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PARAGRAPHS ON NATIONAL PROBLEMS AT WASHINGTON

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? ALLIANCE WITH ENGLAND. HOPKINS' RELIEF PLANS. REPUBLICANS IN FIGHT. NO COMPROMISE LIKELY. BORAH LEADS ATTACK. OLD GUARD HOLDS LINE. TWO HOUSING PROGRAMS.

By Hugo Sims, Special Washington Correspondent

Some speculation arises over a recent article by Robert W. Bingham, our Ambassador at London, which apparently replied to suggested cooperation between the United States and Great Britain as recently advanced by General Smuts and the Marquess of Lothian. Mr. Bingham declared that an entirely new situation exists in the United States which makes possible now what has not been before possible since the War, and points out that the President, backed by an overwhelming Congress, is in position to make "a certain binding and lasting understanding" with foreign countries.

The American Ambassador pointed out that the opportunity existed for the British and American peoples to initiate "a close diplomatic cooperation," which would relieve the world of its perils and give a sense of security to the world. Declaring, "We speak the same language, we derive the same origins, we have the same essential ideals in world affairs," the Ambassador pointed out that "if the British Empire and the United States were agreed on the solution of any problem of diplomacy, that problem would no longer exist, for there is no combination of influences that could challenge its decisiveness."

The interesting speculation is whether the Ambassador's utterance was inspired from this side of the water, and the inference is plain that he would hardly make such a declaration except under specific instructions. Supporting the view that a definite rapprochement between the United States and Great Britain is gradually taking form, one observes that, quite recently, despite Japanese efforts to divide the two English-speaking powers, Great Britain and the United States, for the third time in five months, took identical positions in objecting to the oil monopoly established by the Japanese Government in Manchukuo. Both re-asserted the contention that it violated the Open Door principle of China as well as the Nine Power Pact, under which the nations guaranteed the Open Door in China.

Harry Hopkins, Relief Administrator, proposes an expansion of the subsistence homesteads and rural rehabilitation programs to include as many families as possible, the large-scale removal of families from submarginal or unprofitable lands to better farming sites, the advance of funds to equip both groups with tools, livestock and the necessities of farming, a program to give factory work to the idle, a large-scale, low-cost housing program to take care of those unable to move and a social insurance program to give security in the future.

His tentative program is based upon experimental projects now under way and seems to be something along the line of Upton Sinclair's EPIC plan in California. Mr. Hopkins, as is well known, is aware of the danger of the dole and the social peril of extended cash relief, and is anxious to put into practical effect a system to enable the present recipients of relief to make their own way. Already the program is in progress in scattered localities and on a somewhat large scale than the public generally assumes, but it remains to be seen to what extent the Administration will push the proposal when Congress convenes.

Apparently, a fight is inevitable between those now in control of the Republican National Committee and others led by Senator Borah, who insists upon reorganization along liberal principles. Chairman Fletcher has made no move to meet the recent demand (Please turn to page eight)

Farmers Repay Credit Loans

Columbia, S. C.—Ten production credit associations in the third district, comprising the states of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, have reported 100 percent collections, Ernest Graham, president of the Production Credit Corporation of Columbia, announced today, following receipt of a telegram from the Cherryville (N. C.) association that it had completed its collections.

The ten associations are the Greenville, Kinston and Cherryville associations in North Carolina; the Marion, Dillon, Lake City, Bennettsville and Kingstree associations in South Carolina and the Americus and Sandersville associations in Georgia.

In North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, the production credit associations have loaned approximately \$6,200,000 this year of which all but \$475,000 had been repaid by farmers on November 30, Mr. Graham said. Most of the balance of loans outstanding, he said, is not yet due and in Florida, the fourth state in the district, a large part of the credit extended is for citrus production and will not mature until next year.

Mother Of Local People Dies

Mrs. W. C. Proctor, Sr., Succumbed at Hospital, Services Thursday

Mrs. W. C. Proctor, Sr., 68, succumbed early this morning at a city hospital following an operation. She had been in declining health for about a year but had been active until about two weeks ago when she was removed to the hospital for the operation.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete this afternoon. The services are expected to be held Wednesday afternoon with Rev. Norman Johnson, First Presbyterian church pastor, officiating, according to tentative plans.

Mrs. Proctor, formerly Miss Fonda Bulluck, came from an old and prominent Edgecombe County family and was born a short distance out of this city on the Tarboro road at the Bulluck place. She has spent almost all of her life in this section.

She was a primitive Baptist, and had lived at her home on South Franklin Street here for about 35 years. Her husband died in 1923.

Her parents were William Jesse and Lizzinia Bulluck, both deceased.

