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## LIBRARY WILL HOLD OPEN HOUSE HERE FEBRUARY 9

Ceremonies Will Be Held February 9 In Remodeled And Enlarged Library

Trustees of the Thomas Hackney Braswell Memorial Library, Mrs. Nell G. Battle, librarian, and her staff will hold open house in the library Wednesday, February 9, all day and until 9 o'clock at night, it was announced today.

The re-opening of the library has been postponed for a week, until February 9, Mrs. Battle said today, because of unexpected delay in receiving shelves.

It will be the occasion of re-opening and re-dedication of the library, which has recently been remodeled and has been complemented with three new wings by gifts from the late Dr. M. R. Braswell, who established the library, and his relatives.

Formal exercises of presentation and acceptance of the remodeled and extended library will be conducted at 3:30 o'clock February 9 in the library auditorium, one of the new additions. Mayor J. Q. Robinson will participate in the ceremony, library officials have announced, and prominent guests are also expected to take part.

Grammar school children will be special guests of the library Thursday, February 10, and will be invited to inspect the new additions, which include a children's room. A story telling hour will be offered for them in the library auditorium.

Stories will be told for the first, second and third grades at 4 o'clock and for the fourth, fifth and sixth grades at 4:30 o'clock.

## ASKS BRIDES CHANGE CARDS

Brides of 1937-38 who obtained Social Security account cards before they were married are requested by the Social Security Board to send in their new names to prevent confusion in the keeping of their wage accounts for Federal old-age insurance, George N. Adams, Manager of the Rocky Mount Field Office of the Social Security Board announced today.

A card for this purpose, designated as "Employee's Request for Change in Records," is now available at any one of the Board's 523 field offices located in strategic centers, Mr. Adams said.

This card provides space both for the newly-acquired name and that used in applying for an account number. Corrected account number cards will be sent to those who report their change of name.

Mr. Adams explained that since wage accounts are kept in the name the worker gives the employer, individuals who change their legal names should correct their records to insure the accurate recording of their wages. Wage information reports filed by employers and transmitted to the Social Security Board indicate that many employees have gone to work on new jobs under their new names without notifying the Board of the change. This, Mr. Adams pointed out, complicates the keeping of their accounts and might make it difficult to ascertain the full amount of the benefits to which they will ultimately be entitled.

Social Security account card holders may use this new application form also to correct misstatements as to age, address, or any other inaccurate declaration that may have been made.

Mr. Adams stated that while the Board would accept without question a new age declaration, the acceptance should not be regarded as final since an employee may be called upon to furnish proof of age on filing a benefit claim.

By making available the new card the Board believes that thousands of persons who have neglected to correct their records will now take advantage of this simplified procedure.

To know subject matter is not enough, the county agent must also know human nature and his work is as varied as is the life of a county, says Dr. Frank Porter Graham.

## Weldon Credit Group Holds Annual Meeting

Ernest Graham Talks On Objectives; L. W. Hedgepeth Elected Director

Weldon, Jan. 31.—More than 500 farmers gathered here today to attend the annual stockholders meeting of the Weldon Production Credit Association which was held in the local theatre with W. E. Smith of Scotland Neck, president of this association, in charge.

E. P. Gullidge, Northampton County agent, made a talk on the farm family in the production credit system. Following the reports of the directors and committees, L. J. Judkins, secretary-treasurer of the local association, introduced the association employees and recognized the guests.

Ernest Graham of Columbia, president of the Production Credit Association production credit system. One new director, L. W. Hedgepeth of Conway, was named to serve with W. E. Smith of Scotland Neck, J. M. Person of Enfield, H. S. Ellis and W. J. Long of Garysburg, all of whom were reelected. Plans were made for the new year's work with the loan goal set at a half million dollars.

The Weldon Production Credit Association was organized in 1934 to serve Halifax and Northampton counties. It furnishes short term credit for general agricultural purposes to its members. It now has a membership of 800 and is growing yearly. At the conclusion of today's meeting the farmers partook of a barbecue dinner provided by the association.

## Sales Tax Shows Slight Reduction

Revenue Report Reveals Drop In Collections Compared To Year Ago

Sales tax receipts reported for January were slightly less than January a year ago, the first time in this fiscal year that this item of State revenue has dropped below collections for the corresponding month of the previous year, despite exemptions of basic foods.

