

HUGE SPENDING BILL IS SIGNED

Relief Agencies Ready For Pump-Priming. \$350,000,000 of PWA Projects To Start. Roosevelt Says Business Is Getting Better.

Washington, June 21. — President Roosevelt's signature to the \$375,000,000 lending-spending bill set administrative machinery in motion tonight to carry out the huge, new "pump-priming" program.

The Public Works administration indicated it would be only a matter of hours before it made its first allocations from the new funds. Other agencies announced they were set for action.

From the time the president announced the new lending-spending effort to turn the recession tide, all agencies have been drafting plans and consideration projects so as to be ready for a quick start.

Mr. Roosevelt, announcing at Hyde Park, N. Y., that he had signed the bill, predicted to reporters that dirt would begin to fly on \$350,000,000 of PWA projects within 60 days.

Secretary Harold L. Ickes, the PWA administrator, returning from a honeymoon abroad, will get back to his desk tomorrow to direct the public works program.

PWA received \$965,000,000 of the huge outlay which President Roosevelt asked last April in a message telling congress that national conditions called for "action" through government aid "in increasing the nation's purchasing power and in stimulating business." It also was given authority to lend up to \$400,000,000 from its revolving fund.

Biggest item in the bill, however, is \$1,425,000,000 for work relief jobs under Harry Hopkins' Works Progress administration. Congress was told this would permit employment of up to 3,000,000 persons during the eight months starting July 1.

The administration's slum clearance and low-cost housing program received a \$300,000,000 addition to its present \$500,000,000.

Other items in the bill include: The Rural Electrification administration — \$100,000,000 for loans and \$700,000 for administrative costs to extend electric power to rural areas.

The National Youth administration — \$75,000,000 for its program of helping high school and college students on part-time jobs and youths of school age on special projects. It expects to aid 600,000.

Farm Security administration — \$175,000,000 for loans and grants in rural areas.

Federal buildings — \$25,000,000 to start a three-year, \$130,000,000 program. In addition, \$200,000,000 may be spent by PWA for this purpose.

The Puerto Rico Reconstruction administration — \$6,000,000.

The administrative costs of writing the paychecks and keeping accounts on the program are expected to total \$30,000,000.

In addition to these funds, congress included in the bill \$212,000,000 for payments to wheat, cotton, corn, tobacco and rice farmers under the crop control program.

Piephoff Accepts Call To Atlanta

Friends in the city of the Rev. Clarence E. Piephoff, pastor of the Monaghan Presbyterian church in Greenville for the past 14 years, will be interested to know that he resigned his pastorate Sunday to accept a call to the Pryor Street Presbyterian church, Atlanta. Mr. and Mrs. Piephoff will leave for their new field of work on July 17th.

Mr. Piephoff was reared in the orphanage here, after which he graduated from Presbyterian college, and from Columbia Theological seminary in 1924. He has made an enviable record as pastor of the Monaghan church and has many friends and acquaintances who will regret to learn that he is leaving the South Carolina synod.

Methodist Laymen Plan Meet July 4

Atlanta, June 18. — The Laymen's Organization for the Preservation of the Southern Methodist church announced today a statewide mass meeting to be held in Columbia, S. C., July 4 to work out a program of opposition to the merger of the three branches of Methodism. B. W. Crouch, Saluda, S. C., a member of the executive committee of the laymen's organization, announced the meeting.

LICENSES SHOW GAIN

Sidney A. Lee, county game warden, stated yesterday that receipts of his office for the period July first to July first, totaled \$5,757 in hunting, fishings and fur seals licenses.

Hurry To Pay Needy Farmers

Agricultural Department Plans To Speed Up Benefit Payments.

Washington, June 18. — The agriculture department intends to hasten benefit payments to farmers whose income has fallen so far they are in need of help.

Department officials said today that quick action was needed. They reported a drop in the demand for farm products, coupled with lower farm prices than at any time in the last four years.

About \$755,000 will be available for farmers who complied with this year's crop control program. Ordinarily, the money would be paid several months after the crop season is over, but the plight of the farmer forces a deviation from that policy this year.

The first big lot of benefit payments will be \$130,000,000 in price-adjustment payments to cotton farmers who produced cotton last year and who planted within this year's acreage allotments. They may start early in August.

A new technique is being introduced this year to reduce the lag between the time the crop is planted and the payment is made. Airplanes will take pictures of farms to determine how much has been planted in crops on which payments are made. This is much quicker, officials said, than the old land surveying method.

