

Washington Correspondence

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Debate In The Senate

Washington, D. C.—Public attention has centered upon the debates over HR-1776 in the Senate, where there is the most opposition and the deepest feeling known in our country since the Civil War. The division has been greater than in the World War discussions.

A considerable number of Senators who have shared the confidence and respect of the people of our country for many years are not thinking alike. They have bared their views and their hearts and in doing so most of them have not lost the respect of those who disagree with their opinions. It has been truly said that any political leader who would attempt to make politics out of the defense issues hasn't any right to be a candidate for public office.

My own observation is that there is honesty and sincerity, such as most of us have never seen matched before in this battle of the Senate.

How This Happened

The new America got its first start late in the 19th century when mass production developed in the steel mills and a few other industries. Kerosene passed out as a household commodity and was replaced by illuminating gas and electric lights. Later on the horse and buggy gave way to the automobile and dirt roads were reconstructed and replaced by hard-surfaced highways. The railroads lost most of their business until they finally modernized their services to meet new situations. Then came the airplanes to compete for transportation over land and sea. No one dreamed in the beginning that flying machines would upset the Governments of most of the Old World. But airplanes are now feared more than armies and navies.

New America accepted new political philosophies in 1933, and in the following years the policies of Democratic Government were steered into new channels that were strange to our people and regarded as experimental.

In 1920 the Administration policies of the World War were repudiated at the polls. The people elected Warren Harding for President, and that turned out to be an unfortunate choice.

The election of Franklin Delano Roosevelt was due to dissatisfaction with the National Government, which lacked the vision to step out and go places, and keep up with the progress of private business industries and mass production.

Remaking America

For over eight years there have been vast changes in the policies of Democratic Government which have reshaped the political parties. The Government has been trying to catch up with science, invention, organized industry, organized society, and organized labor. The public has lent support to a thousand suggestions for changes in the form and style of Democracy. Government control now exists over most everything. The President is only partly responsible for this state of affairs, since the Administration and the Congress accepted all challenges, and "lifted the face" of Miss Democracy.

In view of the above conditions it does not seem strange that there has been an upheaval in the Senate, and in every branch of the Government in which there is a startling degree of independent thinking and action. And I am inclined to respect practically all of the men on both sides of the fence—who are being praised, and damned. It is a hopeful and encouraging change that should be good for Democracy.

Beating 'round the Bush

Last Fall we had the Hatch "clean politics" law which regulated fund-raising devices for political parties. The Democrats and Republicans defeated the avowed purpose of the law by distributing their contributions among state and local organizations and clubs. Instead of having a Jackson Day Dinner this year the same affair was a "rose by another name." No one was obliged to pay a hundred dollars for a place at the dinner, but all the faithful were "invited guests" and told that they might (please) contribute \$100, more or less. The American people don't care, even though they know they are being bamboozled.

President vs. Encyclopedia

Criticism of the Press by President Roosevelt has often been on the skin of the Washington newspaper men. Mr. Roosevelt tried to make it clear at a press conference that he had no wish to impose censorship upon any news but he told the correspondents that they had reported a matter.

Our world...

Russia Does Not Approve Bulgaria's Action

Moscow.—Soviet Russia has informed Bulgaria in a formal note that Germany's military occupation of the Balkan nation threatens "extension of the war" and that Russia refuses to give support of any kind to Bulgaria's new axis-dominated policy. Russia's strong statement breaks an enigmatic silence on the part of the Kremlin toward the Balkan crisis. The note carried strong criticism of Bulgaria for agreeing to the German armed occupation in what the Soviet government called a mistaken belief that the Balkans, and Bulgaria itself, would be spared the horrors of war.

British Break With Bulgaria

Sofia.—British Minister George Rendel has announced a break in British-Bulgarian diplomatic relations, "likely to carry Bulgaria into the war." He will ask Premier Bogdan Filoff for his passport and leave for Istanbul. "If relations are broken and I go, Bulgaria will become a theatre of war," Rendel said.

