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PARAGRAPHS ON NATIONAL PROBLEMS AT WASHINGTON

AIDS HOME BUILDING.
30-HOUR WEEK PROBABLE.
DARROW'S NRA REPORT.
DROPS LITTLE INDUSTRIES.

The construction industry has been slowest in recovering and officials insist that the great bulk of those ordinarily engaged in this line are unemployed, making up the largest group still dependent upon relief agencies. From a total of eleven billion dollars a year the construction aggregate has dropped to three; residential construction has fallen from \$3,000,000,000 a year to \$300,000,000.

Anxious to spur the construction trades the President advances the plan to make home improvement loans, guarantee mortgages on homes, organize low-cost, long-term financing for construction purposes and the insurance of building and loan association stock where it is sound. "Many of our homes are not fit for human habitation," said Mr. Roosevelt, in urging the measures for the protection of the health and safety of the people.

Indicative of the new attitude is the effort in the House to pass the Comery bill providing a compulsory 30-hour work week. Effort to force a vote May 28th got under way with every indication that the bill would pass the House. Whether it becomes law depends upon the adjournment of Congress.

The public works-unemployment relief fund for the fiscal year 1935 is set at \$1,322,000,000 in preliminary figures, which take into consideration the various appropriations already made, which include sums for crop loans, farm credit, veterans' benefits, flood control and some of the total involved in the Independent Offices act, passed over the President's veto. It is admitted that total expenditures this year will fall under the estimate made in January and that the deficit will be at least \$2,500,000,000 short of what was predicted.

Something of a squabble developed when it became known that a special board, including Clarence Darrow, had submitted a report on NRA activities which was being held up until a certain government official could study it. When criticism of the action became somewhat pronounced Gen. Johnson assumed the blame, saying that he had a right to examine the document and give his reply at the same time that he gave out the report.

Criticism of the effect of the NRA upon the small business man, with charges that the various codes work hardships upon the "little man" and the assertion that monopoly is being stimulated by code control were considered damaging when coming from a board of review set-up to inquire into the fate of the small business man.

There is also current comment upon the fact that Darrow engaged Charles Edward Russell, Socialist leader, to pen the draft of the board's conclusion, which, in some places was so condemnatory that its sweeping charger had to be made more parliamentary. Another story is that the report was sent to the Department of Justice, because it contained charges against the members of a certain code authority, with the demand that they be prosecuted for conducting it in the interests of their business and against their competitors.

The move to exempt little businesses from the strict code requirements and to junk a number of small codes was not a direct result of the Darrow report, although maybe, it was hastened by it. For some time code officials have been studying the situation, with the discovery that 65 per cent of the time, personnel, money and effort was going to take care of industries that do not affect 15 per cent of the recovery program.

Congressman's Kerr Speaks at Kinston

Says He Thinks His Work In Congress Should Satisfy His Constituents

Kinston, May 19.—Congressman John H. Kerr spoke here last night. His audience filled the courtroom in the courthouse. He was introduced by a warm friend, Rev. Dr. Bernard W. Spilman, educational secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The representative, seeking re-nomination in the June 2 primary, declared he did not come to defend the "new deal" or his own record in the House, but he had high praise for the administration and its policies and said he believed what he had accomplished in his 10 years in Congress should satisfy his constituency.

Income of the nation's farmers increased four-fifths of a billion dollars during the first year under Roosevelt, Judge Kerr said, while that of 400 leading industries increased half a billion dollars. Those increases almost meant good times, he said. The South has fared very well, with its farmers receiving hundreds of millions of dollars from the government.

Kerr cited the fact that he is a member of four important committees, the ranking Democratic member of three and chairman of one. He told how he had been instrumental in having the tariff on peanuts raised to exclude the Chinese product. Chinese peanuts were being delivered at Suffolk at a price which was threatening disaster for the growers of North Carolina and other southern states, he asserted, when the prohibitive tariff was imposed. The income of second district peanut farmers was \$10,000,000 greater last year as a result.

STEWART FUNERAL CONDUCTED TUESDAY

Final Rites Held Tuesday Afternoon for Prominent Edgecombe Farmer

Final rites for Howard Porter Stewart, 46-year-old Edgecombe county planter who died Monday following a paralytic stroke, were held from the home of Mrs. T. R. Bulluck on the Tarboro highway at three o'clock Tuesday afternoon, with Rev. J. W. Kincheloe, pastor of the First Baptist church, in charge. Burial followed at the cemetery in Battleboro.

