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## M'ADOOS ARE VISITORS IN ROCKY MOUNT

"I think our President would carry as many states if the election were held tomorrow as he did in 1936," observed Senator William G. McAdoo of California, who, with Mrs. McAdoo, stopped here for lunch yesterday. They were en route to Florida.

Senator McAdoo, who was Secretary of the Treasury in the Wilson Cabinet, expressed the opinion that President Roosevelt "is just as strong with the masses today as he has ever been, but he is more unpopular with the reactionaries than ever."

## Land Sales Held In Wilson, Tarboro

Seven Tracts Sold In Edgecombe—Two Wilson Blocks Under Hammer

Tarboro, Dec. 23.—Seven individual tracts of the recently abandoned County Farm, were sold Wednesday morning at auction sale, for a total sale price of \$20,300. The farms averaged \$42.96 per acre.

The county recently abandoned the farm to move to their newly constructed county home and hospital, near Tarboro, and the farm of about 400 acres, 165 acres cleared, was thrown on the block at public liquidation sale, by the Commissioners this morning. The sale was conducted through the hands of George H. Fountain, Jr., local realtor and insurance man, as their agent.

Immediately following the sale the commissioners met and confirmed the sale which carried a 25 per cent down payment, with the balance over a period of one, two or three years. A cash payment gave the purchaser a five per cent discount. Purchases of the tracts were: R. B. Peters, purchased two tracts one 48.8 acres, the other 38.1 acres; R. H. Moore, of number seven township, 66.5 acres; W. J. Bason, bought two tracts, one 96.6 acres and another 107.9 acres; C. J. Weeks purchased one tract of 48.7 acres; C. O. Burnett purchased the smallest farm of 25.8 acres.

One of the tracts was not offered for sale at this time, kept by the commissioners, as well as the county hospital, for use of the Kiwanis Club of Tarboro for a Preventorium next summer.

## Walstonburg Man Dies Near Kinston

Rites Set Tomorrow For Wilton G. Lang, Prominent Greene Citizen

Walstonburg, Dec. 24.—Wilton G. Lang, 49, prominent Walstonburg man, was found dead in his car on the Kinston-Richland highway this morning, apparently the victim of a heart attack. Mr. Lang left his home here last night for a business trip.

Funeral services for Mr. Lang will be held at 11 o'clock Sunday morning at the Walstonburg Christian church, with the Rev. C. B. Marshall, pastor of the Farmville Christian church, officiating. Burial will be in Hollywood Cemetery in Farmville.

Mr. Lang was a well-known merchant and Greene County farmer. He was a son of the late Robert and Louise Lang.

Surviving are his wife, formerly Miss Lillie Yelverton; a daughter, Mrs. T. W. Simpson of Washington, D. C.; four sons, Earl Lang of Greensboro, Cecil, Robert and Pruitt Lang of Walstonburg, and three sisters, Mrs. Cora Barrett of Farmville, Mrs. D. S. Smith of Farmville and Mrs. Fannie May of Sanford.

## First Lady Assists In Decorating Tree

Mrs. Roosevelt With Two Grandchildren In Seattle For Christmas Holidays

Seattle, Dec. 24.—America's first lady, who flew across the continent and through stormy weather for a holiday reunion with her daughter and two grandchildren, helped decorate a Christmas tree for "Sister" and "Buddie" Dall.

Mrs. Roosevelt arrived here early this morning after an overnight train ride from Portland, where she ended a transcontinental air trip that was twice interrupted by storms.

Going directly to the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Boettiger, the President's wife prepared for a holiday of comparative quiet. Mrs. Boettiger is recovering from an illness.

Mrs. Roosevelt said there probably would be a telephone call between the Boettiger home and the White House tonight or tomorrow, during which the Seattle members of the family would talk to the President.

## IN WASHINGTON

WHAT IS TAKING PLACE BY

Robert R. Reynolds  
UNITED STATES SENATOR

As we close the eventful year of 1937 and look to 1938, it seems proper to cite that political events as recorded in 1937—a hundred years ago—bear a certain similarity to those of the year now ending. This is true despite the fact that the tempo of living is now faster and everyday happenings are under more complex conditions.

Then we had, as now, a Chief Executive whose every effort was to improve the status of the average man. Then we had, as now, a head of our Government whose every ambition and every move was questioned by the groups representing so-called "big business." Then we had, as now, a President whose dreams of peace were termed by a few as dreams of war. Then we had, as now, in the White House a man whose efforts to lift the standards of the mass of citizens were branded as designed to change our very form of government.