Income tax collections also showed a decrease this month and in the Motor Vehicle Bureau, auto license tax collections nose-dived nearly a million dollars. However, this latter decrease was accounted for by the fact that cost of tags were reduced by the 1937 Legislature and by the fact that tags went on sale 15 days earlier in 1937 so that much of the revenue was accounted for in December report.

Gasoline taxes—usually considered a barometer of spending—showed increases for the month and for the first seven months of the fiscal year.

General fund receipts during January totaled \$1,937,817.03, an increase of \$154,342.71 or 8.65 per cent over January, 1937. General fund collections during the first seven months of the fiscal year totaled \$17,884,861.65, a decrease of \$1,481,115.63, or 7.65 per cent.

Motor vehicle receipts during January were \$4,980,180.23, a decrease of \$787,681.15, or 13.64 per cent. Motor fund collections for the seven months of the fiscal year were \$21,040,417.43, an increase of \$909,074.58, or 4.52 per cent over the first seven months of 1936-37 fiscal year.

All collections during January aggregated \$6,917,897.56, compared with \$7,551,235.70 in January, 1937. Collections during the seven months of the current fiscal year were \$38,925,279.08, compared with \$39,497,320.13.

Two large inheritance tax checks received during the last fiscal year more than account for the fiscal year general fund collections decrease, tax officials said.

## Black Criticizes Protection Given To Corporations

Black Says Ruling Deprives States Of Right To Regulate Corporations; Reed Takes Place On Bench; Court Upholds Authority Of National Labor Tribunal

Washington, Jan. 31.—Associate Justice Hugo L. Black today urged that the Supreme Court abandon a 52-year-old interpretation of the Constitution giving corporations the protection of the 14th Amendment. The abandonment provides that no state may "deprive any person of life liberty or property without due process of law."

The court long has held that the word "person" means corporations as well as individuals. Black suggested this had wrongly subjected state laws regulating corporations to "censorship of the United States courts."

President Roosevelt's first appointee to the supreme tribunal, Black expressed his views in dissenting to the opinion of seven of his colleagues that California cannot tax premiums received by the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company from other insurance companies doing business in California.

"A constitutional interpretation that is wrong should not stand," Black said. "I believe this court should now overrule previous decisions which interpreted the 14th Amendment to include corporations."

"The states did not adopt the amendment with knowledge of its sweeping meaning under its present construction."

"No section of the amendment gave notice to the people that, if adopted, it would subject every State law and municipal ordinance affecting corporations (and all administrative options under them) to censorship of the United States courts."

"No word in all this amendment gave any hint that its adoption would deprive the states of their long recognized power to regulate corporations."

## LEGGETTS HIGH HALVES BILL

Tarboro, Jan. 31.—Leggett High basketball terms broke even in recent doubleheaders with Whitakers and Conetoc.

Whitakers girls won, 28-9; Leggett boys defeated the Whitakers quint, 24-16. Carter made 17 points for Whitakers girls; Jean Cooper led the Leggett sextet. In the boys' game, J. R. Anderson of Leggett made seven points to take scoring honors.

In the twin bill with Conetoc, Leggett boys won by 30-23 but the girls lost by 19-8. Captain Cornelius Leggett made 18 points to feature for the winning boys' team. Lewis was best for the Conetoc quint. Shelton, with nine points, led Conetoc girls; Morris' defensive play featured for Leggett.

## Bert Gray Has Disappeared

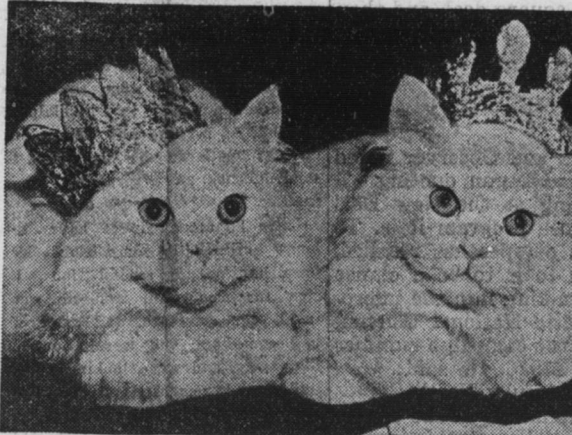
Bert Gray, young man of Murphy, N. C., who is in his third year of medical school at the University of Baltimore, has mysteriously disappeared. He left his boarding place, according to reports reaching here, Friday, January 21, supposedly to go to a show, and dropped from sight completely. Friends and relatives have been unable to find any trace of him since he disappeared.

chise, \$263,165.60, \$195,256.59; sales \$1,184,840.94, \$1,241,535.68; beverage \$135,340.29, \$60,788.87; intangibles \$20,560.47, zero; miscellaneous \$10,45, \$861.72.