Hitler Woos Turkey Dramatically

Ankara, Turkey.—An urgent message from Adolf Hitler—intimating, said highly placed persons, that the Nazis want to look after Turkey's "interest and well-being"—was delivered dramatically to the Turkish president yesterday, but official quarters declared it would have little effect on the pro-British policy of this country. Hitler's note was brought to President Ismet Inonu by airplane by a five-man Nazi mission, members of which were understood to have suggested that Turkey act as an intermediary to make peace between Greece and Italy. This, it was reported after a long cabinet meeting, Turkey would refuse to do.

Turkey Moves To Protect Herself

Belgrade, Yugoslavia.—Turkey and the rest of the Balkans, now converted by high strategy into a potential zone of battle for the European war, are straining at final preparations for the worst. Turkey disclosed she had mined the Dardanelles, historic pawn of war, and had called up all naval reservists, while Turkish warships concentrated there. Fresh troops moved from Istanbul toward the Bulgarian border.

U. S. A. And Mexico Study Mutual Defense

Washington.—The United States and Mexico, under an agreement announced by the State Department, have begun conversations on mutual defense against aggression. The agreement amounts virtually to a mutual aid pact. It is the first of its kind negotiated by the United States with any Latin American nation under a resolution adopted at the Havana Conference of American foreign ministers last July.

President Sees Threat To Our Future

Washington.—President Roosevelt says the world crisis presents a greater threat to the future of the United States than the economic collapse current when he took office nine years ago. He does not attempt to minimize the scope of the economic debacle of 1933 when he moved into the White House with a promise that he would act promptly to combat it. But he explained at a press conference that the situation has changed drastically during his eight years in office.

Canadian Navy Quiet And Busy

Ottawa.—The royal Canadian navy, challenging Adolf Hitler's sea raiders, is keeping a steady stream of supplies and reinforcements flowing across the North Atlantic into the British Isles. Never rated as a sea power, the Canadian navy has been given three major assignments in the empire war efforts.

Possible State-wide Referendum

Raleigh.—The house committee on propositions and grievances voted 12 to 11 to report favorably a measure calling for a state-wide referendum on the manufacture and sale of all liquors, wines and beers. The committee acted immediately after opponents of the bill, principally representing alcoholic boards of control units in 26 counties, had presented arguments against the measure. Chairman Quinn, of Duplin, a pronounced dry, voted to break an 11-11 tie.

Powerful Pygmy Trucks For Army

The "pygmy" truck, of which the United States Army has 4,500 now on order, reached the volume production stage on the assembly lines of the Ford Motor Company in suburban Dearborn last week.

The truck, with a rated load capacity of only a quarter-ton and small enough to be "easily concealed in the field," or to be transported by large Army bombers, is unique in military service. It is designed to take the place, in many respects, of the motorcycle and has space for the normal transporting of three men, an anti-aircraft gun and light field pieces.

A group of Army officers and officials of the Ford Company were on hand to see the first of the vehicles come off an assembly line in the building the Ford Company used in World War days to produce its eagle boats for the United States Navy.

The company made no announcement of the output volume expected, but all the con-

ventional mass production methods, including the moving line and overhead conveyors with supplemental "feeder" lines, have been adapted to the assembling of the "pygmy" vehicles.

On the line were approximately 30 of the little fighter units in various stages of completion. Moving off the line, they are to be sent to an undisclosed destination for the mounting of armament.

The vehicle, officially designated by the United States Army as a "reconnaissance or scout car," has an 80-inch wheelbase and 127 1/2-inch overall length. It weighs 2,130 pounds and is equipped with a four-cylinder engine producing 45 horsepower and a top operating speed of 57 miles an hour. At the cowl it is only 38 inches high.

While it is capable of transporting several men where quick transporting of troops along highways is necessary, it is understood to be intended primarily for "open, cross-country operation" and the towing of light freight, anti-tank guns and light artillery.

