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## PARAGRAPHS ON NATIONAL PROBLEMS AT WASHINGTON

**COURT IN LIMELIGHT GOLD CLAUSE ARGUMENTS DEMOCRATS HUNT JOBS NEPOTISM CRITICIZED NEW FOOD, DRUG BILL MANY CHANGES MADE WORK RELIEF PROBLEMS THE SECURITY OUTLOOK BLOCS IN CONGRESS UTILITY BONDS WORTH MORE THE QUESTION OF CONTROL**

The Supreme Court stole much of the show from Congress, and even the President himself was relegated to the background for a few days, as the august tribunal manifested unusual interest in the arguments of attorneys in the "gold clause" cases. Some observers jumped to the conclusion, after the questioning by Chief Justice Hughes and others, that the court was about to declare the law unconstitutional, but safer counsel is expecting no such developments.

Administration spokesmen, visibly concerned over the "chaos" which would result from a legal setback, discussed steps to be taken in the event of an adverse decision. Competent opinion is that Congress would have little difficulty in meeting any objections raised by the Court.

The court will pass on the constitutionality of the congressional resolution declaring invalid the clause of most contracts providing for payment in a stipulated quantity of gold or in the equivalent of that amount of gold.

It is pointed out that if the court upsets the present status it will be necessary for debtors to pay \$1.69 in present currency for each one dollar of their debt. Experts estimate that this would mean an increase in annual interest payments on private obligations of more than two billion six hundred million dollars, and that the public and private debt would increase sixty-nine billion dollars.

This is based on an estimate that gold clause bonds amount to one hundred billion dollars, or more than nine times the amount of gold on earth.

Continual wrangling by individual congressmen over patronage is inevitable, and signs multiply that some of the Democrats want something done about jobs. Last year some House Democrats appointed a special committee to look into the patronage situation, but it made no report. Its chairman was not re-elected, but last week there was talk among Democrats of a party patronage caucus to look into the situation, especially as regards to the appointments by Secretary of the Interior Ickes, who is PWA Administrator, and Harry Hopkins, the Relief Administrator.

Another topic, frequently talked about, with out any action being taken, is the war on nepotism, and what many regard as "petty graft" in Congress. Members of Congress are able to get shaves and haircuts, oils and unguents, mineral water and other things free of charge. In addition they get a liberal mileage allowance that exceeds the cost of travel to Washington. Moreover, some of them place their wives, daughters, sons, or other relatives on the payroll as clerks or staff members, when, in fact, the relatives do practically nothing but draw their pay. There are, of course, some wives and relatives actually performing the work for which they are paid, but in a number of cases the Congressman gives a "cinch" job to a relative, and employs other help to do most, if not all, of the work.

The food and drug bill proposed to Congress last year, which included far-reaching grants of Agriculture to regulate and con-

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## Ahepas Will Have State Meet

**Large Attendance Of Greeks and Friends of Greeks Expected**

Wilson, Jan. 21.—Thomas K. Zrakas, local chieftain in the affairs of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association, stated Monday that a meeting of the district AHEPA lodges would be held here in June, and even now great plans are being made to see that the gathering is a success. Greeks and Greek sympathizers from both of the Carolinas are expected. At present there are 700 AHEPA lodges in the United States and this district. Mr. Zrakas says, has its full share of these.

Recently an election of officers for the ensuing year was held and Jerry Gharmis was chosen as governor, a post Mr. Zrakas has held. George Patsavouras, of Rocky Mount, is inside sentinel; Gustav Glimaris, captain of the guard; Socrates Gharmis, chaplain, and Silas R. Lucas, not a Greek except in his affection for Grecian cooking, secretary. The Wilson Lodge an off-spring of the mother lodge in Atlanta, Ga., is the eleventh lodge to be founded in the United States. It is twelve years old and its growth has been large, Mr. Zrakas says.

## L. A. Mizelle Buried Here

**Former Local Resident Died in Virginia Tuesday**

Leroy A. Mizelle, 51, who succumbed about 8:30 o'clock Tuesday morning in a Hopewell, Va., hospital, was interred at Pineview cemetery Thursday afternoon after services were held from the home, No. 209 Battle Street.

Rev. A. E. Simerly, First Christian church pastor, assisted by Rev. E. C. Sexton, Calvary Baptist church pastor, conducted the final rites.

