

## Who Is Responsible For This Depression?

Micro Man and Former Representative From Johnston County in State Legislature Tells of Efforts Made To Place Rim Road Around Johnston County—Wants Square Dealing In Politics, Etc.

As a tax payer and citizen of this county, I will try to give my honest opinion through the columns of the Johnstorian-Sun.

We as citizens of this great commonwealth, are too easy to forget the past events that have happened to our county, state and nation. But as one who loves our state and nation, believes in fairness in our political obligations the same as those who participate in our church affairs. No office seeker, it matters not which party he affiliates with, is worthy of the support of good citizens unless he or she has the best interest of the people at heart.

I, as one who was a Representative in the State Legislature from this great county of our in 1925, had a hard task as I tried in the behalf of the people to see that no tax payer in Johnston county should be burdened with any more bond issues or higher taxes than we already had. At that session there was introduced a bill to have constructed a Rim Road extending all around the county and through the county that would have cost the tax payers of this county hundreds of thousands of dollars, without a vote of the people. I was asked to put through this bill, known as the Rim Road Bill, without the voters' consent, and I plainly told the gentleman who asked me to do this, that I wanted the citizens of Johnston county to have a chance at the ballot box to decide that question and then whatever the result might be that I was willing to abide.

Mr. Tax Payer, what happened then? I introduced an amendment to this bill to have it submitted to the voters of this county—not the Republican Party—but the tax payers, and when it reached the Senate the whole thing was killed there. Who stood by me in that struggle to defeat that bill?—Good, honest Republicans and Democrats as well, and their loyal support I'll never forget.

In North Carolina and in our nation as well, too much political prejudice has been one of our greatest curses to good citizenship and the upbuilding of our commonwealth.

Now, who is to blame for high taxes and mortgaged homes in our county and state? Let's see: This is one question that has been asked among our best citizens.

Mr. Tax Payer, have you forgotten several years ago that our people, or lots of them, had a bond and special tax fever on them once or twice each year when it was a bond election or special tax election for schools or good roads, and practically all of them were carried. That raised our taxes on our farms and homes until we had piled up a burden on ourselves until we've got to the place we cannot pay. What has happened? Taxpayers' homes and farms are being sold for taxes. Now we are hollering out for help, trying to shift that burden off of our shoulders to big corporations, and every time we are successful in doing this, they add a little more to their manufactured product and hand it back to the consumer to pay. So in view of these things, it is time to stop issuing bonds and levying such high taxes and catch up—if there is such a thing.

I am one who likes to see improvements along educational lines, but I am not in favor of going to such extremes as to bring reproach upon the good citizenship of our great county and state. Much criticism has been heaped upon our national administration, but if we voters here in North Carolina will just clean up our own state of corruption then it will be time to criticize others. Some of our political enemies are stumping the county and state trying to mislead the people, saying nothing has been done to help the farmers. They know in their own hearts there has been more relief from the Federal Government to the farmers during the present administration than has ever been since William McKinley succeeded Cleveland and broke the panic of 1896. Farmers have secured money from the government to buy their fertilizers in 1932, otherwise they could not have bought any.

Now what do our Democratic office seekers propose to do to relieve this depression? Every promise that any human can make. I, for one, can remember Woodrow Wilson's first term. It was the cry then: "Merchants buy a bale of cotton". A delegation of southern cotton growers from the south even sent to Washington to try to get help from the Federal Government. What was the answer? "Go back home and raise your hog and hominy". No relief whatever until the World's greatest war. Then our produce began to rise to the highest peak in history. What was the slogan when Charles E. Hughes and Wilson were running for President? "A vote for Hughes meant slaughtering your sons in that bloody European struggle; but vote for Woodrow Wilson and keep your sons at home, peace and prosperity."

Now, Mr. Voter, what happened a short time after that I'll not answer that, but you good citizens of this county and nation know the result.

I have no prejudice against any good, honest Democrat, for it is essential to have two political parties. It's the ideal thing to have, and when each party nominates their men in their conventions and primaries they should select the best men and women they have, and then elect them if possible, and then stand by them and hold them up as far as lies within their power.

The absentee law we have in this state is rotten from start to finish. It gives the political crook too many chances to vote men and women who are not legal voters. I am in favor of all white voters who are properly registered to vote as their conscience directs them, but heretofore I am in position to know that some have voted by absentee vote who knew nothing about it.

