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Looking at Washington

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THE SPENDING DRIVE.

Advocates of a spending program, designed to offset business depressions, recently conferred with President Roosevelt and reported that he would apply a self-liquidating test to future construction projects. While the Chief Executive was not represented as urging any immediate program, his present thought is that spending projects should create "new wealth" and eventually return to the Treasury any money advanced by the Government. He specifically mentioned as meritorious projects, the building of toll bridges, and highways, rural electrification and other potential revenue producers. Among those failing to meet his objective were school houses and other public buildings and battlefields. Warships, in particular, he said, should not be constructed as reemployment objectives.

TOLL HIGHWAY SYSTEM

Among the most ambitious proposals in the category of "pump-priming" is that of Senator Bulkley, of Ohio, who would construct an \$8,000,000,000 system of transcontinental toll highways, to be financed by bonds issued by a new Federal Highway Corporation. The Ohioan is drafting a bill now along this line, with the help of engineering and financial experts. While the details of the proposal are to be determined, Senator Bulkley thinks the system could be constructed in three years. It would include at least three super-highways crossing the continent East and West and six North and South.

20,000 MILES ON ROADS

The Bulkley plan would provide for the elimination of all grade crossings, a neutral strip to divide traffic so that vehicles on each pavement would move in only one direction. Freight and passenger vehicles would use separate pavements. The highways would be built on a 300-foot right-of-way at a cost of between \$300,000 and \$500,000 a mile, with a total of about 20,000 miles.

Highway officials who have discussed the proposal with Senator Bulkley feel certain that a way could be found to finance the system, guaranteeing the Government against loss and assuring investors of a fair return and at the same time providing a fill-in program of road building during curtailment of regular highway appropriations and thus assist in solving the unemployment problem. Senator Bulkley estimates that interest and amortization at two per cent plus the cost of maintenance, policing and administration would cost about \$250,000,000 annually. If not ten per cent of the motor vehicle traffic uses the highway system, he figures the return to the Corporation would be about \$245,000,000 a year.

Readers may be interested in the amount of tolls which would be charged users of such a system. Naturally, these have not been worked out in full but for estimation purposes, the toll used has been twenty-five and fifty cents on passenger and freight vehicles, respectively, plus one and a half mills a passenger mile on passenger vehicles and four mills a ton mile on freight vehicles. On this basis, the toll for four passengers in an automobile would be forty cents each for a 225 mile journey and \$2.30 for a 25 mile journey and \$2.30 for a 70-ton truck covering the same distance.

In his discussion with a group of congressmen, the President spoke favorably of the trans-continental highway project which could be worked upon during times of business depression and stopped during normal employment. Mr. Roosevelt described a Government constructed six-lane highway outside London. He told how the British Government condemned a right-of-way one-half mile wide, sold highway frontage for business purposes and small trade tracks behind at \$500 an acre

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W. H. WORSLEY OPENS STORE

A new store has been opened on Washington Street this week. The new proprietor is one of Rocky Mount's honored citizens, Mr. W. H. Worsley, one of the youngest men in Rocky Mount. He has farmed a great many years, he has taught school for many years and has merchandized in Rocky Mount from time to time for 25 years. He celebrated on the 13th day of this month his 49th married anniversary. Thirteen has played a right important part in the lives of this couple. They have had 13 children, 11 of these children are grown and live from North Carolina to the Canal Zone. Each taking his or her place as useful citizens in the section of the country where they have cast their lot, with the heritage of fine training and education which they received from their splendid parents. While the number 13 has pleasant memories yet there is a shadow that still lingers in the minds of this couple. They lost a young daughter in her 13 year.

Washington Street has had a splendid revival under the presidency and leadership of President Roosevelt and this new merchant who is just 75 years old and as young in spirit as any man in Rocky Mount is open for business with a splendid grocery store and is well equipped to serve the needs of the house wives of Rocky Mount.

Mrs. H. F. Jones Taken By Death

Wife Of Congressman Kerr's Secretary Dies Of Unexpected Heart Attack

Warrenton, Feb. 12.—Mrs. Estelle Brodie Jones, the wife of Howard F. Jones, died at her home in Warrenton this morning around 3 o'clock following a heart attack which she suffered two hours earlier. She was 62 years of age.

Mrs. Jones, who was known widely for her remarkable energy and hospitality, appeared to be in good health at bedtime last night and her death came as a distinct shock to members of her family and friends.

The daughter of Dr. Walter Brodie and Ella R. Ricks, she was born near Whitakers on September 13, 1875, but as a child she moved with her parents to Wilson, where she grew into womanhood. She attended school there, and completed her education at St. Mary's in Raleigh.