Mr. Stewart, a well known resident of the county who had engaged in extensive farming activities, is survived by his widow, the former Miss Etta Bulluck of Edgecombe county; his father, George W. Stewart, and three children, Elizabeth, Mavis, and Wilmer, all of Edgecombe county.

Also surviving are six brothers and five sisters, as follows: A. T. Stewart of Battleboro; W. W. Stewart of Edgecombe county; J. M. Stewart of Hendersonville, F. W. and J. C. Stewart both of Rocky Mount; Mrs. J. B. Hill, Miss Georgie Stewart, Mrs. J. W. Simthson, Mrs. Luther Fisher, and Mrs. A. L. Pope, all of Edgecombe county.

The pallbearers were as follows: Active—John Daughtridge, Jim Daughtridge, Arthur Williams, Joe Powell, Battleboro, Dr. T. W. Smithson, and C. B. Peacock; honorary—Richard Powell, E. L. Boone, Dr. D. L. Knowles, S. T. Wilson and Watkins Powell, Billy Lawrence, Frank Lawrence, Henry Taylor, Roy Moore, and George B. Strickland, all of Battleboro.

LIGHTNING HITS TROLLEY; 8 HURT

Washington.—When a street car was hit by lightning, eight persons were injured as they battered their way out of the smoke-filled car. None were seriously injured, however.

City Manager's Report Is Made

Total of \$610,093.86 Collected From All Sources Up to April 30

The city of Rocky Mount on April 30 had received from all sources the sum of \$610,093.86 this fiscal year which ends June 30, according to the monthly report of City Manager Leslie B. Aycock released at a meeting of the board of aldermen last week.

Of this amount, \$139,554.12 came from general sources, \$83,418.83 from property taxes and \$437,131.41 from utilities.

The sum from general sources was \$16,641.12 more than was anticipated for the year in making out the annual budget, but this was largely due to the fact that \$75,000 listed as "cash in bank" was in part already on hand at the beginning of the year.

The sum received from property taxes fell only \$11,581.67 short of meeting budget estimates for the year. With May and June reports yet to come in, it seemed probable that nearly all property taxes would be collected.

Utilities revenue lacked only \$6,368.59 of meeting budget estimates, making it certain that income from this source will surpass the estimate before the year is out.

Income from the light department has already passed the estimate by \$2,797.17 and from the sewer system by \$392.42.

Expenditures for the year stood as follows on April 30:

General government, \$21,094.76 leaving a balance of \$4,541 out of the total appropriated; public safety, \$63,877.11, leaving a balance of \$8,560.24; highways, \$45,629.32, leaving a balance of \$41,005.68; recreation, \$11,261.87, leaving a balance of \$2,944.13; city farm, \$1,577.52, exceeding the appropriation by \$277.52; general items and debts, \$64,544.28, leaving a balance of \$22,800.72.

The total expenditures for general administration amounted to \$238,377.62, leaving an unexpended balance of \$76,146.38.

Utilities expenditures amounted to \$275,816.32, leaving a balance of \$20,862.68.

NEW COLLEGE TO OPEN ON GWYN FARM JUNE 1

Waynesville, May 19.—Columbia University's summer school branch, New College, will open on the Gwyn Farm about 14 miles from here June 1 with 22 students. Others are expected from time to time until a full quota is present.

Miss Margaret Coble, a North Carolinian who has been connected with Columbia University in New York for several years, is resident head of the branch. She has been here several weeks making preparation for the summer school students.

CLASS DAY EXERCISES

The Class Day exercises of the Rocky Mount high school were held at ten o'clock last Tuesday in the high school auditorium. The program rendered is as follows:

Address of Welcome—Edson Draper.

Class History—Allena Moore
Song—Mildred Felton, Mildred Dew.

Class Prophecy—Ed Pitt.
Class Poem—Mary Innes.

Last Will and Testament—Shirley Jones.

Miss Maybelle Lewis introduced Maddox Marshbourne and William Fowler who wrote the Senior Song, and Ed Pitt at this time sang another of their popular songs. These boys have written several songs which have been accepted and will be on the market soon. They have also written numerous poems, several of which have appeared in other issues of this paper.

Giftorian—Will Wyatt.
Farewell to Seniors—Juniors.
Response—Seniors.

Internal revenue rose to \$1,962,339,156 in nine months.

ZIMMERMAN IS ASSISTANT, NOT EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

The Board of Aldermen held its regular meeting on Thursday night, May 17th, and the main business transacted was the election of a Chief of Police.

Some weeks ago Chief Hedgepeth gave notice that he would not seek reelection having served for the last twenty years. His service has been so satisfactory that the people of this city were not willing to do without his services and a petition was gotten up by some of our leading citizens requesting that the Board not accept Mr. Hedgepeth's resignation. This petition was signed by several hundred leading citizens.