J. F. Childers, George Reid, Archie Moore, Wilson Butler, J. P. Whitehead, and R. Cherry served as active pallbearers.

Mr. Mizelle, former local resident, had been ill for some time in Hopewell. Surviving Mr. Mizelle are his wife, Mrs. Etta Mizelle, and children, Mildred L., Mae M., Bernice A., Edith U., Hugh H. H., and Joe Mizelle, all of this city. He also leaves a sister, Mrs. R. E. Long, Hopewell, Va., and two brothers, S. T. Mizelle, Manate, Florida and W. D. Mizelle, Thomasville, Georgia.

## FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

"Life" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches and Societies of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, January 27, 1935.

The Golden Text was from 1 John 1:2. "The life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and show unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested unto us." Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible: "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it" (Matthew 7: 13-14).

## "PRINTS" IDENTIFY LUMBER

Ogden, Utah.—Any piece of lumber can be positively identified into "wood prints," according to C. S. Fosling, U. S. Forest Service, who says the identification is similar to that of human beings through finger prints.

Supreme Court upholds chain store tax on filling stations.

## Senior Hi-Y Club Names Officials

**Junior Hi-Y Group Hears Goldston Discuss "Restrain Thyself"**

New officers were elected at the session of the senior Hi-Y boys club last night at the Y. M. C. A., while the junior boys group heard Rev. C. W. Goldston, Clark street Methodist pastor, discuss "Restrain Thyself" at their meeting at the Y.

The new senior club's officers, contrary to past customs, will serve only through May of this year at which time another election will be held. The officers include W. B. Coward, Jr., president; Merrill Hardison, vice president; and Frank Bone, secretary-treasurer, who was re-elected. Coward and Hardison succeeded Lee Large and Wingate Upton respectively, as retiring president and vice president.

President Large presided at the senior session.

Formerly the senior boys officers had been named in the first of the year and were slated to serve throughout the year, but the club voted to make their terms end in May at last night's meeting.

Rev. Mr. Goldston asserted that if a person restrains himself from doing certain evil things, he is exercising the fullest and best that is contained within himself. We try to make our lives those of self-expression, but there are certain things that should not be expressed, was his sentiment.

James Suiter, vice president, had charge of the meeting in the president's absence. The club decided to have a supper meeting next week with the program in charge of the committee, headed by Suiter and composed of Tom A. Avera, Jr., and Harry Lowe. Graham Dozier, volunteer leader promised an entertainment for the 15 boys making the best attendance record in the junior club for February and half of March. The entertainment, it was understood will probably be an overnight hike.

## Father Of Local People Passes

**R. J. Cochran, Father of Local Women and Brother of W. D. Cochran, Dies in Va.**

R. J. Cochran, 85, prominent resident of Emporia, Va., and father of four local residents and brother of W. D. Cochran of this city, died late Sunday night of pneumonia in Richmond, according to information received here Monday.

The local survivors are Mrs. H. A. Williford, Mrs. Ben H. Thomas, and Mrs. J. B. Goode, daughters; C. A. Cochran, a son; and W. D. Cochran, a brother.

Funeral services were held from the residence of the deceased Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock with interment taking place in an Emporia cemetery. The deceased was a member of the Baptist church.

Mr. Cochran was well known in this city and had spent considerable time visiting his relatives here. At the time of his death, he and his wife were visiting a daughter, Mrs. Charles B. Klotz in Richmond.

The attack of pneumonia was not thought to be critical until Sunday, it was learned. Death came Sunday night about 11:30. Members of the family who live in this city went Tuesday to Emporia for the final rites. Besides the survivors named, Mr. Cochran is survived by four other daughters, Mrs. R. P. Eubank and Mrs. C. C. Kane of Richmond, and Mrs. J. S. Wren and Mrs. W. T. Davis both of Emporia.

## FIGURES

President Roosevelt estimates that the Treasury will collect 43 cents for every dollar it spends this fiscal year, and 47 cents next year. The deficit will be \$4,869,000,000 this year and \$4,528,000,000 next year.

## This Family Comes in Pairs



Canada may boast of the Dionne quintuplets, but Dallas, Texas, has the Hamm double quintet. There are eleven children in the family of Bruen E. Hamm of that city, made up of five sets of twins and one singleton. Here is the entire brood: front row, Era and Vera, and Hilda and Wilda; second row, Jerry and Tom, and Troy and Boy; third row, Hazel Mae, the singleton, and Sylvia and Sylvester.