She was married to Mr. Jones in Wilson in 1897 and the couple resided there until 1908, when they, with their family, moved to Warrenton.

Mrs. Jones, whose husband is private secretary to Congressman John H. Kerr, spent around 13 winters in Washington with her husband while Congress was in session, but returned to her home here each summer and took an active part in the social, religious and civic affairs of the town. She was a member of the Episcopal church, the Eastern Star, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Woman's Auxiliary and at the time of her death she was leader of the Children of the Confederacy.

Funeral services will be conducted from the home Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by her pastor, the Rev. B. N. DeFoe Wagner, and interment will follow in Fairview Cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, and three sons, Bignall, Duke and Howard Jones, Jr., and two grandsons, Rives Taylor, Jr., of Oxford, and Howard Jones, III, of Warrenton. A son, Brodie Jones, and two daughters, Mrs. Rives Taylor of Oxford and Mary Fort Jones, preceded her to the grave.

V. G. Taylor, Martin County farmer, has placed an order for 1,000 black locust and 1,000 red cedar trees which he will set out on his farm as soon as they arrive.

EDGECOMBE TEAMS SPLIT DOUBLE BILL

Tarboro, Feb. 13.—Leggett and South Edgcombe high school cage teams broke even in a doubleheader. Denny registered 25 points to lead South Edgcombe girls in a 27-9 victory. Harper led Leggett, with four. Terence Marks shot 13 points to feature as Leggett boys took a 21-18 victory. Leader for the losers was Crisp, with eight.

Leggett also divided a bill with West Edgcombe High, Leggett took the boys' game, 21-18. West Edgcombe's Rogers, with 12 points, and Leggett's Anderson, with 10, were leaders in the scoring. West Edgcombe took the girls' game, 30-9. Chewing dropped in 19 points to pace the winners. Harper led the losers, with five.

Tarboro Cagers Take Close Game

Tarboro, Feb. 13.—Tarboro High boys' basketball team edged a 24-22 decision over Roanoke Rapids in an overtime basketball game here.

After training by 18-9 at half-time the locals rallied and tied things up at 22-all at the end of the regulation game. Joe Harper, center, came through with the deciding goal in the extra period. Harper accounted for 11 points to take scoring honors. Leaders for Roanoke Rapids was Newsome, with seven.

In the other game of a twin bill, Tarboro girls defeated Roanoke Rapids, 23-17. Perritt accounted for 16 of the winners' points. Top scorer for the visitors was Lee, with nine, Margaret Anderson featured at guard for Tarboro.

Man Who Walked From Arkansas Dies at Age of 90

Death claimed one of the oldest citizens of Johnston county yesterday morning when Stephen David Cook died at his home near Selma at 6:30 o'clock at the age of 90 years.

Mr. Cook was born in Arkansas. When he was a young child both of his parents died, and when he reached maturity he decided to come to North Carolina to live. Accordingly, he set out on foot and walked the entire distance, reaching Johnston county in exactly 18 days. He settled near Selma and became a successful farmer. Throughout his life he enjoyed remarkably good health, remaining active until about four months ago. He farmed last year, working his crop as regularly as a man of much younger age.

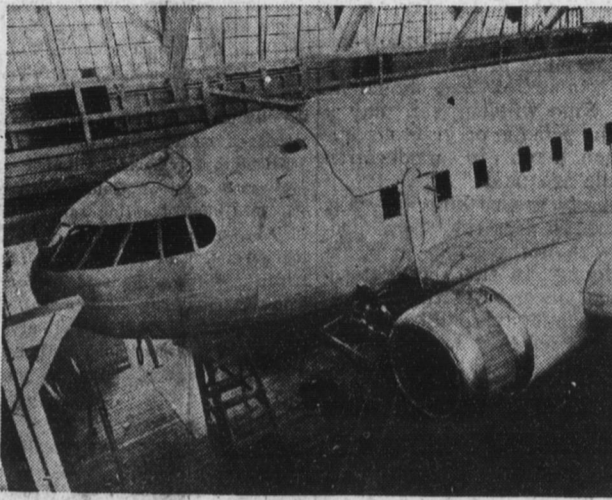
Several years ago a brother and sister followed him to North Carolina, the brother settling at Kenly and the sister residing at Kerr. Funeral services will be held from the home this afternoon, conducted by Rev. S. H. Styron, Free Will Baptist minister of Pine Level, and interment will take place in the Crocker cemetery near Pine Level.