Unhappy Bulgaria Fears The Worst

Germany has occupied Bulgaria—the eleventh sovereign state she has overrun since 1938—and the entire country douses its lights in fear that Britain may make good at any moment on a threat to bomb Bulgaria if Nazi soldiers are allowed in her borders.

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Doughton Honored By Fellow Representatives

The National House of Representatives paused to pay an unusual tribute to one of its most distinguished members, North Carolina's Representative Robert L. Doughton, on the 30th anniversary of his career in Congress.

Representative Harold D. Cooley gave voice on the floor of the House to the sentiments felt by countless colleagues of the veteran chairman of the ways and means committee.

In the cloakrooms as well as on the floor, the ninth district congressman received the plaudits and the sincere congratulations of his fellow members. Tall and robust despite his 76 years, the North Carolinian pointed out that he had taken less than 30 days off for illness during his 30 years in Congress.

He speaks with justifiable pride of his record at the helm of the ways and means committee. With one exception, he has been chairman longer than any man ever elected to Congress. Only one minor amendment has been placed from the floor on any of the tax bills he has piloted through the House in the last eight years.

"With the people of his district, and his state and nation he has kept faith," Cooley told the House in paying tribute to Doughton. "Neither beautiful thoughts nor eloquent words can add dignity or charm to the life of our distinguished friend, our beloved colleague, the modest and manly man, Robert L. Doughton."

In respectful silence the House listened as Cooley continued speaking for them.

"Mr. Doughton is a gentleman of genuine worth," he added. "He is thoroughly human. He affects no dignity. He is courageous, yet courteous and kind. He has a clear and comprehensive appreciation of his official duties. He has a sterling character, which has surveyed the vicissitudes of public service and all of the voices of every-day life.

"May he seize the great and sweet moments of solitude to contemplate the comradeship and the esteem in which he is held by those who have served with him here. May his tender thoughts of those who have gone beyond the purple veil to find the pathway which leads to the crowning glory of a life well spent, bring memories which will compensate for the rich, devoted and full service he has rendered to his nation. With eye yet undimmed and step still light and free, he continues to carry more than his part of the heavy burden."

"Mr. Doughton, we admire you. We congratulate and we love you. May the divine light of heaven continue to mark your pathway as you travel the long road of life, and may we say to you—live on, live on for family and friends, but most of all live on for your nation and your state."

Glade Valley Woman's Auxiliary Met Monday

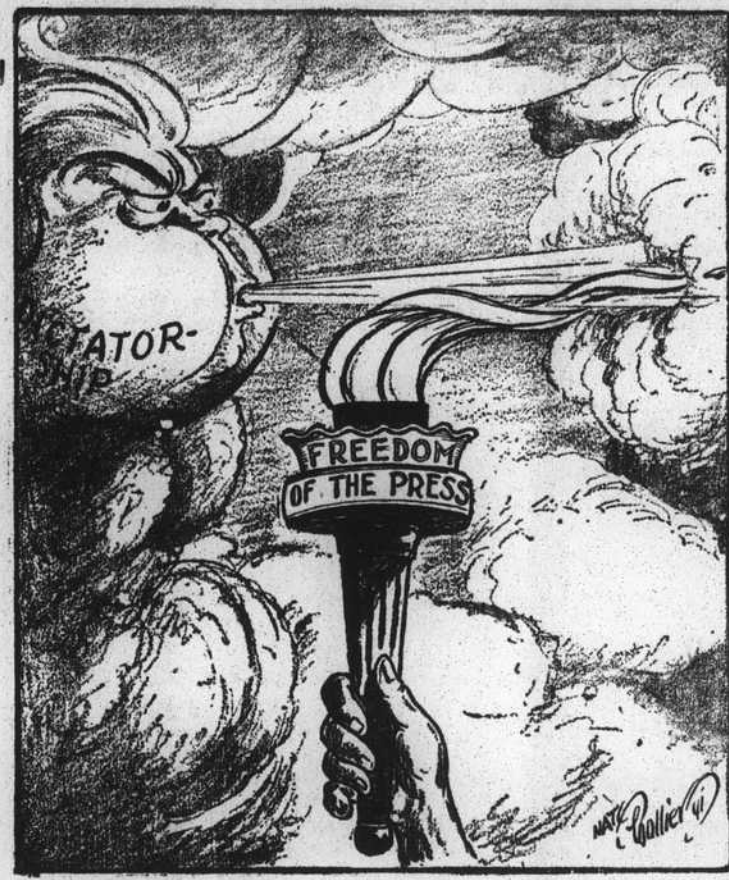
Mrs. Richard Gentry was hostess last Monday night to the Woman's Auxiliary of Glade Valley church. This being the last meeting of the church year all the officers and secretaries rendered annual reports. A meditation study on the theme, "The Stewardship of Time and Money," was given by the president, Mrs. R. L. Berry.