The City Manager, in line with the desires of the citizenship of Rocky Mount, renominated Mr. Hedgepeth as Chief of Police and under the direction of the Charter said nomination has to be approved by the Board, which was unanimously done, we are informed. Mr. P. C. Zimmerman was made assistant to the Chief and there appeared editorials in the afternoon papers of Friday and Saturday stating that the duties of the Chief would be largely exercised by the assistant. The Saturday editorial called him Executive Assistant. We have investigated the minutes of the meeting and there was no such language used as Executive Asst. just the plain simple word of Asst. being used.

The first time Executive Asst. came to our notice was when Gov. Ehringhaus appointed A. J. Maxwell, Commissioner of Revenue, a job created by the Legislature and then appointed Prof. Noble as Executive Asst. with superior powers of that of his Chief. Then Gov. Ehringhaus appointed E. B. Jeffries Chairman of the Highway Commission and made George Ross Pou executive asst., the rumor being that Mr. Pou was superior in command than his chief.

Mr. Hedgepeth has been elected Chief of Police, the people of the City wanting him to continue as Chief. He was also selected by the City Manager and confirmed by the Board of Aldermen and the people of Rocky Mount are expecting him to be Chief and perform the duties of the office and we are glad to note from an inspection of the records that the word Executive Asst. was added by the editorial writer of the afternoon paper rather than used by the Board of Aldermen.

Several people have asked what are the duties of the Asst. Our information from the Authorities of the City is that the word means just what it says, that the duties of the Asst. will be such duties as the Chief shall designate, the Chief receiving his instructions from the City Manager.

We have never been able to understand nor fathom the action of the Governor in his appointments in the Revenue Department nor in the Highway Department and we certainly do not want this condition in the Police Department in the City of Rocky Mount. This city wants a Head to a Department and one the people can look to.

WHY WE DID NOT GET MORE MONEY FROM THE GOVERNMENT

Mr. Baskerville, who runs the Sir Walter News Bureau and writes for a group of afternoon papers and is accredited with being the Governor's spokesman, or assumes the role anyway, state that the schools will not receive any more money from the next session of the Legislature than they are already getting. He further states that even though there is a great deal of sentiment against the Sales Tax, yet he says that the Sales Tax will be retained and that the larger interests of the State will not be required to pay any more tax than they are already paying. He seems to be against the schools and teachers and advocates unlimited amount of expenditures for the roads.

Under the law the salary schedule for teachers is to be fixed by the State Board of Equalization and also passed on by the State Board of Education. The Legislature appropriated 16 million dollars for the schools and the State School Commission and the State Board of Education were authorized to fix the salary schedule within the appropriation but they were allowed to raise the pay of the teachers if the financial status of the Treasury permitted. Mr. Brummitt, the Attorney General, and Mr. Durham, State Auditor offered a resolution fixing the salaries of the teachers 10 per cent higher than they are already fixed. This 10 per cent increase to take effect when the Treasury was able to pay same if the taxes should increase. The Governor opposed this 10 per cent increase and offered a resolution opposing it, we are informed. If the increase had been given the teachers the Federal Government would gladly have supplied the deficit and the State would have gotten one and a half million dollars where she got only one-half million. The Federal Government only gave money where the States had not been able to meet their salary schedule. The schools received from the Federal Treasury one-half million dollars. The Highway has received about ten million dollars. Yet Mr. Baskerville cries out against the schools and opposes the State taking any funds from the roads appropriations when the schools are in need, yet the highway fund will have a surplus of around ten million dollars when the next Legislature meets. Yet the Governor and Mr. Baskerville say the gross Sales Tax will be continued, and the schools are not to receive any more.

A.C.C. Exercises Notables To Be Start Saturday At Duke Events

Wilson.—The address by Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, noted clergyman, author and former president of the Federal Council Churches of Christ in America, will feature the thirty second annual commencement of Atlantic Christian College, which will begin at eight o'clock Saturday evening, May 26, with the joint literary society program and end Monday evening at eight o'clock, May 28, at which time the address by Dr. Cadman will be given.

Also featuring this year's commencement season will be the Annual Glee Club Recital which will be presented at 4:30 in the afternoon of Sunday, May 27. "The

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Mrs. Roosevelt, Sir Wilfred Grenfell, Dr. Cadman and Dr. Buttrick to Speak

Durham, May 19.—The sixteenth annual North Carolina Pastors' School, the second Duke University Institute of International Relations, and the first Rural Church Institute will be held June 11-22, and while each will present particular courses, the three will benefit in numerous ways through their combined platform programs and recreational activities. From 500 to 700 persons alone are expected

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Officers Make Plans For State Farm Meet July 31

Drought Sears The Wheat Belt

Business Men Worry As Government Moves To Give Relief

Washington.—News of the great drought in the West, sharply emphasized by the rolling cloud of dust which swept the East, gave sharp concern to business men as they contemplated the possible reduction of farmers' incomes this year.

