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POLITICAL GOSSIP COALITION WON'T WORK NO UPHEAVAL AHEAD THE MONOPOLY INQUIRY A CONSTRUCTION EFFORT CONFERENCE AT LIMA U. S. IS POPULAR ARMAMENTS MEAN WAR HUGE NAVAL RACE DEMOCRACIES AHEAD

Baseball has its winter leagues, where the fans sit close to warm stoves in freezing weather and discuss the prospects of the coming season, and politicians on days when action is slow, follow much the same routine. Newspaper writers and columnists, when they have nothing definite to write about, resort to their speculations about future events, regardless of the fact that their predictions rarely come true.

Much of the same state of affairs exists in regards to the next session of Congress, with even an experienced political leader like Senator Charles L. McNary talking about what the Republicans will do when they join with conservative Democrats. This is a favorite indoor speculation at this date. Politicians and writers estimate how many anti-administration Democrats will join with so many Republicans and undo the President's New Deal program. Even Mr. McNary says there are three parties represented in Congress: "Democrats, Republicans, and New Dealers."

It is not our business to whom it is up for either party, but, just the same, if our readers want to know what is going to happen in the next year, both of the major parties have their factions, as the Republicans found out at their meeting in Washington last month. The Democrats, it is true, are not unanimous, neither are the Republicans. There are liberal wings and conservative wings in both parties, and also a faction that wants to be successful at the polls, regardless of liberal or conservative principles.

The prospect is that both parties in Congress will attempt to outdo the other in taking care of the farmer, the veteran, the old age group, and the union labor program. When it comes to national defense, the changes are that both parties will favor a larger navy, a modernized army and thousands of new planes. Congress, they need not fall for this coalition talk. It simply won't exist, except in a few isolated tests. In Everybody will be talking about relieving the taxpayers and taking the burdens off of business so that private capital will get going. The differences will be mostly in method in administration and side issues that will be argued hotly for their political value in the 1940 election. There is going to be no drastic change in the policies that have been underway for the past few years, regardless of the coalition talk and political prognosticators!

After six months of elaborate preparation the Government's investigation of monopoly got under way last week with the idea of surveying the national economic machinery. It is expected that the work will continue for many months. Sensational headline news is not to be the rule, nor is the committee, headed by Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney, interested in witch-hunting. The evidence, so far, indicates that the purpose of the fact-finding is to discover, if possible, what makes business tick and why, if anything, is the matter with the economic plant.

The committee, created at the request of the President, is a Congressional-Executive creature, to make an investigation into monopoly and the concentration of economic power in and financial control over production and distribution of goods and services. The committee will attempt to determine the causes of the concentration and control of their effect upon competition and the effect of the existing price system and price policies of industry upon the general level of trade, upon unemployment, long-term profits and

under-consumption. It will examine the questions relating to existing tax, patent and other governmental policies, upon competition, price levels, unemployment, profits and consumption.

The committee has a stupendous job. It is said that if the work is carried out on the scope indicated it will be the most important study ever made of the American economic structure. The committee, says Senator O'Mahoney, will try to do a constructive job, not as a prosecuting attorney, looking for violations of law, but, we gather, more as a doctor, looking over a patient, anxious to discover the true state of the patient's health and sincerely hopeful of being able to outline a treatment.

LIQUOR SALES ABOVE SIX MILLION FOR YEAR

Board Reports That State Collected \$537,330 In Taxes On Wet Goods

North Carolina's 27 "wet" counties sold \$5,798,407 worth of liquor during the fiscal year ending last June 30, the state board of alcoholic control announced the past week.

Net revenue for the year, the board said in its first annual report, was \$1,249,907 for the 89 liquor stores, which spent \$128,269 for operating expenses and \$44,309 on other items.

The beverage tax, the report said, included the levy on beer, amounted to \$1,537,330, about two per cent of the state's total revenue for the fiscal year.

The per capita consumption in the counties was \$7.58, it was said. Durham county led in sales with a total of \$1,026,600 and in per capita consumption with \$15.28. Next in gross sales was Wake with \$807,635 and New Hanover was third with \$523,161.

Tyrrell with \$15,095 reported lowest gross sales. Dare was second from bottom with \$44,344, and Greene third with \$60,441. Bertie with \$2.70 reported lowest per capita sales.

According to the report, the heaviest drinking was done during winter months.