Payments to wheat, cotton, tobacco, corn and general crop farmers who comply with soil-building practices under the \$500,000,000 soil conservation program should start in the fall, officials said.

Payments of \$25,000,000 to domestic sugar cane and beet producers on last year's crop will start within a few weeks.

Supplementing these payments will be the spending of \$75,000,000 by the Federal Surplus Commodities corporation during the next 12 months for surplus farm products.

Tennis Tournament To Begin On July 5

Winners To Be Decided In Men's Singles and Doubles, and Girls' Singles.

The fifth annual Clinton tennis tournament will begin Tuesday, July 5, according to an announcement made yesterday by R. S. Owens, president of the Clinton Tennis club, which is sponsoring the event.

Winners will be decided in men's singles, men's doubles, and girls' singles, with handsome trophies to be awarded to the champions. A fee of twenty-five cents for each division entered will be charged each person playing in the tournament. This will help to cover tournament expense such as trophy engraving, balls for final matches, and incidentals.

Mr. Owens will act as tournament referee, and will serve with Taylor Martin and J. F. Jacobs on the tournament committee. He has named Tench Owens to manage the tournament. Anyone desiring to play in the tournament is requested to give his name and entrance fee to one of the four above named officials within the next week.

Although most of the tournament play will be on town courts, the Presbyterian college courts will probably be used also during the first stages of the tournament. Announcement will be made later concerning time, place, and opponents for matches. Interest in the outcome of the tournament is growing and a large number of participants is expected.

The 1937 champions are: Taylor Martin, men's singles; Martin and Arthur Copeland, men's doubles; Emily Dillard, girls' singles.

Power Announces For Clerk Of Court

C. A. Power, well known throughout the county, announces in today's paper that he will be in the race for clerk of court in the coming primary. Mr. Power has served as clerk of court before. He said yesterday that his experience in the office fitted him to perform the duties. "I shall greatly appreciate the vote of the people," he said.

Simpson Offers For Re-election

D. Roy Simpson, completing his third term as county treasurer, makes his formal announcement for re-election in today's paper.

In speaking of his candidacy, Mr. Simpson said, "I am running on my record and have tried conscientiously to perform my duties since assuming office."

SOCIAL SECURITY TODAY LARGEST STATE BUSINESS

More Than 300,000 Stockholders Monthly Contribute Savings To Federal Government. Dividends Will Start Coming In At 65.

Columbia, June 20. — There are a number of major companies operating in South Carolina today, some even employing as many as several thousand persons, but the largest single business is the old-age benefits division of the federal social security board.

This business, and in the final analysis it is a business, has more than 300,000 stockholders, all buying additional stock monthly, and when these stockholders become 65 they will stop buying and start receiving monthly dividends.

There are more South Carolinians contributing to social security insurance than there were voters in the last statewide primary.

The exact number changes almost daily, but records in the office of the collector of internal revenue reveal that returns were filed for 311,414 during the period January 1 to June 31 in 1937, 310,100 from July 1 to December 31 of 1937, and practically the same number is expected during this half year.

Monthly the payments, representing 1 per cent of the total salary of the employee, matched by an equal sum by the employer, average more than \$200,000.

The law requires business and mercantile establishments having one employee or more to file returns, the responsibility for filing being placed on the employer. Exemptions include school teachers, state and federal employees, farmers, domestic servants and a few other types of employment.

The numbers of employers filing, as in the case of employees, changes constantly. Every time a new firm opens, it adds another to the total and every time a business closes or moves to another state, one is subtracted. There were 13,414 employers

filing during January-June, 1937, and 13,620 during the final six months of the year.

Because of the quarterly instead of monthly payments initiated this year, records show only 11,616 employers completing filing for the first quarter of 1938, but agents are now in the field checking on some 2,000 delinquents.

Second Conference Opened Tuesday

Matriculation of 350 For Young People's Meet This Week. Faculty Is Given.

With a capacity enrollment from all parts of the state, the 1938 Young People's conference of the Synod of South Carolina got under way Tuesday afternoon at Presbyterian college following the closing of the Intermediate conference held the past week.

The conference, which will continue through next Tuesday, is headed by the Rev. F. B. Mayes, of Beaufort, as director. The theme will be, "Christ Everything, Everywhere." The inspirational speaker for the week is Rev. William M. Elliott, pastor of Druid Hills Presbyterian church, Atlanta.

Members of the faculty, besides Mr. Elliott, are: Hymnology and Music Director — James R. Snyder, professor of sacred music, Assembly Training school, Richmond, Va.