## Vote The Way You Can Justify To The Great Common People

The Governor, when the campaign was on for the nomination for the office of Governor, stated that he was against all sales taxes, and in fact, he appeared to despise this form of taxation so badly that he hated to talk about it, and when he did speak used harsh words in describing it. He said that if he was elected he was going to make a survey of the State's resources and work out a system whereby the odious sales tax would not be necessary. Mr. Maxwell said it was the most successful way of taxing poverty that could be devised by human ingenuity. Now both have changed their minds; both are for it, and recommending it to the Legislature, and using all means in their power to further its passage. The last Legislature passed the general sales tax with certain exemptions, which were the most necessary and plainest of foods. The results from this bill were so far reaching that fewer old members were returned to this session of the Legislature than any session in the memory of man. Not a Senator was permitted to return West of Durham. The committee yesterday seems to have met and ratified the Governor's recommendation that all exemptions be done away with, except the exemption given to all articles of merchandise in excess of \$333.00. This was the Governor's recommendation, the committee adopted it, and the public awaits to see what the full membership of the Legislature will do with this session.

Now, Mr. Legislator, when you vote for this general sales tax bill which puts the tax on fat back, meal, mush, self-rising flour, sugar, long sweetening, cheese, coffee, and milk, and relieves the fur-coat, expensive diamonds, high price automobiles of the rich, and makes the farmer pay as much tax for one \$300.00 mule as the rich man would pay for a \$5,000.00 Rolls-Royce; when you go back home and meet Mrs. Sow in the street and she asks you why you taxed her and her offspring and exempted these opulent and luxurious articles; and when you meet the cow and she asks you, she being the oldest manufacturing establishment recorded in history and known to man, why you taxed her and her output when you had relieved these luxurious articles, what satisfactory answer will you be able to give her? Why, under this bill, you have even taxed the bounty which our beloved President has given to the poor, yea you may excuse yourself to the Sow and the Cow, but the great common people will be asking you why you did this thing. Vote that vote that will give you the most satisfaction when you have left Raleigh and gotten away from the influence of modern legislative halls and hotel lobbies, and the vote that you can justify to the great common people, without hating to meet them when you get back home.

## Soil Erosion Service Aids

Soil Erosion control and land-use program as being conducted by the Soil Erosion Service in cooperation with the landowners of the Deep River and Reedy Fork Creek watersheds of Forsyth, Guilford and Randolph counties is the subject of a 32-page handbook just off the press.

Answers to pertinent questions regarding the benefits to be had from the government in helping landowners to prevent the serious washing of their lands are contained in the publication, as well as detailed information pertaining to the scope of the work. Also complete directions for seeding and use of crops for erosion control purposes are given. Copies may be had by writing to the Soil Erosion Service, High Point, N. C.

## Public Invited To Range Show

There will be conducted next week at the Enterprise Furniture Company on Washington St. a factory demonstration of the Magic Range to which the public is invited.

## BATTLEBORO CLUB CONVENES WITH NEW LEADER PRESIDING

Tarboro, Jan. 23.—The home demonstration club of Battleboro convened at the schoolhouse in Battleboro with 49 members present and the newly-elected president, Mrs. Thurman Taylor, presiding. The club met Monday.

Canada and Italy next in tariff treaty negotiations.

## Scotland Neck Merchants Urge Sales Tax Abolition

## Aged Woman Stricken In City

**Mrs. Matthew A. McKinney, Former Spartanburg Resident, Buried Tuesday**

Mrs. Matthew A. McKinney, elderly local citizen who had been in ill health for several years, succumbed early Monday in a city hospital after a four-months illness.

Mrs. McKinney, familiarly known as Mrs. "Matt" McKinney, formerly lived in Spartanburg, S. C. She was 64 years old.

The body was scheduled to leave here Monday afternoon by rail for Spartanburg where the final services were held at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon in the Buck Creek Baptist church in the County. Rev. George M. Reeves, a friend of the family and pastor of a Spartanburg church officiated and interment followed in the cemetery nearby.

Mrs. McKinney, who made her home in this city at No. 1004 South Franklin Street, leaves her husband, Matthew A. McKinney, an Atlantic Coast Line car repairer here, three children, two sisters, two brothers, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Surviving children include Mrs. Zora Kellerman and Moody McKinney, both of this city and Mrs. James Carpenter, San Diego, California. Her sisters are Mesdames John S. Cannon and M. E. Carter, of Spartanburg, and Robert T. Shields and John A. Shields, her brothers, also live in Spartanburg.

Mrs. McKinney died Monday morning at 3 o'clock at the hospital.