Group Approves Medical School

New Four-Year School Will Be State Supported—Location Is Debated

Raleigh, Dec. 5.—A State supported four year medical school meeting every requirement of a grade A institution, had the approval today of a special study commission authorized by the 1938 General Assembly, but there was a division in the six-member group as to the location of the proposed school.

Four members of the body—Dr. W. De B. McNider, Dean of the two year medical school at Chapel Hill, T. W. M. Long of Roanoke Rapids, Chairman, Dr. C. C. Carpenter of Wake Forest and Dr. W. M. Copperidge of Durham—said in a "majority" report they believed the school should be established at Chapel Hill.

The other two—O. M. Mull of Shelby and Dr. B. J. Lawrence of Raleigh—attached dissenting statements, explaining that "responsible parties" had promised a large donation from private funds to supplement a State appropriation to build and endow a four-year medical school, "provided the school was built at a designated city in the State."

Neither the parties nor the designated city was named.

"I do not think the location of the medical school at Chapel Hill is of sufficient importance to make it necessary to refuse a large donation which was conditioned upon building the school elsewhere," Mull said. He added that he believed the school should be a unit of the greater university.

The only four-year medical school now in North Carolina is at Duke University.

DO WE NEED A TOBACCO PROGRAM?

COMPARE INCOME BEFORE 1933 WITH INCOME SINCE

YEARS	ACRES	NO PROGRAM				WITH PROGRAM			
		N. C.	U. S.	Millions of Pounds Grown	Millions of Pounds Used	Value in Millions	N. C.	U. S.	Price per Pound
1928	712,400	119,900	493	739	708	\$93	18.9*	17.3*	
1929	729,300	108,570	485	750	735	89	18.5*	18.0*	
1930	768,000	144,200	581	865	774	75	12.9*	12.0*	
1931	688,500	979,500	476	670	597	42	8.8*	8.4*	
1932	462,500	617,500	289	374	565	35	12.1*	11.6*	
1933	667,800	920,600	530	733	646	86	16.1*	15.3*	
1934	486,500	684,200	412	557	567	118	28.6*	27.3*	
1935	612,500	874,000	573	811	693	116	20.3*	20.0*	
1936	591,000	864,500	452	683	671	102	22.5*	22.1*	
1937	662,000	973,300	587	855	784	141	24.0*	23.0*	
1938	625,000	934,000	522	784	?	?	?	?	

* FORECAST-AUGUST, 1938. NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE, STATE COLLEGE, RALEIGH, N. C.

There is no need to elaborate on the above tabulation, says E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer at State College. "These figures tell a story that every blue-eyed tobacco farmer should consider seriously."

before voting in the tobacco referendum December 10," he declared, preceding the program. He also pointed out the rapid increase in the value of North Carolina's tobacco crop since the AAA "Marketing quotas are a necessary control program was begun in 1933 part of this program," Floyd stated and the steady decline in the value of the crop during the five years preceding the program.

Laborer Killed In Shop Accident

Death Of Elderly Negro Apparently Caused By Being Caught In Pulley Belt

Willie Wilson, 59, Negro laborer of 100 Union Street, was instantly killed when caught in the belt of a heating plant fan at the Atlantic Coast Line railroad shops this morning.

Dr. J. G. Baby of Tarboro, Edgecombe county coroner, reported after his investigation that Wilson's death was accidental, resulting from fracture of the skull, chest and left arm caused by being caught by a belt on a pulley.

The Negro was tending the heating plant in the ACL paint shop, and according to employees in the paint shop he was alone when the accident occurred.

Workers around the paint shop reported that shortly after the 7:30 o'clock whistle they heard a noise in the room where the heating fan is located, went in and found the Negro dead. The fan belt had slipped off the six-foot pulley wheel of the heating fan and was jammed around the pulley wheel of the electric motor. Wilson was thrown on the floor near the motor, his head, chest and left arm crushed.

The torn coat of his overalls was lying near the fan pulley wheel and shreds of clothing were found on the wheel which paint shop employees said was still turning when they went in the room and found the body.

Wilson had been working at the ACL shops at intervals for 12 years. He was married, and was a native of Manning county, South Carolina.

The accident was reported to be the first in the ACL shops during the year nearly ended.