Surviving are his wife; three daughters, Mrs. T. P. Edwards of near Smithfield, Mrs. L. J. Pittman of Princeton, and Mrs. Sadie Sasser of Kenly; two sons, N. H. Cook of near Selma and W. C. Cook of Roanoke Rapids; one brother, Jack Cook of Kenly, and a sister, Mrs. Annie Pierce of Kerr.

New Ventilator For Potato Hills

Willie Pearce of Peaces was in the Record office last week looking as when he lived across the street from the editor ten years ago. He said he tried a partially new plan last fall when putting his sweet potatoes in the hill. He took one of those large, long tubes that linoleum rugs are wrapped around, and with his knife cut holes all along its length. Then he stood the tube upright in the center of the hill and piled the potatoes around it. Although he covered the hill he has not had to close the top of this tube this winter and the potatoes have kept perfectly. This variation of ventilation is simpler than most and is worth saving those tubes to try out.

\$1,000,000 Plane That Will Never Fly



With a dirigible snout that is 17 feet 3 inches from the ground, this "mockup" model, plus engineering costs, represents an investment of \$1,000,000. But the plane will never fly. The four-motored, full-scale model was built by Boeing engineers for T. W. A., and has just been approved by the airline. Six "superskyliners," built after this model, will be delivered to T. W. A. this summer for the Sky Chief schedules, reducing the present 16-hour coast-to-coast flying time and adding more comfort for the 33 passengers who will be carried. Four large compartments inside the supercharged cabin provide berths for 16 passengers at night.

Cause for Satisfaction

Congress has at last passed a new Crop Control Farm Act and the measure has gone to the White House for the Presidents approval and it is expected that the President will give his approval to this act. This new farm act was passed by Congress to take the place of the Triple "A" which was out-lawed or declared null and void by the Supreme Court of the United States. It is expected that this act will stand the scrutiny of the Supreme Court for in many instances it appears that the minds of the Judges have changed, that a new light has broken on them. Besides there will be two new members of the Court. The object of the new act, while it may be written in different words from the Triple "A," is one and the same and if this new farm act does as much for the farmers as the old Triple "A," and we sincerely trust that it will, they should indeed be thankful for the leadership of the President of the United States in calling the Congress into extraordinary session for the purpose of passing two acts: one for the benefit of the great farming population of this country, and the other a wage and hour bill intended for the benefit of the laborer. Congress has been called into extra session to revise tariff schedule and grant subsidies for business but never before has Congress been called into extra session to pass an act for the benefit of the farmer and the laborer. President Roosevelt has done this and whether the act be a success the hope is that it will and the former should give thanks for the leadership which has undertaken to do something rather than sit still as Senator Bailey has done. The only Southern Senator to fail to support the act, he declares that the act is unconstitutional and in the next breath he declares that if it was constitutional he would not vote for it. Senator Bailey is like the man who goes home to dinner and says "that if the dinner is not ready he is going to raise hell with his wife and if it is ready, be damned if he is going to eat any of it."

The farmers will move on to Raleigh today to hear the new farm act explained by Senator James P. Pope, the Democratic senator from Idaho who is regarded as the best posted member of the Senate on this act. We cannot stand still, if that act is not all we desire we must understand the future is before us, the farmers must work together to make this act a success.

It can be amended in the future if it needs such.

BECOMING HOME MINDED

It would be so much better if many of our young couples starting out in life would become home minded as well as automobile minded. It is but natural that everyone should desire a car as the car has become so generally used and it makes everyone feel that it is a necessity and must be had at any price. Yet an automobile should not be put before a home. In horse and buggy days even though the horse was the only means of transportation, other than the God given fee, every body did not have a horse and buggy. We believe the economic condition of this country would be greatly improved by creating a desire for home ownership. This would not hurt the automobile industry but would place it on a sounder basis. We know that it has been much easier to secure credit for the financing of an automobile than financing a home.

Birds Are Friends To Most Farmers

New Bulletin By Department Of Conservation And Development Tells Of Benefits

Birds are North Carolina farmers' most valuable allies in checking voracious insect hordes, according to Ross O. Stevens, of the zoology department.

In helping birds to find food and shelter during the winter, farmers and others are helping themselves, Stevens pointed out.

These winged friends act as a natural check on insects, and the extent in numbers will depend greatly upon the way that men care for

DISTRICT MEETING JUNIOR ORDER HELD IN ROCKY MT.

REMODELING EFIRD STORE

The department store of Efirds is having its entire building remodeled and renovated and pending the building changes, have moved their stock of goods temporarily to Holt-Cobb Warehouse, corner of Washington and Thomas Streets and are carrying on their business and serving customers in their usual way and they welcome all their friends and customers to pay them a visit at Holt-Cobb Warehouse where they can serve them. This firm has been in business for 25 years in Rocky Mount and has been one of the city's most outstanding stores, under the leadership of Mr. Taylor.