The affected area, larger than many suppose, has a spendable income that is normally about one-fourth of the entire nation. Anything that cuts into this gives business the shivers, because if there is anything that business wants just at this time it is recovery of our national buying power. This means profits for the farmer.

Plans to prevent suffering on the part of men and animals were immediately made at the nation's capital, where Congress, President and all relief agencies vied with each other to "take care" of the situation. Congressmen, about to face the voters, are anxious to be recognized as having something to do with the situation back home.

While the drought will sharply curtail the nation's wheat production, as rains now will not restore damaged crops, there is little idea that there will be an acute shortage of wheat. That prices will go higher is certain, with the same reasoning applying, in some degree, to all food and feed crops.

Secretary Wallace has served notice on other wheat exporting nations, that unless they get together on a working basis to regulate imports, the United States will be forced into large scale production and a determined battle for world markets. He pointed out that this country, under the AAA, can meet any kind of competition abroad, while giving farmers here good prices for the portion of the crop domestically consumed.

Declaring that the wheat carry-over this year was double the normal amount and that there was little likelihood of producing less than the American people consume, the Secretary insisted that farmers must be protected in time of overproduction and consumers taken care of when drought and disaster reduce the supply.

International efforts to fix a minimum wheat price collapsed when opposed by Argentina but some delegates insisted that the drought conditions in the United States, Canada and Europe had increased wheat prices much more than the delegates "ever hoped" they could under the minimum-price scheme. The conference, however, before adjourning, named a subcommittee to study all plans to stabilize and improve wheat prices. It will report to the advisory committee next month.

CLAIMS OLDEST ONE WAY STREET

Carver, Mass., May 19.—This town claims the oldest one way street in the country. Savery Avenue was made a one way route in 1861 to avoid collisions of horse-drawn carriages. There never has been an accident on the street.

Decision to change the old State Farmers' and Farm Womens' Convention into a Farm and Home Week was made at a meeting of officials of the convention held at State College last week.

Farm and Home Week will be observed July 31 to August 4 and the central theme for discussion will be new agricultural and rural life programs as a result of the present government activity. A number of national figures will be invited to address the general sessions of the meeting and special attention will be devoted to continuous demonstrations and exhibits.

All farmers' and farm women's organizations in North Carolina are invited to hold their annual gatherings at the College during the week and take part in the various sessions. The annual short course for farm women will be held as usual under the direction of Miss Ruth Current, and the State Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs will meet on Thursday, August 2.

Charles A. Sheffield, general secretary of Farm and Home Week, says that a number of prominent speakers from Washington will be invited. Among them will be Under-secretary of Agriculture Tugwell; H. R. Tolley, in charge of land planning for the AAA; Senator Bankhead of Alabama, author of the Bankhead Act, and, probably Miss Perkins, the Secretary of Labor. A. E. Morgan of the Tennessee Valley Authority, Miss Martha Berry of the Berry Schools, and Miss Maude Wallace, state home demonstration agent in Virginia, are among others invited.

The college is arranging for tours to be conducted to nearby points of interest and for exhibits to be increased this year. A number of demonstrations will be given on the campus and in the laboratory rooms.

W. Kerr Scott of Haw River will preside at the sessions for the men and Mrs. Gordon Reid of Union Mills, Rutherford County, at the sessions for women.

Dr. Carroll Dies, Funeral On 17th

Prominent Raleigh Woman Physician Succumbs To Auto Crash Injuries

Dr. E. Delia Dixon-Carroll, first woman practicing physician in North Carolina and for years a leader in social and civic movements of Raleigh and of the entire State, died last week of injuries sustained in an automobile accident in Raleigh early Tuesday night.

Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at First Baptist Church by Dr. J. Powell Tucker, the pastor. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery.

Dr. Carroll came of a distinguished North Carolina family. She was born in Shelby, February 4, 1872, daughter of Dr. Thomas Dixon, famous Baptist minister of western North Carolina, and Amanda McAfee Dixon. Thomas Dixon, a brother, of New York City, is a famous author and lecturer. His best-known work is "The Clansman," stirring story of Civil War and reconstruction days in the South, from which the motion picture, "The Birth of a Nation,"

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