SERVICE HELD FOR MRS. BELLE SUITER

Mother Of Local Resident Succumbs At Home Of Daughter

Funeral services for Mrs. Belle Suiter, mother of H. Suiter of this city, were conducted from the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. T. Whitehead, in Weldon yesterday afternoon. Rev. Mr. Robinson, Methodist minister of Weldon, officiated, and burial took place in the family plot in the churchyard at Garysburg.

Mrs. Suiter died at the home of her daughter late Monday. She had been in failing health for about two years, but was seriously ill for only a week before her death. She would have been 95 years old in February.

Survivors include three children, Mrs. W. T. Whitehead of Weldon, A. H. Suiter of Rocky Mount, and W. A. Suiter of Jacksonville, Fla.; and three grand-children, Miss Ola Belle Whitehead of Richmond, Va.; Miss Selma Whitehead of High Point and Herbert Suiter, of Rocky Mount.

Vote For Crop Control

Tomorrow, Saturday, December 10, is election day for the farmers and agricultural interest of North Carolina. We believe from present indications that crop control will be voted in for another year with as great a majority as the last year's vote. President Roosevelt is the first president of the United States in the history of this republic that has ever undertaken to place the government behind agriculture on a par with industry. From the beginning of this republic industry has been subsidized by a high tariff, the amount of which would make the parity and conservation benefits given to the farmer under this administration look like a humming bird by the side of an ostrich. Agriculture is a national problem for when the farmer is weak, the whole nation is weak and the first thing for the farmer to do is to look out for his farm and his family and in doing so he is helping to build the nation. There is no absentee voting, thank God for that, in this election. Let us be sure to vote for crop control tomorrow. Don't forget!

JANITOR OF THE DANIELS BUILDING PASSES

Uncle Watson Sumner, the colored janitor of the Daniels Building for the past 15 years died Wednesday morning after several weeks of illness, having passed his three score and tenth birthday. He had been janitor of the building continuously from the time the building was purchased by the late J. H. Daniels from the First National Bank & Trust Co. and after the death of Mr. Daniels had served as janitor for Mrs. Daniels at this building and at her home. Before moving to Rocky Mount he lived in his native section of Hilliardston, Nash Co., on the farm of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper for 29 years. Practically his entire life was spent in the service of the Cooper family in the country and the Daniels family in Rocky Mount. Honest, dependable, and faithful always; respected by all of the tenants in the Daniels Building, he leaves a family well thought of, having been married twice. His body was taken back to his native section, Hilliardston, for burial. The Herald knew him well and enjoyed his service and we extend our sympathy to his bereaved family.

PEOPLE ANSWER PRESIDENT'S WOULD-BE CRITICS

Some few weeks back it was not uncommon to hear such expressions as "Don't you think the president and his policies are not as popular as they were some time back?" This, however, was not very often asked by those who were liberal Democrats. These questions were answered satisfactorily Monday when President Roosevelt paid a visit to the state and the University of North Carolina speaking before the Students Forum and a crowd of North Carolinians gathered from as far west as the Tennessee line and as far east as the Atlantic Ocean to greet the president even though his visit, by reason of previous engagements, was to be short. The crowd was such that the great gymnasium which holds 10,000 people was filled, the Memorial Hall some distance away crowded and an overflow assembled outside standing in the rain to get a glimpse of the President. It was indeed a great day for the state and for Chapel Hill. The president seemed to be in splendid health and fine form. His speech was received with great enthusiasm by all even though many stood wet and drenched in the rain. From the time the presidential train arrived in Sanford until he again boarded his train in Durham there was continuous applause and greetings all along the way.

Pres. Roosevelt Talks At University of North Carolina

December 5.—Through the pouring rain today, President Roosevelt made a 35 mile motorcade from Sanford to Durham via Pittsboro and Chapel Hill, where President Frank Graham conferred on him the honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

At Sanford the special train bearing Mr. Roosevelt arrived shortly after 2:30 o'clock and was received by a large and cheering throng which had been gathering long before the train was due. Crowds of school children, held back by National Guardsmen, were lining the streets about the station when Governor Hoke arrived with his wife and daughter.

Schools in Sanford were dismissed and stores closed from 2:15 until 2:45 for the big event. Right on time, the special rolled into the station and the President was greeted by Governor Hoke, Dr. Graham, Judge Biggs, and Mayor Williams and Gilmore.

After a demonstration by the people of Sanford, the motorcade started for Chapel Hill in the midst of a pouring rain.