She leaves six children and her sister, all of this city. Mrs. C. E. Taylor, living on Pearl Street, is her sister, and her children include three daughters, Mrs. Lillian Proctor Herring, Mrs. Eula Proctor Greathouse, and Mrs. Ruth Proctor Boettcher, and three sons, Russell L. Thurman and W. C. Proctor, Jr.

She would have attained her 68th birthday on December 27 of this year.

INVESTIGATION OF ELECTION IN GRAHAM CO. IS ASKED

Raleigh—The state board of elections Thursday was asked to investigate the count of ballots in the November 6 election in Graham County in so far as they affected candidates for county offices.

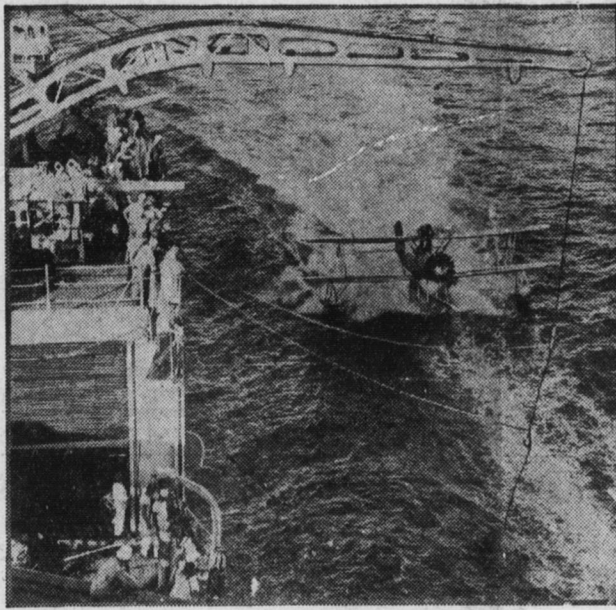
Raymond Maxwell, executive secretary, said the Republican candidates who lost to Democrats by small margins had lodged charges of irregularities and asked the state board to investigate the conduct of the election as the county board had denied a petition for a re-canvass.

The board also has before it petitions for investigations in Alexander and Watauga counties.

SCAFFOLD FALLS; 10 DIE

Brussels, Belgium.—Ten workmen were killed and eighteen injured when a metal scaffold collapsed.

New Method of Picking Up Planes



This picture, made at sea, shows the new method of lifting navy planes from the water without stopping the ship. The plane runs upon a net towed by the cruiser, the pilot stopping his motor as a hook on the pontoon engages the net, the plane being kept abreast of the crane.

Vote For Control Bill Today

Today the cotton and tobacco growers have an opportunity to cast a most important vote which effects the whole economic life of the cotton and tobacco growing States. It is the duty of every cotton and tobacco grower to go to the designated polling places and vote for the Kerr tobacco bill and the Bankhead cotton bill, but for these bills it is possible and very probable that cotton and tobacco would not be bringing more than half the amount that they are bringing at this time. We urge all growers to be diligent in this matter and not overlook so great an opportunity which effects the whole economic life of the South.

In the issue of the Herald of November 30th in our Editorial entitled More Machine Propaganda for the Sales Tax, there was mentioned something about the Organization of the New High Way Protective League by George Ross Pou. Below is the Editorial from the Winston Salem Journal of December 5th., which gives more information on the league and who its sponsors and its purposes:

(From Winston-Salem Journal, Dec. 5, 1934)
A RISING TIDE FOR SCHOOLS
Organization of the "Highway Protective League" with headquarters in Raleigh is the most recent proof that the demand for an adequate support of public education in this State is making some progress.

The principal objective of this "league," as we pointed out yesterday, is to combat the use of any part of automobile and gasoline taxes for any purpose other than roads and to achieve this end by a constitutional amendment of that nature.

Of course, other and more general purposes are professed, but everyone knows that its efforts will be directed almost entirely toward this particular objective.

It should not be overlooked, however, that in its general plans, the "league" includes one which will be recognized as a confession of weakness. That is, the possibility of a reduction in the automobile and gasoline taxes. This a recognition of the fact that too large a portion of our total State revenues has been assigned and used for road purposes.

The "league" is casting an anchor to windward. Rather than use any of these funds for schools, it professes a willingness that such taxes shall be reduced.

There is method in that madness. It is designed to make an appeal to the automobile owner and hold out to him the hope of a reduction in his taxes. Should there be a reduction in such taxes, the way would be open for better support of the schools without increasing the total burden on the people of the State.

The announced membership also indicates that the "league" may be friendly to the idea of having the State take over local debts. The people are beginning to realize that this movement is primarily for the benefit of the bondholders.