Stewardship — Rev. B. K. Tenney, stewardship department, Atlanta.

Bible — Miss Lucy E. Steele, Peace Junior college, Raleigh, N. C.

Student Problems — Rev. S. J. L. Crouch, Clemson college.

Building the Christian Home — Rev. R. C. Long, Greenwood.

Religious Life of Young People — Rev. Edward G. Lilly, Charleston.

Science and Religion — Rev. James Appleby, Maxton, N. C.

Presbyterian Youth Program — Rev. James M. Carr, director of religious education, synods of South Carolina and Georgia, Decatur, Ga.

Missions — Rev. C. Darby Fulton, executive secretary foreign missions, Nashville, Tenn.

Building Vesper Programs — Mrs. G. W. Brown, Anderson.

Needs and Helps for Presbytery and Local Officers — Mrs. F. B. Mayes, Beaufort.

Athletic Director — Coach Walter A. Johnson, Presbyterian college.

Sydney A. Lee For Re-election

Sydney A. Lee, county game warden, announces his candidacy for re-election in today's paper.

Mr. Lee is completing his second term as game warden and is well known throughout the county by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances who will be interested in his announcement. He is asking re-election upon his record, he states.

GO TO SCOTLAND

Friends here of Dr. John McSween and Mrs. McSween, of Chester, will be interested in the announcement that they are leaving today for a two-months' trip to Scotland.

U. S.-Germany Feeling Tense

Washington and Berlin Relations More Strained Than At Any Time Since War.

Washington, June 20. — Relations between the United States and Germany are as bad as at any time since the World war and are giving cause for concern on both sides of the water.

Public speeches of mutual recrimination, a series of sharp diplomatic notes and a pronounced lack of cooperation indicate the tenseness between the two nations.

The United States has addressed four diplomatic communications to Germany in less than two months. Germany's resentment is expressed by the fact that she has answered none.

Three of the communications dealt with Austria's debts. There was a note April 6, an "aide memoire" May 16 and a note June 9. But America's demand for a quick answer has, up to now, been ignored.

On May 11 the United States sent a note to Berlin protesting against the enforced registration of the property of American Jews in Germany. This registration decree was widely interpreted as a preliminary to expropriation.

The feeling of Secretary Hull toward Germany can be seen in the very fact that three communications were sent on the subject of Austrian debts. Austria's obligations to the United States government and American citizens amount to only \$64,000,000, a comparatively small sum, and of this total, more than half has been bought back by Austrians.

But Secretary Hull is seeking to drive home a principle. The American note emphasized that, under international law, a nation which absorbs another should take the burdens with the benefits.

Germany also was mentioned or included by implication in two recent state department pronouncements — Secretary Hull's admonition to Germany and Czechoslovakia that they were signatories of the Kellogg peace pact, and Undersecretary Welles' denunciation of aerial bombing in Spain.

The speech of German Finance Minister Walther Funk last week accusing the United States of being the hell of the economic world, and picturing Germany as the heaven, was received here with more indifference than indignation.

P. C. Enlists 67 Gridsters

Coach Johnson Reports Large Number of Men Sign For Football Try-Outs This Fall.

Sixty-seven men have signed up for the 1938 edition of the Presbyterian college Blue Stocking football team, Coach Walter Johnson, gridiron generalissimo, announced the past week. This is the largest squad ever to apply for positions on the squad.

Johnson will have 20 letter men to form the nucleus of this aggregation, having lost but seven insignia-wearers by graduation this spring. Nine backs are expected to report early in September: Jimmy Dendard, Giles Batchelor, Lukie Culp, Trigger Ritch, June Moore, Reynolds Griffin, Shorty Horne, Charles Trammell and Deke Reynolds.

Three letter-men ends, Pete Holcombe, Be Moore and Bo-Gator Atkinson; two tackles, Cotton Boswell and Bill Bullock; three guards, Walt Todd, Hood Strain and Jimmy Booth, and three centers, Lykes Henderson, Buck Finney and Billy Kee, make up the roster of letter-men who have signed on the dotted line for uniforms.

The sixty-five prospective team members consist of 15 seniors, 20 juniors and 32 sophomores drawn from the finest frosh team which the Blue Stockings have ever placed on the field.

"Competition for this team is going to be stiff," Johnson remarked, as he looked over the list, and his old victory smile once more started to adorn his Swedish countenance. "Some of these sophomores are going to play some grand ball, and the letter-men have a tough job before them in holding their positions."