## Mrs. T. A. Bland Fatally Stricken

**Local Woman Was Pender County Native—Funeral From Home Here Tuesday**

Mrs. T. A. Bland, 87, died at her home, No. 2423 South Church Street, early Monday morning after a brief illness. She was confined to her bed Thursday, and her condition steadily grew worse until the end, friends said.

Mrs. Bland, who was Miss Nancy Rivenbark, of Pender County, before her marriage, had a slight stroke Thursday. She had had a rather serious one about five years ago.

She was a native of Pender County, and after her marriage moved to this city in 1916.

Funeral services were held at 3:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon from the home on South Church Street and burial followed in the Boone burying grounds nearby.

Besides her husband, T. A. Bland, a local merchant, she leaves seven children and seven grand children, all of this city. Her children include Mesdames N. F. English, J. J. Barnhill, Phoebe Jenkins, Anni Laurie Bass, Miss Lucy Bland, Samuel William Bland and Herbert Daniel Bland.

Two brothers, both of Pender County, also survive. They are J. D. Rivenbark and G. B. Rivenbark.

Death came to Mrs. Bland about 8:40 Monday.

## MR. CUTCHIN RETURNS FROM CONVENTION

Henry W. Cutchins returned on Saturday night from Detroit, where he went as one of five representatives from North Carolina to the annual convention of the National Automobile dealers' association which convened in four day session in the Michigan city, part of the procedure taking place in the Chrysler-Plymouth factory. Mr. Cutchin is a past-president of the North Carolina Automobile dealers' association.

RFC to ask two-year extension of its lending power. Legion offers bonus bill and splits Congress supporters.

## Business Men of Neighboring City Memorialize Representatives Against Re-enactment of Levy

Following the budget message of Governor Ehringhaus and his Advisory Budget Commission before the General Assembly in Raleigh on Tuesday in which it was recommended that the general sales tax be reenacted for the next bi-ennium with existing exemptions eliminated, members of the Scotland Neck Merchants Association met and adopted resolutions instructing Senator Julian Allsbrook and Representatives Leggett and Thorne of this county "to use their influence and ability to have this tax eliminated at this session of the Legislature, realizing that there are ample sources that can be tapped to obtain the necessary revenue to run the school and defray the general expenses of the government."

The local merchants disagree with the budget message concerning the extent of improvement in economic conditions, the revenue measure recognizing a "continued existence of the same emergency which faced us two years ago, even though there has been an improvement in conditions." The merchants' resolutions declare that the sales tax "was enacted as an emergency measure only for the two-year period and that conditions have greatly improved in North Carolina during the past bi-ennium."

The resolutions follow: "Whereas, the three per cent sales tax, enacted by the 1933 State Legislature, was enacted as an emergency measure only for two-year period, and whereas conditions have greatly improved in North Carolina during the past bi-ennium, therefore;

"Be It Resolved: First—That we petition the 1935 Legislature not to re-enact this obnoxious sales tax which is a direct tax on poverty in favor of the more prosperous corporations and landlords of the State. We feel that a tax imposed on the people of the State should be in proportion to their ability to pay, and we further realize that when we tax the poor and ignorant class of people we are imposing an unjust burden wholly unworthy of the State of North Carolina.

"Second—That our Senator and Representatives be instructed to use their influence and ability to have this tax eliminated at this session of the Legislature, realizing that there are ample sources that can be tapped to obtain the necessary revenue to run the schools and defray the general expenses of the Government.

"Third—That a copy of these resolutions be sent to each of our members of the 1935 Legislature, a copy to the Scotland Neck Commonwealth and other papers of the county, and a copy be spread upon the minutes of the Association."

## G. W. JOYNER CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

**Local Citizen Has Unusual Manner of Showing His Contempt Of Passing Years**

G. W. Joyner, energetic and cheerful Wendellite, has recently celebrated his 72nd birthday. Mr. Joyner travels through a goodly portion of this part of the state selling this and that (space doesn't permit a list but ask him some time what he sells.) He is noted in Wendell for two things: his uncanny success as a weather prophet and his extreme youth considering the number of years he has been here. In keeping with an established custom Mr. Joyner commemorated this most recent birthday by standing on his head early in the morning. His friends here are hoping for him many more birthdays, and that he will be able to stand on his head on each birthday.

## CHAIN TAX UPHELD

Gasoline filling stations are subject to the graduated chain store tax in West Virginia, according to a recent 5-to-4 decision of the Supreme Court.