What has happened in the United States during the last hundred years, is living proof that the critics of Andrew Jackson were wrong, as are those who question the motives and sincerity of President Roosevelt today. The latter has no more desire to destroy or weaken American institutions than did Jackson.

The parallel in the careers of the two men are most significant so much so that it has often been mentioned in Congress. This holiday season is a timely occasion to mention it again.

On the floor of the Senate, a noted Senator of a hundred years ago said of Jackson: "where is there a chief magistrat of whom so much evil has been predicted, and from whom so much good has come? Never has any man entered upon the chief magistracy of a country under such appalling predictions of ruin and woe! Never has any one been so pursued with direful prognostications! Never has any one been so beset and impeded by powerful combination of political and moneyed confederates!"

Keeping in mind that the above words were uttered about President Jackson a century ago, it can be said that they could well be used today in speaking of President Roosevelt. Jackson was charged with endangering the public peace with foreign nations; with destroying domestic prosperity at home, with ruining industry, commerce and manufacturers; destroying the currency and what not. A hundred years later we find the same charges being made against President Roosevelt.

Why? Because he dared to champion the cause of the average man and has continued to champion that cause. And time will prove his critics wrong as time has proven that the critics of Jackson were wrong.

What has transpired since the collapse of our country was predicted a hundred years ago is evidence enough of what we may expect ahead. Many things will be changed in the future as they have been changed in the past. But through it all our great system of government will be maintained.

New platforms, new programs, new policies and perhaps even new parties will come as they have come in the past. Yet, they will not change the basic principles of government. Those principles will stand as they now stand. Under them our country will move ahead and prosper. Upholding these principles is Franklin D. Roosevelt.

This column is a New Year greeting to our Chief Executive as it is a greeting to North Carolinians.

Garvis Thompson, 13-year old club member of the New Hope section of Wilson County, produced 3,452 pounds of lint cotton on four measured acres of land during the past season.

Seven Cumberland County poultrymen who kept records on an average of 133 birds each report a profit of \$209.18 per flock for the year, or an income from each bird of \$1.58.

What the White House Santa sent to Seattle and what the Boettiger family sent to Washington in the way of presents remained a family secret.

From Salt Lake to Portland, Mrs. Roosevelt and Mrs. Seth E. Hodge of Council Bluffs, Iowa, were the only passengers on the plane.

"Mrs. Roosevelt was delightful," said Mrs. Hodge. "We talked about everything under the sun. She's a charming, warm-hearted woman. But I'm still a Republican."

## NASH COTTON CROP STILL SHOWS GAIN

County Moves Up To 11th Place In North Carolina In Latest Ginning Report

Nashville, Dec. 28.—Nash county's cotton ginning from the 1937 crop continued to increase over the total a year ago, it was revealed today when Ben H. Neville, special agent for the Department of Commerce in the county, announced that 22,271 bales had been ginned in Nash prior to December 13, as compared to 17,785 bales to the same date last year.

According to the Federal Census Bureau's preliminary report, a total of 16,811,781 bales had been ginned in the United States from the 1937 crop prior to December 13, as compared to 11,699,000 bales to the same date in 1936, and 9,754,578 bales in 1935. The total for North Carolina from the 1937 crop is 738,776 bales, while the totals for 1936 and 1935 were 522,795 bales and 554,709 bales, respectively.

On the basis of this report Nash has moved up to 11th place among the cotton ginning counties of the state, nosing out Rutherford county since the December 1 report and almost overtaking Wayne. The 10 top-ranking counties in ginning are Cleveland, Robeson, Johnston, Sampson, Halifax, Harnett, Union, Scotland, Northampton and Wayne in the order named.

The total number of bales ginned in Nash and adjoining counties prior to December 13 from the 1937 and 1936 crops follows:

	1937	1936
Nash	22,271	17,785
Edgecombe	13,817	12,730
Franklin	13,788	9,000
Halifax	29,649	27,361
Johnston	36,961	31,511
Wake	15,444	10,959
Wilson	13,253	11,105

## Central Sisters Lose Occupation

(By C. W. Bazemore)

A total of sixty-six years at the same job, in the same building—that is the record of the "Central Sisters" of Swanquarter, in Hyde county. The two sisters, Mrs. Clyde Overton and Mrs. Ebbie Cherry, natives of the Hyde county village, have worked side by side in the house where they were born, which also housed the Swanquarter telephone exchange for much over a quarter century—33 years to be exact, and have in recent weeks experienced the first rest they have ever had from their duties.

