

PETTENGILL

"The Gentleman from Indiana"

THE NEXT CONGRESS

The next Congress gives promise of occupying a place in government more nearly as intended by the Founding Fathers than any in the past decade or longer. The drift toward delegated power has been checked. And if the informal coalition which exists keeps together, it has more votes than the President.

This was demonstrated by the first vote after election when the House refused to adjourn. One hundred forty-four Republicans voting solidly under the leadership of Joe Martin, plus 44 independent Democrats, gave the New Deal a jolt. Adjournment was defeated 191 to 148. As Mr. Willkie has urged Congress to stay in session, this vote gives prestige to the opposition. The day of taking orders may now be over if citizens will back up their Congressmen.

Of the two, the House seems destined to have a larger place in the public eye than the Senate. It more truly represents the center of gravity of national thought. This was manifest last year when the House passed the Smith bill to amend the Wagner Act, and the Logan-Walter bill, both of which reflected majority public opinion.

In the Senate Henry A. Wallace apparently faces an unhappy time as presiding officer. The mystery grows why the President insisted on his nomination. He was supposed to bring home the farm vote, but he lost his own state of Iowa, as well as Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Indiana and North and South Dakota. Elsewhere in rural sections the Republicans made huge gains. Omitting the majorities in the Solid South and the 18 largest cities, Roosevelt and Wallace would have been defeated.

So Mr. Wallace assumes his post as presiding officer of the Senate with no laurels of victory except his election certificate. He has never served a day in any legislative body, and he will sit in the chair of John Garner, who had 42 years' experience in legislative chambers.

While Mr. Garner began to grow cold to the New Deal three years ago, nevertheless when he went along with "the boss", he could get things done in both House and Senate beyond the capacity of anyone on the Hill or off it. Wallace will be just another Vice President.

With the rural sections going Republican, the big labor vote of the 18 cities which gave Mr. Roosevelt 2,400,000 of his total plurality of 4,500,000 will not hold the whip hand of recent years. Labor today is split from stem to stern, not only between the two big groups, but among the groups. John Lewis has left the CIO, an avowed foe of the Administration, and the A. F. of L. cannot screw up the courage for an energetic purge of its racketeers. Besides, the CIO's new president, Philip Murray, represents the Administration's attempt to force a "shot gun" wedding on the warring factions.

For seven years organized labor, and particularly the CIO after it was formed, cracked a potent whip over the House of Representatives. The Labor Committee of the House, headed by Mary Norton, Frank Hague's Congresswoman, took heavy punishment on election day. Out of 21 members, 7 were defeated for re-election at home were such extreme Newt, a casualty list greater than any other House Committee with one exception. Among those left Dealers as Keller (Ill.) of "Crab Orchard Lake", Dunn (Pa.), Fries (Ill.) and Wood (Mo.). Apparently they were caught in the enflaming fire between the CIO and A. F. of L.

Capital went to extremes in the 1920's, labor in the '30's, and the great law of balance is resuming its ancient sway. It seems reasonably certain that the new Labor Committee will be more conservative than any of its immediate predecessors.

In the Senate the country will take heart over the emergence to power of Senator George of Georgia as the new chairman of its Foreign Relations Committee. He is of presidential size and would be a formidable candidate for that office if he lived in a northern state. No man on earth can push him around, not even F. D. R. He succeeds Key Pittman of Nevada, who despite some virtues, was too small and unstable a man to be the head of the Foreign Relations Committee in a world at war. The great majority who are opposed to going to war now have a powerful leader in Walter F. George. The ranking Republican is Hiram W. Johnson of California, just re-elected by a tremendous vote.

Beyond all this Mr. Roosevelt has promised not to run for a fourth term. This brings into play the old rule that "authority deserts a dying King". The star of the executive will wane and that of Congress will rise. The country is going to have some re-

Our world...

What is Britain's Financial Ability?