Motor vehicle collections for January, 1938, and January, 1937, in that order follow:

License \$2,860,662.61, \$3,806,804.56; title fees \$24,191.51, \$31,501.30; bus and franchise, \$48,593.58, \$59,014.44; gasoline, \$1,951,713.56, \$1,784,211.47; inspection fees \$45,018.97, \$86,329.61.

## Feline Royalty Poses for Picture



Their majesties Happy-Go-Lucky (left) and Snow Ball of Elmora, two white kittens owned by Mrs. L. E. Kiernan, president of the New Jersey State Cat club, graciously, if somewhat curiously, pose for their picture while attending the annual show of the Atlantic Cat club.

## Who Is The "Boss"?

### SHALL THE CITY MANAGER OBEY THE WISHES OF ROCKY MOUNT CITIZENS OR BROOKINGS INSTITUTE?

The recent discussion in the newspapers relative to a proposed change in the police department has caused many comments and much speculation. We notice the information given out by the afternoon paper, while it does not appear that it speaks for the city manager, yet its writings did indicate that the writer was conversant with the views of the city manager.

There are many of our citizens who wonder why a fireman should be selected to head the police department rather than a trained policeman, if there are any contemplated changes to be made. If the present police department does not have material from which a chief may be selected, as they claim, whose fault is it that the department has been built up out of men who do not possess the required capacity to take leadership?

It is common knowledge that for many years past, especially since the charter was amended, that the policemen have been selected by the city manager and the police committee without permitting the chief of police to make any recommendations or have any part in the selection of the personnel of the police department. As was suggested in a former communication under the forum, Rocky Mount has in times past had the reputation of having a splendid police department when the present chief was given the opportunity to make recommendations in filling the post, and if the present police department is not up to standard, it is certainly not the failure of the chief of police, for the selection in the last few years must rest upon the police committee and the city manager, for they did the appointing. Now, this talk about the chief not meeting the requirements of the Institute of Government is purely Tommy Rot and ridiculous, for the so-called Institute of Government is run by young men without experience, training or qualifications to undertake to give advice in matters of this kind.

The late attorney general Brummit charged the Institute of Government as being a very partisan body and being used by certain authorities in the State to promote the centralization of government as proposed by the Brookings Institute. Now, if Rocky Mount is to permit the Institute of Government to have any part in selection, it is certainly time that the citizenship arouse itself and make inquiries why it is necessary that a body of this kind should be satisfied rather than the citizenship itself. It cannot say that it is the lack of centralized authority, because the charter, when it was changed, gave this power to the city manager, and if we have an inexperienced and untrained department, the fault is his or the police committee's and they ought not to cry out against their own works.

Rocky Mount needs a chief who has natural ability. The G business is alright for detective purposes, but it never took the place of common sense. The first requirements of a good policeman is for protective and not detective work.

## TIME TO BEGIN ON PARK OPPOSITE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The time is ripe and we are all getting older, while we feel sure that Rocky Mount is to have the park opposite the Lutheran church yet it is going to require some time to take the legal steps necessary to acquire the land and if the park is to be developed for use this year, the City should begin at once to acquire the land. The City already has the authority under the law to condemn the land where satisfactory price cannot be obtained.

The Courts have already held that parks are a necessity and do not require a vote of the people.

## VIRGINIA HAS NEW GOVERNOR

Amid much pomp and in the presence of thousands of cheering citizens, James H. Price was inaugurated Governor of Virginia at Richmond Wednesday of the past week. He is the fiftieth Chief Executive of the Old Dominion and stepped up from the Lieutenant Governor's place where he served four years. His home is in Richmond but he is a native of West Virginia.

Three of Virginia's four living former Governors, Byrd, Trinkle and Davis, were present at the inauguration as was the outgoing Governor Peery. Another former Governor,

## COOLEY SEES DRASTIC CUT IN TOBACCO CROP

### LOOKING AT WASHINGTON

(Hugo S. Sims, Washington Correspondent)

#### ISOLATION IS ENDED

It may be some time before the vast majority of Americans understand the full implication of the American rearmament program. It marks the end of the policy of isolation, regardless of how the fact may be camouflaged and beclouded by statements and explanations.