The coming of the dial system in Hyde county's principal town, to serve that area, in recent weeks, brought to the two sisters the realization that their jobs of a generation had gone—vanished as completely as one of the vagrant breezes that bend and sway the marsh grasses of the Hyde lowlands and outlying sections served by the company they worked for so long.

When a body plugs in a switchboard, handling mostly long distance calls for the same folks for 33 years, a body learns things. The "Central Sisters" long years ago lost all count of the times they went "out of their way" to see that messages were delivered to folk living far from telephone; to transmit tidings of joy or sorrow, to accommodate the people they knew, and of hundreds of little services and good turns to be done, such as folk learn to do for each other who live in spots of the earth where neighborliness means more than a too-strict business efficiency.

Swanquarter, lovely village of friendly folks down in Hyde county, now has dial system, and no longer do the "Central Sisters" have their lifelong opportunity, so often used, of bestowing a certain friendly grace and dignity upon each call, and doing the many little extra human touches to see that every message got through, an every customer was served. After thirty-three years of service each, all they have to do now is watch the mechanical click-click of the dials do what they so willingly and faithfully did for so long.

## Sister of Local Woman Succumbs

Mrs. Annie Rives Harper Dies At Home In Florence, S. C.

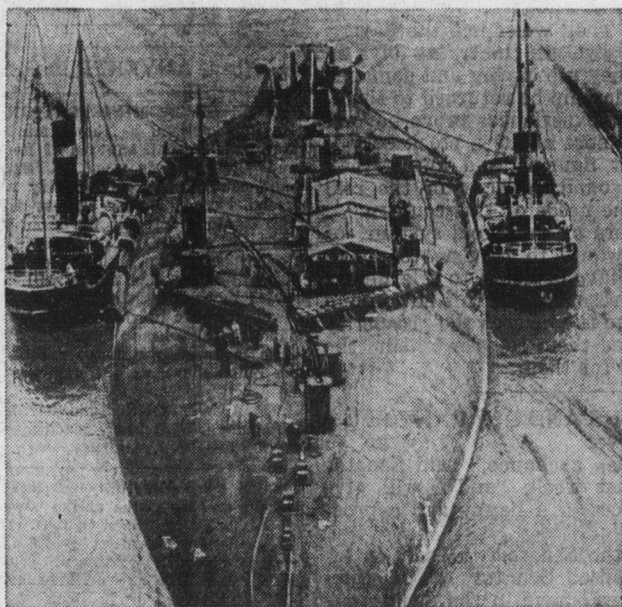
Word was received here Friday of the death of Mrs. Annie Rives Harper, sister of Miss Della Rives of this city. Mrs. Harper died last Thursday night at 10 o'clock at her home in Florence, South Carolina. Following a sudden heart attack.

She was the niece of Miss Yettie Bullock and R. D. Bullock, all of this city, and was well-known here, having been reared in Rocky Mount and having lived here with Miss Bullock for several years.

Rites for Mrs. Harper were conducted at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon in the South Carolina city.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Bullock, Miss Della Rives, and Miss Yettie Bullock went to Florence Friday morning to attend the funeral.

## Bound for the Scrap Heap



Proud days of mighty power are no more! The scuttled German battleship, Friedrich der Grosse, was salvaged from Scapa Flow. It is shown being towed, keel up, to a dry dock at Rosyth, Scotland, where it will be broken up.

## Does Business Want Another Depression

Taking the nation as a whole from information we have been able to gather from the press, and from talking with people, who have traveled, and with some little travel personally, the country has had a good year and in our own section we have had a splendid year except in certain sections where the crops were largely cotton and the boll weevil did large damage. The merchants appear to have had a good fall, in fact, many of our large stores are very short on stock at this time. The manufacturers do not complain of any large and unused surplus. But with all this there is much talk from the super-business interest in the country of an impending recession in business. Does big business desire another panic just for the simple reason that the government has been operated from Washington rather than Wall Street?

Do they wish another Hoover with their control? We are not sufficiently informed as to the desire of big business but we do feel that we know what the great citizenship of the country desires. The people do not desire a President who sits still and lets the boat rock as it may. They want a President who can lead and give equal protection to all of the citizens, the rich and poor alike. The super-business interest of the country has always had governmental aid practically from the beginning of this government but when there is any talk, for the aid of the individual there is a great hue and cry of fear, and doubt and charges that the government is becoming socialist, but when the government is aiding business there is no such cry. Big business has prospered during this present Democratic administration much more than the individual which was a natural consequence of individual prosperity.

Many Leading Economists and Statesmen believe and have made the statements that they are reliably informed that there is a concerted effort among certain special interests to undertake to bring about a curtailment of the country's prosperity especially the individual prosperity. The charge has been made by the Assistant Attorney General that he has evidence to this effect.