Washington, Dec. 3.—The whole question of British financial resources and ability to buy war materials in this country was reported authoritatively to have been the cause and chief topic of a meeting yesterday of nine of the most important officials in the government. According to this source, it was not a meeting to decide whether the United States should lend money to Great Britain, but more to take an accounting of the situation resulting from British contracts, now aggregating more than \$2,500,000,000 and expected to rise to \$4,000,000,000 in the next year.

Britain Must Have More Ships

London, Dec. 3.—The British disclosed yesterday that they have turned to United States shipyards with an order for 60 new freighters to meet their most immediate menace—Nazi raids from on, above and below the surface of the sea. In addition, Ronald H. Cross, the youthful minister of shipping, told the House of Commons: "Old but serviceable United States vessels, including vessels belonging to the Maritime Commission, have been and will continue to be purchased for the British flag as opportunity offers." Britain's own figures and acknowledgements, entirely aside from those broadcast by the Germans, made it a black Tuesday for Britain at sea.

Pope Hopes For One Day of Peace

Vatican City, Dec. 3.—Pope Pius XII expressed his hope yesterday for a Christmas truce in the war—lest strife and bloodshed "cover the angelic chorus of peace... disturb or miserably extinguish the heavenly joy of that hour." But, the first available word from belligerent capitals, while not final, suggested that the pope's appeal for a Christmas free of fighting would not prevail.

Our Major General "Very Optimistic"

New York, Dec. 3.—Major General J. E. Chaney, commander of the northeastern district of the U. S. Army air corps, told newsmen yesterday that after a 43-day survey in England he was "very optimistic on the outcome of the war from the British point of view." Describing the British Isles as "a fortress," he said, "at the rate they are going, the British won't lose the war."

Nothing Has Stopped The Greeks, Yet

Athens, Dec. 3.—Greek troops advancing through a snowstorm were reported last night driving upon Port Edda, vital Albanian port for Italian military reinforcements and supplies, after seizing control of the highway northward to Argirocastro. Reports from the Epirus front said hard-driving Greek forces had captured a walled town between Port Edda and Argirocastro dominating the entire coastal sector of southern Albania and keystone of Fascist defenses there. Great numbers of Italians were killed or wounded, it was reported, when the Italian Ferrara division holding a valley below the captured town was cut off and shelled by Greek guns until 60 per cent. of its men fell. The survivors finally charged up a mountain pass, only to be hurled back by the bayonets of the Greeks, reports said.

First Inaugural for a Third Term

Washington, Dec. 3.—Representative Robert L. Doughton, member of the House committee on inauguration, today conferred with officials in charge of the event January 20 and expressed himself as highly pleased with the progress that has been made. President Roosevelt's third inaugural will cost something above \$150,000, it was indicated as Joseph Davies, inaugural committee chairman, called his co-workers together on the eve of opening headquarters.

North Carolina Girl Wins 4-H Club Award

If you want to know how to beautify your home, ask Lillian Humphry, 16, of Saint Pauls, Robeson County, N. C., who just walked off with the National 4-H Club home Beautification award.

The contest, conducted by the State Extension office of the 4-H Club was designed to aid in creating more natural beauty in home surroundings. So, little Lillian Humphry went to work. This industrious young lady, with the help of her mother and sisters cleaned up the yard and sowed Italian rye grass to establish a lawn that would retain its greenish hue through the winter. Lillian then regrouped and planted evergreen shrubbery and set out a hedge to conceal the chicken yard. The appearance of the house was immensely improved by Green asbestos roofing and repaired brick pillars.

And Miss Humphry's prize? Oh, yes a beautiful 17-jewel gold wrist watch.

Grayson County Red Cross Roll Call

Our neighbor across New River, Grayson County in Virginia, rallied to the Red Cross Roll Call and gathered 1,263 members, of which 872 were from Galax and 381 from the rest of the county. And the total funds for those memberships were 1,531 dollars. Surely a very commendable record, as well as enviable.

guard for Congress again, and this is as it should be. Barring war, we seem likely to have a representative form of government once more.