It will, of course, be set up as being for the relief of the great masses of the people. Only in that way can it be sufficiently disguised to carry any hope of success. It can be expected then that representatives of the bondholders and insurance groups will take part in all organizations that may be expected to put it over.

As we stated in our editorial yesterday, the "league" has selected an astute politician for its general counsel. George Ross Pou knows the game. For years he has been establishing those contacts which make him the lobbyist par excellence.

Mr. Pou was one of Governor Gardner's chief lieutenants in handling legislatures during the Gardner administration. He was also a strong supporter of Governor Ehringhaus for the gubernatorial nomination. Governor Ehringhaus thought so much of Mr. Pou that he virtually created a high-salaried position for him with the State Highway and Public Works Department.

When Mr. Pou resigned from that position to make his unsuccessful race for the Democratic nomination for Congress, no one was appointed to take his place with the highway department. Since his resignation last spring the State has been saving his salary.

The "Highway Protective League" is said to be paying Mr. Pou well for his services. They ought to pay him well, for he will be a force to be reckoned with in the Third House of the 1935 legislative session. The "league" has in Mr. Pou a shrewd protagonist. And no doubt its treasury will be well supplied with all necessary funds for its activities.

Still the fact remains, that the very organization of the "league" and its suggestion of a reduction in automobile and gasoline taxes is a recognition of the rising tide for public schools in North Carolina.

W. L. McGahey, Beaufort county agent, is working to stamp out the small outbreaks of hog cholera and swine plague which hit that section lately.

Two hundred 4-H club boys and 20 club girls have filed records of their last year's work with the county and home agents of Stanly county.

J. N. Batts Heads Templars

St. Bernard Commandery Has Annual Election Of Officers

J. N. Batts today was the new commander of St. Bernard's commandery No. 21 Knights Templar, following the annual election of officers held last night at the Masonic temple.

Other officers chosen last night were as follows: J. M. Fox, generalissimo; C. K. Pettitt, captain-general; W. L. Woodley, senior warden; Herbert Weathersbee, prelate; and C. R. Shuler, junior warden.

R. S. Gorham was re-elected treasurer and G. T. Matthews was re-elected recorder.

A large attendance was reported at the meeting held last night.

Ickes Repeats Duke Remarks

Gives Basis For Remarks About Power Company; Greenwood Hearing Today

Washington—Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes, Public Works Administrator, today again paid his respects to the Duke Power Company in no uncertain terms.

Returning today with President Roosevelt from Warm Springs, Ga., in time for his regular Thursday press conference, Secretary Ickes was asked if he would comment further in view of the fact that the company's protest against remarks made at a press conference two weeks ago had been merely acknowledged by a subordinate instead of being answered by himself.

Two weeks ago, Secretary Ickes said the rates charged by the company were unfair and that it was attempting to secure two days in court in its effort to block the construction of a \$2,852,000 hydro-electric development by Greenwood County, South Carolina, which is being financed by the PWA.

Secretary Ickes was today asked to give his basis for both remarks, although the protest of the Duke company related only to the "two days in court" charge.

"I based my statement on the rates they charge, the rates I think they ought to charge and the rates being charged in that section by the TVA," declared the Secretary.

In regard to the second charge, he had more to say:

"As for two days in court, bless their sweet souls," said the Secretary, "they did go into the Supreme Court of South Carolina and lost. Now they say that they have not had a day in court because they were defeated on a technicality; and you know the power trust would never resort to a technicality. After being defeated on the technicality, they went over into the federal court, and I think that is two days in court. If they can call it by any sweeter name, I haven't any objections."

Secretary Ickes also announced that United States Judge Watkins has granted the application of the PWA, to be allowed to intervene and become a party to the pending action.

H. T. Hunt, general counsel for the PWA, left tonight for Greenville, S. C., to participate in argument of the case, which is set for tomorrow.

There have been similar cases in other federal courts. The PWA has won cases involving plants at Allegan, Michigan and California, Missouri, in district federal courts and the Allegan case has been affirmed by the circuit court of appeals.

A decision in the district court was against the PWA in a case involving a plant at Concordia, Mo.

CIGARETTE CODE

Possibility of a code for the cigarette industry was seen when two companies agreed to comply if other cigarette manufacturers were compelled to meet its terms.

Catholic Bishops widen fight on indecent movies.

Prosperity Cotton Farmers Hinges On Fridays Vote

J. Watson Smoot Heads Kiwanians

Tarboro.—The Kiwanis club met Tuesday night in the parish house and an interesting program was enjoyed by the members, President Robert Martin, on retiring from the presidency, thanked the members for their aid and co-operation in making his work a success. The newly elected president is J. Watson Smoot and the vice president is D. M. W. Deloatch.