#### U. S. FORCED TO ARM

One has only to review the position of the United States in world affairs since the end of the World War in 1918 to understand the tremendous import of the special defense program about to be undertaken by the Government. Many readers will recall the disarmament conference in 1921-22, which set up a naval ratio between Great Britain, The United States, Japan, France and Italy in regard to battleships and aircraft carriers. The established ratios, five for the United States and Great Britain, three for Japan and two for France and Italy seemed a move to definitely limit competition in naval rearmament.

The United States, at this time, demanded and Great Britain granted, full parity for the navies of the two English-speaking nations. This was a concession on the part of the British who had long followed a naval policy of building ships to equal the fleet of any two powers.

The United States also made certain vital concessions. We agreed not to fortify certain islands in the Pacific, including Guam, and not to strengthen military establishments in the Philippines. In addition, the United States, which was in the midst of a naval construction program, agreed to junk millions of dollars worth of warships, including battleships in advance stages of construction.

As an offset to the concessions made by the United States and Great Britain, Japan and the other nations entered into certain obligations in respect to the Pacific and the Far East. These included solemn undertakings to respect the territorial integrity of China, to maintain the "Open Door" in China, to respect the right of the Chinese people to develop without molestation and to take no advantage of existing conditions in a troubled Chinese nation for selfish purposes.

#### LIMITATION FAILS

The limitation thus placed on capital ships had no application to cruisers, destroyers and submarines. Naturally, the nations turned to those categories that were unrestricted. Therefore, in 1936 a conference was held in London, at which time, limits were established for these smaller vessels. The net result was that unarmed powers began to build up to the treaty limits while the United States, and to a lesser extent, Great Britain began to build up to the treaty as pacts to establish permanent ratios for the navies of the world and to render unnecessary a large naval program.

#### JAPAN STARTS RACE

The situation was rudely changed by notice given by Japan under the terms of the treaty, that upon the

Fourth District Congressman Provi-des Statement On 1938 Tobacco Outlook; Sees Cuts Of 10 To 25 Per Cent

(By Harold D. Cooley) Member House Committee On Agr.

Realizing that tobacco farmers are now engaged in preparing their plantbeds and appreciating their desire to obtain as much information as can possibly be obtained at the present time with reference to the 1938 tobacco program contemplated by the general farm bill as now in conference, I have discussed the situation at length with officials of the department of agriculture in the hope that I might make a statement which will be of some benefit to those who are now preparing for their 1938 crop.

#### Secretary To Decide

Under the tobacco marketing quota provisions of the general farm bill which is now in conference the secretary of agriculture is required to invoke the marketing quotas provision of the act whenever an abnormally excessive supply of tobacco exists; that is, when the total supply of tobacco as of the beginning of the marketing year then current exceeds the reserve supply level therefor. According to statistics this condition now exists, and in the event of the final passage of the tobacco provisions of the bill it will become the duty of the secretary to make the required announcement and to impose marketing quotas. Upon making the announcement it will then become the duty of the secretary to conduct a referendum of tobacco producers and in the event more than two-thirds of the producers vote in favor of the imposition of the quota provisions the quotas will then become effective.

The base acreage of flue-cured tobacco in 1937 was approximately 1,080,000 acres which does not include new growers in 1937 to whom a base acreage allotment had not theretofore been made. It is estimated that taking into account adjustments for old growers and battleships in advance stages of construction.

#### Big Increase

In addition to this there has been a remarkable increase in the production per acre since the inauguration of the farm programs. In view of the present situation it appears that the flue-cured crop in 1938 should be around 700,000,000 pounds which will of necessity result in a reduction of acreage to approximately 850,000 and 875,000 acres in view of the yields now being obtained. It is not thought the market will take a larger crop in 1938 at anything like the prices in recent years. In making the adjustments growers with bases of four acres or less would probably have a reduction of 10 per cent below the base. Growers with a base of more than five acres probably would have a reduction of 30 per cent below the base. Growers with bases between four and five acres probably would have an adjustment between 10 and 30 per cent down to 3.6 acres. It appears that the necessity for requiring the little grower to accept a 10 per cent reduction in acreage is due to the increase in yield per acre in recent years, the idea being that by reducing the acreage the little grower would not exceed his poundage allotment and

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