Now, Mr. Voter, is that good, honest citizenship? I say it is corrupt, and God isn't pleased at such. Honest citizenship, it matters not what their political affiliations are, should come together as men and work in our elections as spotless as possibly can be; and then when the election is over uphold our officials' hands.

I was born in this county and have been a citizen of this county all my life, and my political dealings with my Democratic friends have been fair and honest and it has been my pleasure to see each voter, it matters not what party he affiliates with, cast their vote impartially because it is the duty as patriotic citizens. But, Mr. Voter, it is not so in every instance on election day. It is natural for each person to work for the interest of his or her party. But say, Mr. Voter, with all sincerity to everybody, each voter should cast his vote as he desires and let it be counted as cast, and not try to debauch the moral and spiritual souls by the use of intoxicants, as is too often done by many unscrupulous politicians. Then let those who criticize Hoover by those damnable Hoover cart parades should remember when Grover Cleveland was President and you had no Hoover carts to ride on, but on your naked feet, and millions of men, women and children were starving. Children asked for bread but received a stone bruise on their feet from tramping the American soil.

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## A Record Which Goes Unchallenged

The Johnstorian-Sun desires to call the reader's attention to a statement from The Branch Banking & Trust Company appearing in this issue as of September 30, 1932, which shows a soundness which can not be judiciously challenged. Their holdings in United States Bonds alone totals two millions, seventy-five thousand dollars, and other bonds totalling almost half a million dollars; while in cash and due from banks their holdings were over a million and a half dollars.

They showed a surplus of two hundred thousand dollars and undivided profits of over seventy-one thousand dollars. This looks like mighty sound banking, depression or no depression.

You might look over their statement as it appears in full.

## T. R. On Hearst; Hearst On F. R.

(San Francisco Chronicle  
Sept. 28, 1932)

The Hearst menace is no joke, though there are plenty of jokes about it.

One of them was inadvertently perpetrated by a Hearst cartoonist, who depicts a straw man proclaiming itself, "It's Roosevelt." It certainly is—Hearst's straw man.

Another is the semi-pun word going the rounds. "Times are bad, but they might be Hearst."

With Hearst's discovery, Garner, the Democratic candidate for vice President, with Franklin Roosevelt nominated for president by a Hearst deal; with William G. McAdoo, Hearst's agent in putting over that deal nominated for Senator, and with all of them going out of their way to show themselves conspicuously with Hearst, the power behind the throne is only too visible.

The main menace of Hearst is his policies. These have been discussed before and will be discussed again. For the present, it will be interesting, in the light of these alliances to recall what Theodore Roosevelt thought of Hearst, and what Hearst said he thought of Franklin Roosevelt.

On November 1, 1906, when Hearst was running for Governor of New York, Elihu Root, then Secretary of State, delivered a speech at Utica, New York, in which, at President Roosevelt's request, and on his own express authority, he told the people what Theodore Roosevelt thought of Hearst.

"I say to you, with President Roosevelt's authority," Mr. Root said, "that he regard Mr. Hearst as wholly unfit to be Governor; as an insincere, self-seeking demagogue who is trying to deceive the working men of New York by false statements and false promises; and I say to you, with his authority, that he considers that Mr. Hearst's election would be an injury and a discredit to honest labor and to honest capital and a serious injury in the work in which he is engaged of enforcing just and equal laws against corporations' wrong doing."

"President Roosevelt," Mr. Root added, "and Mr. Hearst stand as far as the poles asunder."

He then quoted from President Roosevelt's message, in which, referring to the assassin of President McKinley, he spoke of him as

"Inflamed by reckless utterances of those who, on the stump and in the public press, appeal to the dark and evil spirit of greed, envy and sullen hatred. The wind is sown by those who preach such doctrines, and they cannot escape the responsibility for the whirlwind that is reaped. This applies alike to the deliberate demagogue, to the exploiters of sensationalism, and to the crude and foolish visionary who, for whatever reason, apologizes for crime or excites aimless licentiousness."

"I say," Secretary Root continued, "by the President's authority, that in penning those words, with horror of President McKinley's murder fresh before him, he had Mr. Hearst specifically in mind. And I say, by his authority, that what he thought of Mr. Hearst then he thinks of Mr. Hearst now."

There was much more, some of it even bitter and more personal but these are the only paragraphs in the speech separately and expressly stated to be on President Roosevelt's direct authority.