Mrs. Page Thompson, assisted by Mrs. Rush Thompson, Mrs. Ralph Gentry and Mrs. Bruce Wagoner, presented an interesting program on "Giving."

Officers newly elected for the ensuing year are as follows: Vice president, Mrs. Bruce Wagoner; Secretary of Assembly's Home Missions, Mrs. Ralph Gentry; Secretary of S. and P. Home Missions, Mrs. Elmer Edwards; Secretary of White Cross Work, Mrs. Rush Thompson. These were duly inducted into office by the pastor, Rev. R. L. Berry.

Eleven members were present and after refreshments had been served each guest was presented with a carnation corsage.

THE LIGHT THAT MUST NOT FAIL



Dr. N. D. Fox Has Opened A Dental Office

Dr. and Mrs. Fox and small son have come to Sparta to live, and the Dr. has opened his office for the practice of dentistry in the rooms formerly occupied by Dr. C. A. Reeves, next to the telephone office. The rooms have been repainted, and Dr. Fox has brought his own modern equipment from Statesville where he has been in practice for the past year or more.

"North Carolina," First Battleship In 17 Years

Sped to completion by the defense drive, the huge 35,000-ton U. S. S. North Carolina will be commissioned on April 11, well ahead of schedule, Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox has announced.

As the first new battleship to join the fleet in 17 years, the North Carolina will begin active duty during July under the command of Captain Olaf M. Hustvedt, Secretary Knox stated.

Captain Hustvedt already has been ordered to duty in connection with fitting out the great dreadnaught and getting it into action.

The North Carolina was launched last June 13 by Miss Isabel Young Hoey, daughter of Governor Clyde R. Hoey, before a throng of distinguished guests, marking the climax of three years of intensive work.

When the keel of the North Carolina was laid on Navy Day, (turn to page two, please)

The Lucille Ford Circle Will Meet

On Tuesday night, March 11th, the Lucille Ford Circle of the Baptist W. M. U. will meet at Mrs. Hugh Choate's home at 7:30 o'clock.

Jackson Day Dinners, March 29

Richard J. Reynolds, treasurer of the Democratic national committee, has announced that the annual Jackson Day dinners of the Democratic party will be held March 29.

As he has in the past, President Roosevelt will address the dinner to be held in Washington, and his remarks will be broadcast to the other gatherings throughout the country.

The dinners will culminate a five-week drive for funds, designed to erase the party's 1940 campaign deficit and to finance future operations.

In the past, the dinners have been held in January on the anniversary of the battle of New Orleans, but they were postponed

Preaching At Belleview Church

Rev. G. R. Blackburn will preach at Belleview church on Saturday, March 8th, at 7:30 o'clock and again on Sunday at 11 o'clock.

Attention is also directed to the regular appointments that Rev. Mr. Blackburn has made for the four churches at Belleview, Chestnut Grove, Liberty and Mt. Carmel, which have been added to the list of church appointments appearing regularly in the columns of the Star-Times.

