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Unfounded Prosperity

The lending-spending program advanced by the recent Congress is being referred to as the work of a fool, that it will offer no sure footing for future prosperity. Probably the conservatives are right when they say the program is no suitable foundation for future prosperity to rest upon. But we dare say that the program now going into effect is more justifiable than the one followed prior to 1933.

If prosperity ever was unfounded it was in that period from the World War to the year 1933. To maintain an economic balance in this country, more than half the farms in the United States were mortgaged, millions of people were thrown out of their homes, and living was from hand to mouth. Wealth was created on a large scale during the period, but it followed the pull of the magnate and went under the control of the "Sixty Families."

In the cotton-growing states, eighty per cent of the farms were mortgaged during the period. Here in North Carolina and despite a greater diversification program, sixty-three per cent of the farms were placed under mortgage and many were sold on the auction block in front of every courthouse in the one hundred counties.

Installment buying was advanced on such scale that the total amount annually would make the public debt look small. The conservatives lauded the old system of mortgaging the individual to the hilt and then selling him out. Debt was piling up fast on certain classes while bond purchases—by others—increased steadily, and if there had been no halt when President Roosevelt stepped into the White House in 1933, the mortgage holders would possibly be closing out about this time the last farm and the last home of the working man.

One only has to look back a few years to see the ever increasing number of foreclosure sales in front of the courthouses. If the momentum had not been checked, the system would have gobbled all up, and the country would be just about ripe now for a taste of old England's serfdom.

It is true that supreme folly on the part of the common people matched the old system. But then there was little incentive for one to save the income gained from the sweat of his brow. The banks in 1920 had closed in the faces of millions of savers. Others were fleeced of their earnings by crooked bond issues floated by Wall Street bankers for unstable governments across the continents.

As long as that old system robbed the poor and enriched the rich, the conservatives declared the country was safe. If debt threw millions into the streets, it was all right with them. Now when the debt is shifted from the farm and working man and established on a nation-wide basis, they predict the ruination of the country.

Voting For What's In It

Christian Science Monitor.

Back-room politicians and ward heelers will recognize readily the kind of talk that Aubrey Williams, Deputy Administrator of WPA, handed out Monday to the Workers Alliance. There is nothing very new in the exhortation to "stick together," and "keep our friends in power." The novelty is in hearing these phrases from a Government official on a rostrum in a public auditorium.

True, the implications may be no more sinister when spoken to a pressure group that call themselves "workers" than when the same exhortations are exchanged in some select circle of businessmen bent on exploiting the advantage of position. But the meaning in either case is bad enough. Whenever people are urged to interest themselves in government for what they can get out of it, instead of for the sake of fairness and soundness in government, the foundations of democratic self-rule are weakened.

Martin County First

"First at Bethel, farthest at Gettysburg and last at Appomattox," is the slogan that North Carolina clings to as about the only thing of value coming out of the four year struggle between the States.

Whether the slogan carries anything more than an empty value is beside the point here, but as a matter of record Martin County steps forward to hold high the claim of its late son, Augustus Whitley, as the men of Blue and Grey come together in peaceful reunion at Gettysburg on the 75th anniversary of what has been termed one of the greatest battles ever fought.

Disheartening as the history is that tells us how brother fought brother, how hopeless and destructive the conflict was, there is still something in the struggle that commands the admiration of everyone. Seventy-five years ago next Sunday, Augustus, Whitley, one of Martin County's youngest sons in the conflict, carried with two other men the flag of the Confederacy up Cemetery Ridge to the wall, the farthest point reached by any other man in the Army of the South.

However fruitless, however useless the daring of Gus Whitley proved to be, there is reason for Martin County and North Carolina to be greatly proud of a native son who dared death from thousands of guns to advance a cause that he considered right and just.

Not a single Martin County veteran is left to enjoy the reunion marked by its peacefulness and understanding, but the records show it was ably represented when valor and nerve were required.

Fallacy Uncovered

News And Observer.

Wall Street trading has taken a turn for the better following the discovery that for the week ending June 19 business had risen appreciably in several departments. There was an improvement noted by The New York Times index in miscellaneous car loadings, steel ingot production and electric power and lumber production, while there was a marked upturn in automobile production.

One rise in the market does not make a boom but this seems to have enough about it to indicate that no small part of it was due to the President's signing the \$3,700,000,000 lending-spending bill.

In view of the filip thus administered to business, it would be interesting to know what has become of the budget balancers who were so vocal a few months ago. At that time they declared that the government would plunge the country into blue ruin unless it instantly stopped writing checks. But when, after the government began to do so, business activity took a prompt nose dive, these orators withdrew into a dense silence.

It all goes to show that there may be a fallacy in the argument that a government, regardless of consequences, ought annually to balance its books just as a private business does. A private business is not charged with the duty of providing for the general welfare, but a government operating under the United States Constitution is. That makes all the difference.

Free—Speech and Thought

Christian Science Monitor.

The British Government has refused to prohibit a meeting of Free Thinkers announced to be held in Britain in September. The meeting has been convened by a body calling itself the International Congress of the World Union of Free Thinkers. Application to have it prohibited was made to Sir Samuel Hoare, the Home Secretary, by Captain Archibald H. M. Ramsay and seventy other members of Parliament acting on behalf of the Christian Defense Movement.

Sir Samuel Hoare in reply said that while he personally deplored the holding of a free thinking congress as being "repugnant to the sentiment of the great mass of Christian people in Britain," he not only had no power to prohibit it, but to do so, provided it be orderly, would in his opinion be contrary to "a long and cherished tradition of liberty and toleration which in these times it is more than ever important to maintain."

Britain properly prides itself upon allowing freedom both of meeting and of speech. To adopt any other line would be a negation of that liberty which English-speaking races prize.