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Story of N. C. Novelist Told in New Biography

The biography of Christian Reid, said to be North Carolina's greatest novelist, who was born in Salisbury, has just been completed by Kate Harbes Becker, and will be published in January, 1941.

Miss Becker, a member of the English faculty of Sacred Heart Junior College, Belmont, knew Christian Reid personally. Although the public knew Christian Reid as Frances Fisher Tiernan, author of forty-six novels, the new biography introduces her as patriot, teacher, and woman of rare ability as well as a novelist. The distinction of being one of the most exact colorists of the Plantation Era, the greatest describer of mountain scenery American literature has produced, and the ability to endow the characters which she created with a moral standard, are claimed for her by the biographer.

The biography is illustrated and may be obtained by sending an order to the Sacred Heart Junior College, Belmont, N. C.

Cold Weather In Alleghany

Tuesday night was not the first cold weather Alleghany has had, but the mercury in the thermometer went down to five above zero before morning, and many water faucets that were not well protected had to be thawed out.

HIGH SCHOOL DANCE

The faculty has announced a Christmas Dance for Friday evening, December 20, in the Sparta gym at 9:30. Music will be supplied by Johnny Thompson's orchestra of the Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone.

Oxford Orphanage Cites 67 Years Of Humanitarian Work

The Greatest Humanitarian of all once said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me... for of such is the kingdom of Heaven." North Carolina's answer to the call of needy, homeless children is partly realized in the humanitarian efforts of the Oxford Orphanage located at Oxford, N. C.

This grand institution, founded in 1872, has cared for and trained nearly 6000 of our boys and girls during its 67 years of activity. Although owned by the Grand Lodge of Masons, only 50% of its pupils are of Masonic parentage. It is the oldest orphanage in the State and the only fraternal order orphanage in the United States that receives children other than those of the membership of the supporting order. From its halls graduates and pupils have emerged to enter into all walks of life, and it is a fact to note that there is no record of a former pupil having been convicted of and sentenced for a major crime.

The Home is more than a philanthropy; it is an investment in the priceless lives of homeless boys and girls. It pays to the State and its citizenship the high dividends in character and trained young people. It is an opportunity today for North Carolina citizens to express in a substantial way their willingness to help others.

The Orphanage's annual budget calls for an expenditure of \$170,000, which provides shelter, clothing, food, recreation, heat, light, books, school supplies, health program, staff of trained workers, vocational training in several departments, laundry, repairs and upkeep to buildings, grounds and equipment, and experienced case work for a family of more than 330 children.

But as in most great humane institutions opportunities for service too often exceed their means. Superintendent C. K. Proctor announces that the sum of \$10,000 is needed this year for operating expenses in order to balance the budget.

The people of Sparta remember the splendid program the Oxford youngster's presented here last August in the high school auditorium. The healthy, happy-looking children who sang and recited for the entertainment of the Spartans were an excellent testimonial of the wonderful work the Oxford Orphanage is doing. The Superintendent of the Home announces that the Orphanage doors are open for visitors each day, and hundreds of North Carolina citizens visit this historic spot every year.

