

INDIANAPOLIS, TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 1933

## DEMOCRATS TO GET BERTHS IN FOREST CAMPS

Decision to Continue Work for Another Six Months Will Help Many.

## SOUTH WILL BENEFIT

Operations Will Be Shifted From North When Cold Weather Comes.

BY KENNETH WATSON

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—President Roosevelt's action in authorizing continuance of the civilian conservation corps camps for another six-month period is scheduled to furnish employment for hundreds of job-seeking Democrats.

At the request of Postmaster General James A. Farley the Democratic national committee has notified Democratic congressmen to submit names of constituents capable of holding positions as forest camp foremen and superintendents. Each of the 1,450 camps now in operation has six such positions, paying from \$1,440 to \$2,660 annually.

While the bulk of present jobs are filled by Democrats, many foremen and superintendents are Republicans apointed through influence of Republican Governors. While administration officials disclaimed any plan of turning out any Republican incumbents on Oct. 1, when the first six-month period ends it readily was admitted that any vacancies are to be filled by Democrats.

## Turnover Is Expected

With resumption of private lumbering operations and starting of public works operations, many of our foremen and superintendents plan to return to more remunerative jobs. This turnover naturally will cause many vacancies," one administration official declared.

Meanwhile, Robert Fechner, director of the C. C. C. and other officials were completing plans for early transfer of more than 90,000 forest workers from northern and western states into new camps in the south.

About 450 camps will have to be moved from states where cold weather will limit operations, Director Fechner said. "Some of the camps in Montana, Idaho and Wyoming probably will be moved, commencing Sept. 15.

"We have requests for about 1,400 new camps from officials of southern states and selection of many sites will be made this week," he said.

## Many to Go South

At least 5,000 and possibly more of the forest recruits will be placed in the Tennessee valley. Thousands more are to be placed in Texas, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Florida.

The National Forest Purchase commission is to meet soon to consider the purchase of cut-over pine lands in the south, where valuable reforestation work can be carried out. Dr. Arthur Morgan, chairman of the Tennessee Valley Authority, is having a survey made now and expects to report soon on just how many men can be used there. The minimum number will be at least 5,000.

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Full Leased Wire Service of the United Press Association



D. F. Culbertson

D. Frank Culbertson, of Vincennes wife official at the laying of the cornerstone at the George Rogers Clark Memorial, Sunday afternoon, Sept. 3.

Culbertson has been one of the chief promoters of the memorial and has been in charge of the legislative program of the movement which secured for Indiana this national memorial, commemorating the winning of the Old Northwest.

The interest which he aroused in congress has resulted in the passage of no less than five acts relating to the memorial.

## TAX RATE UP TO COUNTY COUNCIL

Budget Slashes Expected at Meeting Set for Aug. 29.

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That work hours are being staggered to avoid employment of additional workers under the short-hour provisions of the code.

That workers are being required to take three-hour lunch periods.

That restaurants have been charging employees for meals, in effect reducing wages that apparently were raised.

That business concerns of which members of the recovery administration are directors are not living up to the terms of the agreement.

That stores have been shortening hours of operation to avoid hiring more workers.

## Reprimands Are Issued

Administrator Johnson already has issued several sharp reprimands in connection with these practices. A general order a few days ago called to the attention of restaurant owners the fact that meals must not be charged for unless it was a practice to do this before June 16.

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## CLUB IN MELON FEAST

Watson Schutz on Program of Irving G. O'P. Club.

Members of the Irvington Republican Club will attend a watermelon feast in Carr's hall, 5436 East Washington street, Monday night. One hundred melons have been ordered.

Schutz will include J. Raymond Schulz of Manchester college; former United States Senator James E. Watson; Raymond S. Springer of Connors and officers of the state committee and of the Eleventh and Twelfth districts.

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