College, Raleigh, and W. B. Collins, assistant farm management specialist, of Boone, will be in the group making the tour.

Farmers and their wives, and anyone else interested, are invited to go on this tour of outstanding farms in Alleghany County. Those attending are requested to take a basket lunch.

The U. S. openly warned Mexico in a statement

—formally issued in Washington, D. C., Monday, by Acting Secretary of State Sumner Welles, that re-

lations between the two nations will be strained seriously unless there is prompt and satisfactory settlement of the Mexican government's expropriation controversy with American oil companies. The warning was issued in the wake of repeated denials that the State Department was taking an active part in the expropriation dispute.

Welles asserted simultaneously that the American firms must be reasonable in their demands for payment for their confiscated properties.

The statement said, in part: "A continuance of the dispute not only will dislocate still further beneficial commercial relations between Mexico and the United States, with great economic losses to both countries, but more important still, it will constitute a material barrier to the maintenance of that close and friendly understanding between Mexico and the United States which both governments regard as in the best interests of the two peoples."

Disclosure that the department had intervened officially came shortly after latest negotiations between Mexico and the oil concerns ended in a deadlock. Several previous attempts to effect a settlement ended in a stalemate.

Prior to issuing the statement Welles conferred separately with Mexican Ambassador Francisco Castillo Najera and Donald R. Richberg, former NRA administrator now representing the Americans firms whose \$250,000,000 worth of oil properties in Mexico were expropriated along with British and Dutch holdings.

Like several previous far-reaching foreign policy moves during the past year, the declaration of American policy in the Mexican dispute was made in the absence of Secretary of State Cordell Hull who is vacationing in West Virginia.

Welles' statement said that the United States insists that Mexico make "prompt, adequate and effective compensation" for the seized properties. Discontinuance of the latest negotiations in no way relieves Mexico of its responsibility to make such payment, he added.

A MEETING OF THE YOUNG WOMEN'S CIRCLE

—is to be held tonight (Thursday), at 7:30 o'clock, at the home of Miss Marjorie Halsey. Miss Lillie Ervin will have charge of the program.

Aileen Perry, Miss Fowlkes, Mrs. Grace Rector, Mrs. Thelma Richardson, Mrs. Bessie McMillan, Miss Gertrude Andrews, Miss Annie Sue McMillan, Miss Donna Jones, Mrs. Rebecca Choate, Arnold Jones and Burton McCann.

Piney Creek High School—L. K. Halsey, principal, Johnny Gay Robertson, M. F. Parsons, Miss Jean McMillan, Miss Blanche M. Gambill, Miss Elizabeth Jones, Mrs. Edna W. Perry, Joe Bill Reid, Miss Annie Ruth Raper and Lake K. Boyer.

Laurel Springs—Miss Blanche Pugh, principal, Mrs. Hazel H. Taylor, Miss Alice Taylor, Miss Hazel Taylor and Mrs. Ruth Choate.

Airbellows—Miss Muriel Cauldill.

Cherrylane — Mrs. Hazel B. Thompson.

Irwin—Miss June Crouse.

New Hope—Miss Elma Waddell.

Stratford—Miss Ivazelle Taylor.

Tolliver — Miss Annie Reid Truitt.

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

Whitehead—Mrs. Johnny Dale Gambill and Mrs. T. Lovell Grayson.

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

Glade Valley—Mrs. Ralph C. Gentry.

Liberty Knob—Miss Vada Mae Duncan.

Rock Creek—Garnett Edwards.

New River—Mrs. Maggie O. Johnson.

Rocky Ridge—Mrs. Ruth Perry Jones.

Turkey Knob—Miss Kathleen Anderson.

Blevins X Roads—Mrs. Cecil H. Gibson.

Vox—Miss Bettie Joines.

Hooker—Miss Clytie Duncan.

Little Pine — Mr. Thelma C. Osborne and Mrs. Virginia Richardson.

Rich Hill—Fred T. Hart and Miss Ruby Lee Joines.

Dividing Ridge—Mrs. Nannie B. Higgins.

The NYA gardening, canning and lunch room project opened

—Monday, August 14, in Alleghany County, with eight girls working. This project calls for 20 youths.

It is expected that enough girls will be working to run two shifts, by the first of September.

The old ERA cannery is being remodeled, to be used as a workshop for this project.

Lee M. Woodruff, NYA supervisor, announces that he will be in the local NYA office on Tuesday and Thursday, from 10 to 12 o'clock, to interview applicants for work on the NYA projects.

The August meeting of the Sparta Methodist Women's

—Missionary Society is to be held tomorrow (Friday) night, at 7:30 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. Ed McMillan, with Mrs. Harry Vaughan as associate hostess.

Mrs. R. E. Black will be the program leader.

THE CEMETERY AT ZION CHURCH IS TO BE CLEANED

—on Monday, August 28, in preparation for the meeting of the Association, which is to begin on Friday, September 1.

All persons interested in the care and upkeep of this cemetery are requested to meet on the date mentioned and assist in the work.

FISH URGES "ARMISTICE"

Oslo, Norway, Aug. 15.—Representative Hamilton Fish, of New York, announced tonight, after a conference with German Foreign Minister Joachim Von Ribbentrop, that he will propose a 30-day European "armistice" and a four-power conference in an effort to avoid a "catastrophe."