A Glance At A Press Clipping Bureau

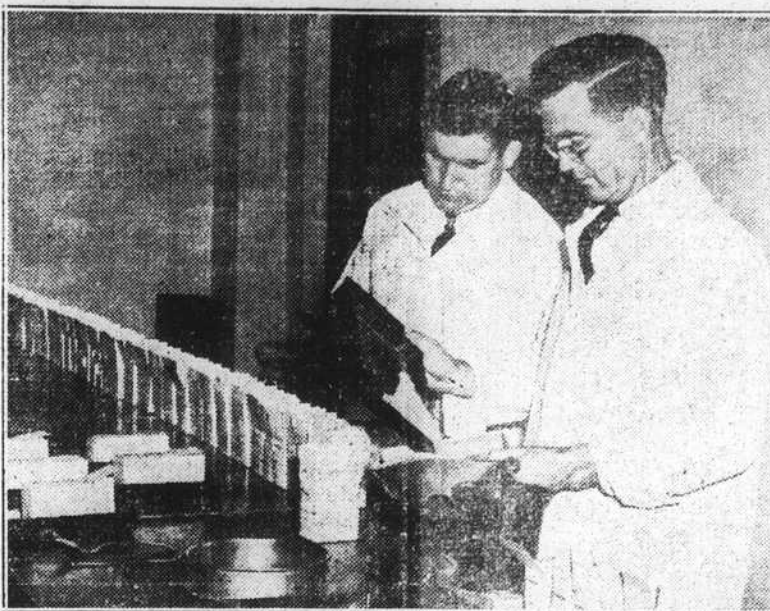
If you were to visit Burrelle's Press Clipping Bureau in downtown Manhattan, New York, you'd find a hundred young girls doing nothing but reading newspapers and magazines. The offices, which overlook the Hudson River, are as quiet as a library reading room, and all you see are newspapers stacked in piles ready to be read and clipped. Harold Wynne, a young college graduate, who is the president of this unusual organization says: "Our girls enjoy reading the Alleghany Star-Times because it contains so many interesting items about our clients."

Burrelle's Press Clipping Bureau was started back in 1888 with two readers and a handful of papers. Frank Burrelle, the originator of the clipping bureau idea and founder of Burrelle's, overheard one man ask another if he had seen the article in the morning paper which mentioned his name. From this conversation began an organization which today has branch offices all over the world and spends more than \$40,000 a year for newspaper and magazine subscriptions.

Mrs. S. G. Caudill Is Expected Home Sunday

Under the able care of Dr. Caudill of St. Elizabeth Hospital in Pearisburg, Va., Mrs. S. G. Caudill has made fine progress since her recent operation and is expected home next Sunday, Elder Caudill reports. Dr. Caudill, of Pearisburg, and Dr. Caudill, of Elizabethton, Tenn., are both brothers of our Elder S. G. Caudill.

Free Soil Tests Offered



Testing Soils To Find the Correct Fertilizer

Dr. I. E. Miles, Director of the Soil Testing Division of the State Department of Agriculture (right) and Frank Brown, Assistant Soil Chemist (left) are shown preparing to make soil tests for farmers to determine the best suited fertilizer mixture for the crop they desire to grow. The 51 boxes of "dirt" represent 13 farms, whose owners will be given free information that can be used in obtaining better crops at the lowest cost. Any farmer can secure free soil tests by writing the State Department of Agriculture at Raleigh.

"Now is the time for growers to have their soils tested if they are to use the information to the best advantage," Dr. Miles said. More than 5,000 farmers received free tests of soil on their farms last season.

Dutch Resistance Worries Nazis

The iron German censorship imposed in all occupied countries has successfully frustrated attempts of regular newspapermen to send reports of actual conditions. For a while, nothing came through but nice reports that the citizens of Holland, Belgium, Norway, Poland and the rest not only accepted, but positively welcomed the Nazi rule.

The first serious official slip-up occurred early last summer when General Christiansen, harassed by the stubborn passive resistance of the Dutch, decreed that acts of violence against German soldiers would be punished by death, and severe measures taken against those who failed to show the proper respect for the Nazi army. He even rebuked the people of Holland for failing to recognize what he termed the blessings of "safety and peace" Germany had brought to them.

Later, it was decreed that the Dutch must stay off the streets of the cities of Holland during certain night hours. Reports filtering back to Holland-American citizens give the reason. According to certain Dutchmen living in this country, the Nazi have been forced to caution their own people about going out alone at night. There have been cases where Germans foolhardy enough to make such an attempt among the "friendly" Hollanders have turned up floating in the famous Dutch canals.

The passive resistance is carried out despite every attempt of Germany to break the Dutch spirit. Tulip bulb growers, forced by the invaders to raise grain on their fertile fields, religiously plant their crops by day only to find them plowed under during the night. The Dutch simply refuse to grow supplies for their conquerors even if it means starvation for themselves.