Johnston Native Donates His New Book To Library

"The Old South" By Dr. William E. Dodd Is Received In Smithfield

Some men have thought that crop moratoriums, which have been suggested during recent depression years even if they were not put into effect, were unheard of methods of business recovery; but a perusal of Dr. William E. Dodd's new book, "The Old South," reveals that Sir William Berkeley, early leader of the Virginia colony, considered forbidding the planting of tobacco by the colonists in 1664. The plan failed, however, when it became known that Lord Baltimore would not allow the Maryland colony on the north to cooperate. But the tobacco crop was limited during numerous years.

A housing program was also tried as a means of recovery from that 17th century depression when Berkeley ordered the building of 32 brick houses in Jamestown, each of the 19 counties to build one of the new houses. Well-to-do planters were also persuaded to build houses at their own expense in or near the little capital.

The planting of trees, which has been a part of recent recovery and conservation plans was tried also in the early Virginia colony. Sir William Berkeley planted 2,000 mulberry trees and imported silkworms to feed on their leaves hoping that a new industry might be fostered in the English colony in America.

In Local Library

Dr. Dodd's book is in the Smithfield public library. Dr. Dodd gave the book to the library when Mrs. T. J. Lassiter, chairman of the library committee of the educational department of the Woman's Club wrote to Dr. Dodd asking that he donate his book to the county seat library of his native county.

Back came Dr. Dodd's reply as follows: "I am glad you have a public library at Smithfield. We need one at Clayton. (Clayton as a matter of fact has a library). If I were a rich diplomat, as nearly all are, I would give 10,000 volumes to such an institution.

"I am so busy now, I can only write the publishers to send you my 'Old South,' perhaps another. When I get a chance to visit Smithfield I shall autograph the book for you. Hope to be in North Carolina next spring.

"Yours truly,
"WILLIAM E. DODD."
A postscript was added, "Give my regards to friends in Smithfield."

Local Council Is Host Here; State Officers Are Among Speakers

Three state officers of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics were speakers at a meeting of the 3rd district held in the Recreation hall here last night.

Victor R. Johnson of Pittsboro, state councilor, Roland Grady of Wilson, state vice councilor, and E. W. Harris of Raleigh, state secretary were the visiting state officers who spoke.

Johnson discussed the general work of the order.

Grady spoke about the proposed state oratorical contest in which scholarships to Meredith College and the University of North Carolina will be given to the winning girl and boy.

Harris discussed conditions at the state orphan home in Lexington.

Thirty-two new members were initiated at the meeting, at which G. R. Griffin, district deputy, presided.

Barbecue was served also at the meeting, for which the Rocky Mount council number 41 was host.

Roosevelt Says Youth Safeguard Of Democracy

President Speaks To Boy Scouts On 28th Anniversary Of Organization

Washington, Feb. 14.—President Roosevelt said that by means of youth movements, American democracy would be safeguarded.

Congratulating the Boy Scouts of America on their 28th birthday, the Chief Executive said in his talk:

"It is my conviction, that thru work with our youth, we shall secure the greatest assurance of maintaining our democracy in the face of those forces which advocate forms of government not consistent with our cherished American traditions.

"And the strength of this youth movement will develop in exact proportion to the support accorded it by communities which are interested in preserving our democracy."

The President said, "We should be especially thankful for a youth movement which seeks to preserve such simple fundamentals as physical strength, mental alertness and moral straightness—a movement to support the ideals of peace."

Miss Hattie Dillard Dies AT Stanhop

Spring Hope, Feb. 14.—Funeral services will be held at 10:30 Tuesday morning for Miss Hattie Dillard, 71, from her home in Stanhope, Rev. D. M. Branch of Youngsville, a former pastor of the Stanhope Baptist church will conduct the last rites. He will be assisted by Rev. L. A. Tillery of Spring Hope M. E. church. Interment will follow in the Dillard lot at Pineview Cemetery at Spring Hope. Active pallbearers are: W. A. Harper, J. R. Roberson, C. S. Bunn, Guy Farmer, W. S. Brantley, C. E. Bell.

Miss Dillard came to Nash county from Carteret County and has made her home in Stanhope for the past 40 years. She has been a member of Stanhope Baptist church many years. She is survived by one brother, Hugh L. Dillard, both of Stanhope. The deceased had been an invalid for over-two years and confined completely to bed for the past three weeks. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Dillard, who preceded her a number of years ago.

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