The Lynns were accompanied by Brownville, Texas, by their son, Robert, where he will visit his brother, Rev. Matthew Lynn, while his parents are on their western trip.

The Lynns Off On California Trip

Dr. L. R. Lynn, Mrs. Lynn, and their daughter, Miss Elizabeth Lynn, left Monday morning for West Tennessee and Ballenger, Texas, to visit relatives. At Ballenger they will join Dr. Lynn's brother, H. W. Lynn, and be his guests on a six weeks' trip to the Pacific coast, visiting California and Seattle.

FIRST COTTON BLOOM

The honor for the first cotton bloom of the 1938 crop brought to The Chronicle office goes to Lewis Covin, colored farmer, who works a crop on the T. H. Little farm near here. The bloom was pulled early Saturday morning, the 18th, and Lewis reports that prospects are fine for his crop.

CLAIMS HEARD IN SENATE RACE

Three Candidates Renew Pleas At Camden. Smith Asks Foes To Say Where He Has Been Unfaithful To Trust.

Camden, June 21. — The second week of South Carolina's U. S. senatorial campaign opened here today with frequent clashes between the candidates who once more renewed their promises and reviewed their lives in public office.

Senator Ellison D. Smith, present holder of the seat which Governor Olin Johnston and State Senator Edgar A. Brown seek to occupy, unfolded his long senate career as he spoke first.

"For 30 years I've been your senator, I've worked in season and out of season for the benefit of South Carolina. For 30 long years you have given me a majority and I have kept the faith," Smith told the crowd of Kershaw county voters gathered in the Camden school house.

Smith asked the spectators to demand of his opponents "in what things I have been unfaithful to the trust."

"Bless God," Smith declared, "I didn't think I'd have to come to South Carolina and defend the president from his chief rubber stamp and coat-tail swinger."

"Do you think the executive of this country would deny relief to South Carolina or any other state because one man had the grit and guts to stand up for what he thinks is right?"

"Frank Roosevelt is a bigger man than that," Smith said.

Smith said his platform called for states' rights, white supremacy and tariff for revenue only.

"I have never deviated from that platform," Smith shouted, "and I ain't gonna."

Terminating his own record as one of "service," Brown attacked the records of Smith and Johnston.

"You want somebody who can go to Washington and do things for you and bring home the bacon."

Brown charged that Smith's record showed he "has never been with the president," and that Governor Johnston's record "is a record of unfulfilled promises and failures."

He called the anti-lynching bill "a political ball" and said "those boys have been juggling it up there for years."

The governor, Brown charged, "is being paid \$60,000 of the taxpayers' money to help in this election."

Brown declared himself in favor of federal medical centers "where the poor man can get the same attention as the rich man."

"Let's underwrite the health and happiness of the people by spending a few millions for health centers," Brown said.

Governor Johnston accused Smith of having a "rubber head inflated by ideas of big interests and cotton speculators."

"I'm glad the people of South Carolina know Olin Johnston," he said, "and I thank God they know Edgar Brown."

Johnston said, "Your senior senator hasn't done anything for you. He has just about put all the cotton farmers out of business in 30 years. Give him another six years and he will put all the tobacco farmers out of business too."

The governor said he had no apologies to make because Roosevelt is my friend and I am his friend.

"I wouldn't be in a position where I couldn't go to him and ask for something."

Johnston said he was "known as the laboring man's governor. Walk up to the big man and ask him what he thinks of me and he'll probably want to kick me in the pants. But ask the little man, the farmer, the mill worker. He is for me."

Dorroh Announces For Re-election

S. R. Dorroh, who has served the county as auditor for several terms, formally announces his candidacy for re-election in today's paper. Mr. Dorroh, who has been sick for some time, is now at his office and said that he expects to be at his desk daily from now on. His wide circle of friends and acquaintances over the county will be glad to know he is recovering from his recent illness.

MEN-OF-THE-CHURCH MEET

The June meeting of the Men-of-the-Church of the First Presbyterian church was held in the dining department of the church Thursday evening. The organization had as its guest speaker, the Rev. W. S. Patterson of the Clover Presbyterian church, who spoke on home missions work. The president, Wm. Brooks Owens, announced that the meetings for July and August will be omitted following the usual custom.

DRIVE CAREFULLY SAVE A LIFE!

3 DEATHS from AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENTS in LAURENS COUNTY 1938 Let's Strive To Make This a Safe Year On the Highways. This date last year, 2.