So much for Theodore Roosevelt on Hearst.

How about Hearst on Franklin Roosevelt?

On January 21 of this year, Mr. Hearst, over his own signature wrote:

"I must say frankly that if Mr. Roosevelt is not willing to make public declaration of his change of heart, and wants only to make his statement to me privately, I Would Not Believe Him."

This referred to Governor Roosevelt's abjuration, which promptly and adjetly followed, of his loyalty to the principles of Woodrow Wilson.

On May 2 of this year, Hearst papers said:

"They—the Democratic leaders—believe the nomination of Roosevelt would make certain the reelection of President Hoover. Of these two men they accord Hoover more credit for firmness of character, sincerity of conviction, honesty of political principles, and superior adminis-

## To The People of Selma and Community

Your committee who has in charge the funds for the unemployment of the community is desirous that it should be used in the best way possible and that it shall benefit the largest number of needy people. In this work we desire the hearty cooperation of the entire community.

Any suggestion which anyone has to offer will be gladly received and given due consideration. This applies to the men who are at work and the work that is being done.

We are not permitted to use these men on private property, but if you have any work to do around your premises, let us furnish you help.

This may be done by calling the mayor's office and telling us the kind of work you desire done and we will send you a suitable person for it. We have some women registered. If anyone could use them we would appreciate it.

Any money spent in this way and any material bought in order to give these people work can be credited as a contribution from the community to this cause.

Committee:  
W. W. Hare,  
Miss Margaret Etheridge,  
L. T. Singleton.

## Lee Store Putting On Big Bargain Sale

What should prove to be of interest to the people of this trade territory, is the big Bargain Sale just launched by Mr. E. F. Proctor, owner of the Lee Store here.

Mr. Proctor is a real business man who has enough business initiative to understand that "A Bird in the Hand is Worth Two in a Bush", and that a dollar's worth of merchandise sold is worth two dollars' worth lying idle on his shelves unsold. If the readers of the Johnstorian-Sun will look over the big page advertisement of the Lee Store in this issue, they will better understand what we are talking about. Look up this ad and see if there is not something that appeals to you.

## Tobacco Selling High At Planters Warehouse

Mr. Dixon Wallace, of the Planters Warehouse in Smithfield, says that tobacco is selling just as high on the floor of the Planters as it is on any market. Mr. Wallace has purchased a large advertising space in the Johnstorian-Sun to give a few of the prices received by different people at recent sales at the Planters. Look up this ad and be your own judge.

## Death Claims Mrs. J. David Crumpler

A very sad death occurred near Pine Level early Saturday morning when Mrs. David Crumpler succumbed to an attack of erysipelas. Mrs. Crumpler's illness started two weeks prior to her death, with a small pimple on her lip, which gradually grew worse until a physician was called in and it was lanced. Instead of showing improvement, it grew rapidly worse until she passed away early Saturday morning, October 22. Surviving are her husband, two children, Madrid, age 13, and James, age 9; her mother, three brothers and six sisters, and Miss Dora Wiggs. She was a faithful member of the Free Will Baptist church of Pine Level. The funeral was conducted at the home Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock by her pastor, Rev. S. H. Styron of Pine Level, assisted by Rev. J. H. Worley of Selma.

Interment took place in the Wiggs burial ground near Pine Level.

Andrew J. Holliday Gets Distinct Honor

Mr. A. J. Holliday, Cashier of the Branch Banking & Trust Co., has received a letter from Mr. W. J. Broadwell, member of Group No. 4, Public Education Committee of North Carolina, Durham, N. C., telling him of his selection to represent Johnston County and make talks about the practical side of banking in the high schools of the county.

This is quite a distinctive honor, since Mr. Holliday has been picked for this place from among other bankers of the county who are prominent in banking circles.

Major Mitchell Re-Captured.

Major Mitchell is again in the Johnston county jail, having been re-arrested at Fort Bragg Thursday night of last week.

## Business Session of Selma Kiwanis Club

The local Kiwanis club met last Thursday evening with a good attendance. Kiwanian Singleton, who is assisting Mayor Hare and Miss Margaret Etheridge in supervising the work of the unemployed, reported that after two or three days of strenuous work they had finally perfected an organization and that the work was being done in a systematic way and only those who needed work most were given employment.