## MAN IS KILLED NEAR TARBORO

Tarboro, Dec. 24.—One man was killed and four others were injured, one seriously, in an automobile crash near here yesterday.

J. Thomas Crisp, 42, of near Pine-top died in a hospital a few hours after the collision. His nephew, Hawkins Crisp, 18, was seriously injured.

Also hurt were H. W. Umphlett of Withersbee, S. C., his son, Calhoun, and R. D. Harrell, Harrell, driver of the South Carolina car, was held on a manslaughter charge. Sheriff W. E. Bard said.

Several persons in each of the cars escaped unhurt.

## Mrs. Nina L. Alford Is Taken By Death

Well Known Nash Woman Passes—Funeral Services At Nashville On Wednesday

Mrs. Nina Collins Alford, wife of B. G. Alford of Nash County, died at her home early Tuesday following a long illness. Mrs. Alford, who had been a semi-invalid for several years and in bed for the past 15 months, was 64 years of age.

Funeral services were conducted from the Baptist church in Nashville at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon with interment following there. The following ministers participated in the service: Rev. Charles B. McConnell of the Nashville Baptist church, Rev. Norman Finch of the Johnson Baptist Tabernacle, Rev. Sam T. Habel of the Enfield Baptist church, and Dr. J. W. Kincadee, pastor of the First Baptist church of Rocky Mount.

Survivors, in addition to her husband, include two sisters, Mrs. W. A. Collins, and Mrs. W. G. Roberson, both of Nashville, and three brothers—G. C. Collins of Nashville,

## 112 PERSONS ARE KILLED BY AUTOMOBILES IN NOVEMBER

## TRUSTEES GET APPOINTMENTS TO TR. SCHOOL

Governor Hoey yesterday appointed Dr. C. F. Strosnider of Goldsboro as a new trustee of Eastern Carolina Industrial Training School for Boys at Rocky Mount, and reappointed six trustees: J. L. Horn, Jr., Mrs. R. S. McCain, J. C. Braswell and Richard T. Fountain, all of Rocky Mount; Albion Dunn of Greenville; and N. E. Edgerton of Raleigh.

John N. Hackney of Wilson, is a member whose term had not expired. All appointments were for four-year terms.

## Aged Preachers Receive Checks

Duke Endowment Checks, Totaling \$26,000, Mailed Widows And Superannuates

Durham, Dec. 29.—A no little part of the holiday joy felt in 278 modest homes, most of them in this state, has been due once more to the Christmas checks sent out by Duke university in behalf of the Duke endowment superannuate fund.

This year the checks to the retired Methodist preachers and their families totalled \$26,000, divided equally between those of the North Carolina and the Western North Carolina conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

The amount sent out from the fund established by James B. Duke is in proportion to the amount allowed each claimant by the conference board of finance.

President W. P. Few sent his greetings with each check. "Mr. Duke," he wrote, "inherited from his father and acquired in his own early life a great respect for the old circuit riders. In memory of them and in recognition of the service they rendered to the building of America he set up this particular fund. He was very anxious that it be built up through the years and kept available for the purpose it was to serve. But conditions in recent years have tended to decrease the amount available in the fund. I am happy to report that this year shows some increase over recent past years."

## That \$250,000 For Advertising

Disgraceful, Extravagant, Useless Waste Of Taxpayers Money—(From The Biblical Recorder)

We have received the "North Carolina Progress Bulletin" issued by the Division of State Advertising. It contains the prefatory statements that editors are invited to use the prepared copy, some of which is in the nature of an apology for the expenditure of \$250,000 of the taxpayers' money. Two pages and a half are devoted to telling of the "Travel Executive of State" tour, which is regarded as "the outstanding accomplishment of the State's new nationwide advertising campaign." In another section it is told that the locating of new plants in North Carolina is the objective. Expansion of plants already here is another objective, and as an instance of a plant that may possibly be expanded to the great advantage of taxpayers generally, a "gold mine within Charlotte city limits" is mentioned and a paragraph devoted to it. Several other pages are devoted to our fishing industries, but nothing is said about bringing back our shad which have been so nearly exterminated that few now ever see a shad, and all because our shad industry has been too much advertised. Other topics which are discussed in the same bulletin are our timber crop, facilities for proper methods of cutting pulpwood, and improvement in State parks. Perhaps, it is not intended that these should be credited to the Division of Advertising. But it certainly needs something more to its credit than appears to justify the spending of \$250,000 in any method of advertising when our farmers must sell their cotton at a loss and yet must pay a large part of the bill, and when our welfare officers are hard put to providing food for destitute mill-workers who have not a morsel to eat.