American Legion Will Compile Census of Ex-Service Men

Questionnaires have been received here by the adjutant of the American Legion post, Sheriff DeWitt Bryan, designed to register all ex-service men in Alleghany county for possible emergency duty in connection with the national defense program.

The emergency duty which may be requested as an outgrowth of questionnaires will be purely voluntary in character and without remuneration unless otherwise provided for by agencies of government responsible for requesting such service or undertaking.

Questionnaires when filled out will include the past record of service, a long list of vocations in which registrants are qualified to serve, and as to whether or not men will be available for state troops replacing national guards, and other information.

Opportunities In Marine Corps

The Marine Corps has an unlimited quota for the month of March.

White men between the ages of 18 and 25, who are eligible for the draft, and especially those that have been classified and placed in "1-A," if they prefer the Marine Corps, may volunteer to serve during the present limited emergency. When the president declares that the emergency does not exist any longer, they will be given their release from the service, or they may remain in the Marine Corps if they desire.

These young men that are accepted to serve for the duration of the emergency are assigned immediately to active duty. They are given the same educational opportunities, the same pay, clothing allowance, medical and dental care, and the same chance to travel, as given men who enlist for four years general service.

Young men are invited to write, or call in person, at the Marine Corps Recruiting Station, room 238, Post Office building, Winston-Salem, Sergeant Jud. H. McDonald, U. S. Marine Corps.

this year because of the presidential inauguration. Reynolds said that the party "must rely upon relatively small donations to carry on its work and this is more true now than it ever was before."

Special Series of Meetings At Glade Valley

Beginning Monday evening, March 10th, at 7:30 o'clock a special series of meetings will be held at Glade Valley church and school. Rev. Sam Wiley who has been a young people's leader for many years will assist Rev. Mr. Berry, of Sparta, in conducting the meetings. Rev. Mr. Wiley, who comes from Thomasville, will speak each morning at the Glade Valley Presbyterian church and each evening at the Boys Dormitory. The public is invited to come and hear a speaker of wide experience and proven ability.

Army Reserves Called For Active Duty

The War Department called all members of the Regular Army Reserve to active duty effective February 15, 1941. Those not authorized deferment and who have failed to report as directed are now shown on War Department records as AWOL and will be dropped as deserters March 15, 1941, provided they have not reported by that date.

All members of the Regular Army Reserve who failed to report are advised that they are subject to military law from the date ordered to active duty and should report immediately at the nearest Army post or recruiting station.

New Health Nurse For Alleghany

A new health nurse, Miss Ola Collins, a native of Gastonia, came here last week and began her duties as a member of the staff of the county health department.

Miss Collins has had much experience in public health work and is enthusiastic over her work. She comes here from Moore county, where she has been a member of the health department staff for a number of years.

Miss Collins is filling the vacancy made by Mrs. Virginia Greene, who resigned as county nurse several weeks ago to join her husband in Roanoke, Va.

Miss Collins will be assisted in her work by Dr. Robert R. King, district health officer, and Miss Rosamond Reeves, office secretary.

Promotion For Local Service Man

R. A. Bumgardner, who has been stationed in Sparta for a number of years as service man for the Northwest Carolina Utilities, has been promoted to division manager by the company, it is announced. He will still work under the supervision of G. T. Robbins, who has recently been promoted to manager of the company's North Carolina properties.

Rare Birds Located In North Carolina

According to a recent report made by the North Carolina Bird Club, 42 species and 1,667 individual birds have been observed in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Among this number are three very unusual types rarely found in North Carolina, the raven, pine siskin, and duck hawk.

The raven is usually found only in a Canadian habitat and prefers altitudes well above 4,000 feet.

The pine siskin is another bird of Canadian zones, but has been for several years an irregular winter visitor to the North Carolina highlands.

The duck hawk is a true falcon, of the type used in medieval times for hunting, and is extremely rare in North Carolina.

Preaching At Antioch Church

Elder C. R. Dancy will preach at Antioch church on Friday, March 7th at eleven o'clock. From there he goes on to Center on Saturday.