Matt Wall reported that practice for the entertainment which will be put on by the Kiwanis Club will begin Monday night. He said that a fine entertainment was being planned.

Parson Waddell rendered a vocal solo, assisted on the piano by Miss Ellen Singleton. This was very much enjoyed.

Charlie Scales, "Star" Harper and Andrew Holliday have been appointed to attend the Carolinas district meeting to be held at Columbia, S. C., next month.

## A MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE.

Smith & Cameron has something to tell the readers of this paper in this issue. This is one of Selma's most progressive stores and from time to time makes its bow to the public in these columns. You always receive courteous treatment and a cordial welcome at Smith & Cameron's.

## Sees New Cabinet Post For Al Smith

New York, Oct. 22.—The New York World-Telegram in a copy-right dispatch from Ray Tucker, its Washington correspondent, says that "a new cabinet post to be filled by Alfred E. Smith will be created by Governor Roosevelt if he is elected. "It was learned to-day" says the dispatch, "that the Democratic nominee already has discussed his plan to name the popular New Yorker, provided he will accept, to an office in which he can utilize his ability in handling federal finances and reorganizing government departments. Mr. Smith under the plan, would be a combination of budgetary, officer and federal coordinator."

Next Sunday being the 5th Sunday, there will be preaching services at the following places:

1. Mizpah—11:00 A. M. This will be a Communion Service.
2. Oak Grove—3:00 P. M. This also will be a Communion Service. All those who love the Lord and have expressed that love by uniting with some branch of His church will be invited to gather together with us at His Table. May God's richest blessings attend us there.
3. Selma—7:30 P. M.—Special music will be furnished by Profs. George Grove and Jimmie Jarroon, both members of the Faculty of the Smithfield School. This music will be illustrated by Ballopticon slides. This will be a very interesting service for all. Come and bring your friends. Make yourself at home with us.
4. Junior Church—6:30 P. M.—All young people please be there on time. There will be a number of interesting things to come up that you will want to know about. The Halloween Social will be one item of discussion. What and where shall it be? Bring any that you know of who haven't been with us recently. Let's make the coming programs from now until Christmas the very finest we have ever had.

## A COMMENDABLE ACT.

The erection of two large signs across Highway 22 to the approach on the north and on the south of the Town of Selma by our townsman Mr. C. P. Harper, calling the traveler's attention to Selma's payroll and bidding a welcome among us, is a very commendable act.

Thousands of tourists pass this way each year who might never recognize Selma as anything more than a forgotten little village with only a few hundred people residing here with no special advantages at all. When they read this sign they are bound to get a better impression of the town, and who knows but some of them will be sufficiently attracted that they will begin to investigate and may ultimately become one of us and add other needed enterprises to our town and thereby enlarge our weekly payroll.

One thing is certain—it pays to advertise.

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## Chautauqua To Visit Smithfield Next Week

The United Chautauqua is scheduled to be in Smithfield during the days of November 1, 2 and 3, at the school auditorium.

Tickets will range as follows: Adult season tickets, good for six performances, will be \$1.50. Season tickets for high school students will be 75 cents, and for all children below high school, 50 cents.

A very unique entertainment is scheduled for the opening day—Pamahasika's Society Circus. Forty performing animals including Australian cockatoos, Brazilian macaws, Arabian doves, Japanese pigeons, Canary birds, cats, dogs, monkeys and pony, appeals to old and young.

Bob Briggs, a cartoonist and individual entertainer will also be on the first day's program.

"Smilin' Thru", a play of heart throbs, smiles and tears, of romance and youthful lovers, will constitute the second evening's program.

The third day has three attractions. In the afternoon the Junior pageant, "In Story Book Land," and also the American Glee Club, four snappy boys noted for their ensemble singing and bell ringing. This glee club appears also in the evening, when Sam Grathwell, delivers a challenging lecture that stimulates courage and community betterment.

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## Special Program At Presbyterian Church

Profs. Jarroon and Grove To Render Special Music At Evening Service Next Sunday.

Mr. Jarroon, who is perhaps the best Trumpet Player in the State, will render two special numbers at the Presbyterian Church next Sunday night; accompanied by Prof. Grove at the piano. These numbers will be illustrated by Ballopticon slides. This will be a very interesting service for all. Come and bring your friends with you.

We are certainly fortunate in being able to have these two splendid musicians for this service.

PASTOR.