Montreal, Que.—Newspaper circulation in the United States and Canada for the first ten months of 1937 surpassed all previous records, the Royal Bank of Canada said in its monthly letter recently. When other business activities dipped 30, 40, or 50 per cent, the decline in newspaper circulation in the last years amounted to about 5 per cent in Canada and 11 per cent in the United States, according to the report.

A table comparing newspaper and magazine circulation with the number of households throughout Canada was issued by the banks. It showed that of 2,352,729 homes in the Dominion, 2,246,361 were served by daily newspapers, 1,226 subscribed to magazines, and 1,059,101 had radios. The report says that one of the indirect effects of the increase in newspaper circulation in Canada is that in many places advertisers are getting more for their money.

Canadian merchants purchase twice as much space for women's clothing advertising as for men's clothing and haberdashery. In total advertising linage in Montreal and Toronto newspapers, retail stores took double the space of national advertisers.

Church Collins and Roger M. Collins both of Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Alford, who was the daughter of J. C. Collins and Martha Andrews Collins, had been active in all branches of church work, having been a member of the Nashville Baptist church since childhood. For years she had been a leader of the Sunbeams and in the primary department of the Sunday School of the Nashville church and also had been active in Woman's Missionary Society work.

She was married to Mr. Alford in August, 1935.

Despite The Highly Organized State Wide Patrol Led By The Surry County "Major" Bloody Record Continues

The state motor vehicle bureau at Raleigh, Saturday, announced that 112 persons died in automobile accidents in North Carolina during November to push the year's toll to 999, which is 95 more than in 11 months of 1936.

There were 841 accidents in which 884 persons suffered non-fatal injuries during November. For 11 months this year the toll in 6,659 accidents included 7,198 injured persons. There were 113 automobile deaths in October and 101 in November, 1936.

Last month 12 children were killed and 42 hurt while playing in the street, 42 pedestrians were killed and 124 hurt, including 14 killed and 17 hurt while walking along the roadside, and hit-and-run drivers caused eight fatal and 47 non-fatal accidents.

Reckless drivers figured in 24 fatal and 125 non-fatal wrecks and speeders were involved in 33 fatal and 86 non-fatal. Intoxicated drivers were reported in three fatal and 44 non-fatal cases and two intoxicated pedestrians were killed and 11 hurt.

Saturday was the most dangerous day of the week in November 17 fatal and 154 non-fatal accidents occurring on Saturdays. Between 7 and 8 P. M. was the most dangerous hour, with eight fatal and 67 non-fatal accidents.

In 11 months this year hit-and-run drivers caused 81 fatal and 324 non-fatal accidents and 83 children were killed while playing on the streets and another 311 were hurt.

## Dr. Glenn Frank To Accept G. O. P. Post

Former Wisconsin Educator To Lead Republican Party In Their Effort To Save The Country From Collapse

Chairman Hamilton, of the National Republican Executive Committee, in Chicago, Friday night, announced that Dr. Glenn Frank had informed him he would accept the chairmanship of the party's committee on program if he were able to arrange his business and professional affairs.

Hamilton said the former president of the University of Wisconsin had told him at a six-hour conference that he considered the offer of the chairmanship an honor, but that he would not be able to say whether he could accept it "for a few days."

A formal statement issued by the party chairman said.

After a visit with Dr. Frank, he authorized me to make the following statement:

"If I am able to arrange my personal affairs, I shall accept this position as the greatest honor and obligation of my life. I cannot know for a few days."

Frank, at 50, was offered an opportunity to assume his first active role in the party's affairs after winning wide notice as an educator, author and orator.

Although he exhibited sympathy with the liberal wing in speeches and articles, he has frequently criticized new deal methods.

Once the youngest president of a Big Ten school, differences with Philip LaFollette, Progressive governor of Wisconsin, led to his removal last January after an 11-year tenure.

Meanwhile, the names of 104 members of the newly-created program group, chosen by the executive committee in a four-day meeting, were announced in St. Louis. The body, when completed will number between 135 and 140.

MORE AIRPLANES

Manufacturers of aircraft—one of the nation's newer industrial fields—delivered 2,060 airplanes valued at more than \$71,000,000 during the first eight months of 1937. This was an increase of 69.5 percent over the same period in 1936. Employment in the industry also showed a major increase.

J. C. Redfern of Wadesboro and Robert Batten of Route 3, Wadesboro both have hydraulic rams pumping water for their barns and homes. Other Anson farmers are planning to add the simple water systems.

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