A Welcome Slump

Sampson Independent.

Fatal automobile accidents have dropped to the lowest point in six years in North Carolina during the first five months of 1938, and that regardless of the fact that a total of 15,000 more motor vehicles were licensed this year than in 1937 in this state. Fatalities on the highways of this state during the first five months of 1938 totaled 314, as compared with 395 for the same period last year.

The slump in highway fatalities is credited to the safety crusades and vigilance of the highway patrol. It is to be hoped also that the driving public is becoming a little more safety-conscious, as that, after all, is the only thing that will produce lasting results. It seems a pity that people have constantly to be warned of the necessity of observing the rules of safety for themselves and that of others, but such is the case.

CHURCH NEWS

EPISCOPAL

Third Sunday after Trinity
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Celebration of the Holy Communion, 11 a. m.
St. Martin's, Hamilton
Evening prayer and sermon, 8.

METHODIST

Church school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 a. m. Theme: "Highways to a Throne."
Afternoon service, Holly Springs, 3:30 p. m.
Young Peoples Meet, 6:45 p. m.
Evening worship, 8 p. m. Union service at the Christian church.
Choir practice tonight, 7:45.
The sacrament of the Lord's supper will be observed Sunday morning.

The third quarterly conference will hold its business session at two o'clock, July 10.

BAPTIST

Bible school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 a. m.
B. T. U., 7 p. m.
Evening union service at Christian church, 8 p. m.
Bible school officers and teachers and pupils should always remember that the first Sunday in each month is orphanage Sunday. The orphan children depend largely on first Sunday contributions. With forethought and planning we can easily double the small amount we have been giving.

The two church ordinances will be observed in our morning period of worship.

CARD OF THANKS

For every act of kindness, for every expression of sympathy on the occasion of the sudden death of our dear wife and mother, who was struck by lightning, we extend our heartfelt thanks.

Zach S. Cowin and Family.

Maxwell Wants A Reexamination of N. C. Auto Drivers

The six-point safety program Commissioner of Revenue A. J. Maxwell recommended for state action in an address to the North Carolina Safety Conference at Asheville recent is sure to meet opposition on some points.

It is also sure to start agitation for some other things, outside the immediate scope of the Safety program, such as removal of the State Highway Patrol (which Maxwell recommends should be "largely increased") from the control of Mr. Maxwell's department and placing it under the State Highway Commission where so many think it belongs.

Other points of discussion which will be raised will be touched upon after the six points stressed by the revenue commission have been named.

- They include:
1. Examination of all drivers licensed three years ago without any test of their qualifications, with no charge for the examination, which would be educational.
 2. Mandatory prison terms for those who violate highway laws after having their licenses revoked.
 3. Fixing a maximum speed limit (50 or 55 miles per hour is recommended) for any kind of highway and substantially lower speed limits
 4. Increase in the personnel of the State Highway Patrol in order to provide more adequate enforcement of more positive highway laws.
 5. Construction of semi-hard surface shoulders on every mile of hard surface with an abrupt edge, Maxwell believes.
 6. More adequate marking of danger spots such as curves and intersections. Zebra-striped panels are mentioned as valuable in this respect.

Reviews Reading Tastes of Students

Raleigh — State College boys are interested primarily in making friends and influencing people, a survey of their literary tastes revealed today.

But although Dale Carnegie's book ranked at the top of library selections for the term recently ended, the student also showed keen interest in Dr. Ernest Groves' "Marriage" and W. J. LaVarre's "Gold, Diamonds and Orchids."

The survey was made by Librarian W. P. Kellam, who presides over the 52,000 books in the D. H. Hill library at State College.

Mr. Kellam's report put Dale Carnegie's best-seller at the top of the most popular non-fiction list. In addition to the Groves and LaVarre productions, others in the list were

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"Madame Curie" by Eve Curie; "R. E. Lee," by Dr. Douglas S. Freeman and "An American Doctor's Odyssey," by V. G. Heiser.

Heading the list of the most popular volumes of fiction was Allen Hervey's "Anthony Adverse." North Carolina's Thomas Wolfe had two volumes in the list, "Look Homeward Angel" and "Of Time and the River." Other often-read books were A. J. Cronin's "The Citadel," Walter Duranty's "One Life, One Love," Ernest Hemingway's "To Have and To Have Not," James T. Farrell's "A World I Never Made," Kenneth Roberts' "Northwest Passage" and Margaret Mitchell's "Gone with the Wind."

The survey also showed State College student are using the library more. In the past year 94,355 volumes were borrowed, as compared with 85,097 in the previous year. In addition, 11,509 books were taken from the shelves for occasional reading in the "browsing room," Mr. Kellam reported.

Potato Acreage Estimated At 34,000 Acres This Year

The early potato acreage in North Carolina this season was estimated at 34,000 acres compared with an estimated acreage of 43,000 acres harvested in 1937 and a ten-year acreage of 33,100 acres, reports the N. C. Department of Agriculture.

Many Craven County farmers have replanted their corn crop three times due to heavy insect infestation.

PROGRAM FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY, JULY 3.

Turnage Theatre --- Washington, N. C.

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| Sunday-Monday Sun. Shows 2, 4, 9 July 3-4 | Thursday-Friday July 7-8 |
| "Kidnapped" Warner BAXTER, Freddie BARTHOLOMEW | "A Slight Case of Murder" Edward G. ROBINSON and Jane BRYAN |
| Tuesday-Wednesday July 5-6 | Saturday July 9 |
| "Crime School" Gale Page, H. Bogart and "Dead End" Kids | "Texas Trail" WILLIAM BOYD |

ALSO SELECTED SHORT SUBJECTS

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