The procession entered Chapel Hill through streets crowded with persons hurrying to the gymnasium. Nearer the gym, the cars slowed to a walking pace and Secret Service guards mounted their customary station on the running boards of the President's car.

Robert Maddy, University president, estimated that there were 10,000 people in the gym, 5,000 in the rain and 2,500 in the Memorial Auditorium listening over loudspeakers, making a total of 17,500.

The President's visit was the cause of the largest array of news camera equipment ever assembled in North Carolina. Six newsreel cameras were trained on the speaker's table and more than a dozen microphones were erected. At the press table were 48 special correspondents and a battery of newspaper photographers. The broadcast was carried over the hook-up to every section of this country and on short wave to foreign countries.

The University band played and the PWA negro choir of Durham and Winston-Salem sang in the PWA-built hall.

After receiving the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, President Roosevelt addressed the assembly. The President first made answer to the charges brought against him through press and radio. These charges, he said, compared him to "an ogre—a consorter with Communists, a destroyer of the rich, a breaker of our ancient traditions." While the audience laughed, he continued, "You think of me perhaps as the inventor of the economic royalist, of the wicked utilities, of the money changers in the temple."

"You have heard for six years that I was about to plunge the nation into war; that you and your little brothers would be sent to the bloody fields of battle in Europe; that I was driving the nation into bank-

ruptcy, and that I breakfasted every morning on a dish of 'grilled millinaire'."

He described himself as a "mild-mannered" practitioner of peace—both domestic and foreign—a believer in the capitalistic system and a devotee of scrambled eggs. The crowd roared laughter and applause. He praised the University as a stronghold of liberalism and expressed his faith in the youth of today carrying on democracy in the future.

ROCKEFELLER ESTATE WORTH \$26,410,837

"Coal Oil Johnny" At One Time Worth A Billion Dollars Had Given Away Bigger Part Of His Immense Fortune During His Lifetime.

A net estate of \$26,410,837—some \$17,000,000 of it in government bonds—was left by John D. Rockefeller, founder of one of the mightiest of all fortunes.

This was disclosed in a transfer tax appraisal—a step legally incident to the collection of taxes—which was filed the past week in New York, and at the same time attorneys estimated that after the payment of federal and state levies the estate would amount to some \$10,000,000.

In all the securities left by the capitalist there was but a single \$48.94 share of stock of the vast Standard Oil enterprise which he had fashioned many years ago.

Rockefeller's holdings' once were estimated at close to \$1,000,000,000, but in the last years of his long life—he was 97 when he died 18 months ago—he had confined his activities substantially to giving away vast sums. To the world's philanthropic agencies he had donated \$530,830,000.

In addition, he had settled money on his descendants, feeling, as he explained in his will, that it was "wise to place upon my children the responsibility of owning and administering substantial sums."

With this explanation the lawyer heirs already had been given, he left almost the whole of the remaining estate in the hands of his daughter, Mrs. Margaret Spruill De Cuvas, the wife of a prominent lawyer who maintains an American home in Lakewood, N. J.; her two children and the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., received personal and household effects worth \$83,678.

The probable share of New York state in the fortune was put at \$4,616,467 and of the federal government at \$12,245,000.

Debts listed included an item of 58 cents for cloth bought before Rockefeller's death May 23, 1937, at his winter home in Florida.

GARDEN CLUBS OF STATE PLAN ANNUAL CHRISTMAS EXHIBITS

Rocky Mount Club Plans Exhibit December 16; Raleigh Exhibits On Wednesday

Garden clubs of North Carolina are perfecting plans for annual Christmas meetings and exhibits of appropriate mantel and table appointments for the Yuletide season, the local club among them.

The Rocky Mount club has arranged an exhibit for Thursday of next week, December 16, in the Braswell auditorium of the Thomas Hackney Braswell Memorial library, and will display wreaths and other decorations for dining table and other home arrangement, Christmas

candies and cakes. Suggestions for wrapping and decorating packages will also be a feature of the exhibit, Mrs. J. R. Bennett, president of the local club has announced.

Plans for the local exhibit are being arranged by the program and exhibit committees. Miss Kate Arrington is chairman of the former, and Mrs. W. W. Bulluck of the exhibit committee. The exhibits will be open in the afternoon and evening, and club members will be admitted by card. The general public is invited to attend, but will be charged a small admission fee, in accordance with stipulated rules of the club.

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