Of more vital, immediate importance is the fact that many Dutch citizens have supplied British agents with information regarding German troop and plane movements. Naturally the penalty for such conduct is death, but the stolid Dutch continue to aid their Ally.

U. S. Navy Offers Wide Range of Opportunities

The U. S. Navy is a lot like the proverbial grape-fruit,—there's more to it than meets the eye. The Navy is not merely a fleet of ships and a "passel" of swash-buckling sailors. There are about 136 separate ratings for civil employment positions in the Navy that have their counterparts in national industry. No matter what trade may interest you, from Electrical Engineering, Carpentry, Butchering, to Photography—the Navy trains you. What's more, the enlisted men can earn while they learn.

Right now, when civil industry is offering well-paying jobs in industrial plants to skilled mechanics, many Navy-trained technicians are leaving the service to enter private establishments. The Navy, therefore, must train as high as 40 per cent of its recruits in specialized vocations.

The men who are trained for these vocations not only have an opportunity to obtain advanced ratings as petty officers, with increased pay, but also to find themselves equipped for private employment. Interested young men should apply to the nearest Navy recruiting station now.

Temperance Play At Twin Oaks A Big Success

The Temperance play entitled "What Shall It Profit?" offered by the young people of the Twin Oaks New Haven Church of the Brethren enjoyed such success last Saturday night that the troupe has been invited to repeat its splendid performance for three out-of-town churches.

The young people presented their play before a capacity audience in their New Haven chapel. So vividly did the group interpret the temperance drama that there was hardly a dry eye in the entire audience when the final curtain fell.

"What Shall It Profit?" is the tragic story of the evils resulting from the liquor traffic, wherein a young editor, driving while intoxicated, kills his lovely wife and is himself crippled for life. During his convalescence he resolves on a crusade against drink. He begins by making the newspaper given him by his father on his thirtieth birthday a dry paper, by refusing all liquor advertising.

The cast of "What Shall It Profit?" was:

- Bob Kurtz . . . Reporter on the Daily Tribune . . . Jay Sexton.
- Robert Kurtz . . . Bob's father, owner of the Tribune . . . Carl Jones.
- Rev. Arthur Mayhew . . . Garnett Sexton.
- Sue Kurtz . . . Bob's wife . . . Frances Wrench.
- Helen Masters . . . friend of Sue Kurtz . . . Ada Poole.
- Margaret Kurtz . . . Bob's mother . . . Delia Sexton.
- Bobby . . . Infant son of Bob and Sue . . . G. C. Sexton.
- Henry Getty . . . Liquor salesman . . . Robert Greene.

Between scenes Freddie Sue and Margaret Sexton sang two selections, "Answer Them, No" and "Where Is My Wandering Boy Tonight?"

Since their dramatic debut Saturday night the New Haven youth have arranged a tentative program for the future. For their first appearance, December 14, they will motor to Goodwill, W. Va. North Wilkesboro comes next on the list, December 21, while they expect to travel to Scotville on the 29th.

The silver offering taken Saturday night was a very substantial amount, which will go toward purchase of a piano and new pews for New Haven church.

L. C. Cox Suffers Broken Leg in Fall From Wagon

L. C. Cox, of Vox, a school bus driver, suffered a broken leg last Tuesday when the wagon he was driving overturned. He was taken to the North Wilkesboro Hospital where he was confined for some days. Mr. Cox is said to have been hauling a load of fodder on his farm when the accident occurred. As he was making an attempt to jump clear of the falling wagon, Cox turned his leg, resulting in a fracture. Mr. Cox has returned home and is reported to be doing nicely.

John L. Joines and wife had a happy Thanksgiving dinner with R. L. Maines and family.



Only 16 Shopping Days Until Christmas

"Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today," is a good maxim to follow, because tomorrow never comes. But Christmas does come, and you have only 16 more days in which to do that shopping. "Time's a wastin', folks!"