M. W. Haynes, in charge of the program, surprised the members by making it a ladies night with the wives of the members present.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations as follows:

Field examiner, \$2,600, claims examiner, \$2,000 a year, United States Employees' Compensation Commission. Appropriate experience, or experience and legal education, required. Closing date, December 22, 1934.

The salaries named are subject to a deduction of not to exceed 5 per cent during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1935, as a measure of economy, and also to a deduction of 31-2 per cent toward a retirement annuity.

All States except Iowa, Vermont, Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia have received less than their quota of appointments in the apportionate departmental service in Washington, D. C.

Full information may be obtained from the Secretary of the United States Civil Service Board of Examiners at the post office or customhouse in any city which has a post office of the first or the second class, or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

Alumnae Holds Annual Meeting

The Alumnae chapter of Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, will hold their annual meeting on Friday of this week at the Lantern Inn, according to the announcement of Mrs. Don Bulluck.

Dr. W. C. Jackson, executive head of Woman's college, will be the guest speaker for the occasion and he will be accompanied to Rocky Mount for the event by Miss Clara Byrd, who for many years has been connected with the college.

Mrs. Bulluck stresses the fact that all former students of the college who are living in the city or section, are invited to attend the banquet on Friday, whether affiliated with the alumnae association or not. Reservations may be made through Mrs. Bulluck, for the event which is appointed for 5:15.

EX-CASHIER FINED AND PLACED ON PROBATION

Greensboro.—R. A. Burch, formerly cashier of the First National Bank, Roxboro, in Federal district court this morning entered a plea of guilty of abstraction of funds and was fined \$500 and placed on probation for two years. The defendant said the violation was purely technical. Notes have been substituted for questionable items and since paid in full.

COMMUNICATIONS

Hearings are under way by the Federal Communications Commission which is investigating wire and wireless companies and duplications that now exist, with consideration of merging them into a single, nationwide system.

Farley reports \$12,167,415 surplus for the postal fiscal year.

The Bankhead referendum Friday, December 14, will determine the future of the cotton adjustment program, says Dean I. O. Schaub of State College.

If the growers vote for the Act to continue through 1935, he says, production can be kept within reasonable bounds and prices maintained at a fair level.

If the act is voted down, growers who did not sign contracts will likely push production well above the amount required by the market and prices will again tumble below the cost of production, the dean warns.

All contracts will be continued in effect next year. If the Bankhead act remains in force, Schaub said, the 73,000 growers who signed up will be protected from the potential expansion of the 40,000 growers who did not sign.

Since the reduction in acreage and production required under the contracts will not be so drastic next year, Schaub pointed out, the allotments under the Bankhead act will be larger.

In 1935, the contract reductions will be only 25 per cent of the base average, as compared with a 40 per cent reduction in 1934. This will actually mean an increase next year of at least 15 per cent over the amount allotted this year.

However, if a grower wishes to get extra rental payments by reducing 30 per cent under his base, he will be allowed to do so. Any further reductions will not be accompanied by additional payments.

The rentals will be at the rate of three and a half cents a pound on the average production of the land retired from cotton cultivation and the parity payments will be one and one-fourth cents a pound on the growers' domestic allotments.

Brummitt Heard By Magistrates

Attorney General Favors Regular Salary For Them—Would Set Aside All Fees

Raleigh—Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt, addressing the North Carolina Association of Magistrates Wednesday, offered advice to the justices of the peace as to proper ways for conduct of their offices.

Referring to the procedure by which magistrates do not get their fees unless the defendant is found guilty, Brummitt expressed the hope that the number of magistrates in the near future will be limited and that they will be paid straight salaries with their fees going into the general fund of their locality.

The first annual convention of the state organization was set for Goldsboro next April 24. District meetings were planned for Gastonia, Greenville, Fayetteville and Winston-Salem, H. H. Koonce, of Lexington, is president of the group.

Other officers are C. E. Fesperman of Salisbury, vice president; B. C. Willard of Winston-Salem, secretary; and A. C. Eskridge, Greensboro, treasurer.

JANUARY 2ND DEADLINE

January 2 is the deadline for applications for adjusted compensation certificates, and more than 100,000 veterans have failed to make application. If any read this paragraph they should take proper action at once.

MONEY BLOC DISAGREE

While agreeing that money is too valuable and should be regulated by the government, the so-called money bloc does not seem able to get together upon concrete proposals for the coming session.

Readers, when you purchase goods advertised in these columns tell the merchants you saw it in THE HERALD.