



SENATOR JORDAN

REPORTS

From WASHINGTON

Washington — Last week I was among a group of members of Congress who called on Under Secretary of State Dillon concerning the proposed increases in tariffs on tobacco entering the six European nations which make up the so-called European Common Market.

These six nations — France, Italy, Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg, and Germany—have announced intentions to place a 30 per cent ad valorem duty on all tobacco, including American tobacco. Should these intentions be carried out, it would mean that the proposed tariffs would be about three times as high as the existing average duties. This could bring about very grave problems for American tobacco. Our tobacco already brings premium prices, and to establish duties on an ad valorem basis—that is, duties based on value rather than on weight or volume—would mean that tariffs on American tobacco would be much higher than the duties on cheaper tobacco. This, of course, would threaten many of our major European markets, and there is no doubt that it would slow down European sales of American tobacco. Along with Senators Cooper and Morton of Kentucky, I requested the meeting with Under Secretary Dillon. I was greatly pleased with the attitude he took toward our problem.

Secretary Dillon assured us that every effort would be made to have adjustments made in the proposals. It was pointed out that farmers in past years have been the strongest advocates of reciprocal trade agreements negotiated through the GATT Organization (General Agreement on Tariffs & Trade). Should the European Common Market countries carry through with their proposed action, it would mean that the concept of reciprocal trade would be given a serious blow as it has operated in the past.

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Home Ec Teachers Meet In Edenton

The Albemarle home economics teachers' organization met in the Home Economics department of Edenton High School Thursday of last week. The program for the day, "Newer Techniques in Clothing, Textiles and Guidance," was presented by Frances Newby and Mary Ann

Combs, who attended summer session at Woman's College in Greensboro last summer and studied these topics. They presented several new ideas in methods of teaching clothing construction and textiles in the high school classroom. These methods were based on the Edna B. Bishop method of clothing construction. In guidance, ways of solving classroom problems were discussed.

Evelyn Willey, president, presided at the meeting. Hostesses were Mary Ann Combs and Eleanor Tetterton.

Attending the meeting were: Carolyn Brinkley of Plymouth High, with her student teachers, Margaret Harris and Annette Alcox of East Carolina College; Mary Ann Combs, Columbia High; Eleanor Tetterton, Creswell High; Lucy Kittrell, Sunbury High; Edna Reaves, Edenton High; Ernestine Nichols, Elizabeth City High; Marguerite Foster, Weeksville High; Margaret Bray, Moyock High; Helen Larabee, Central High; Frances Newby, Perquimans High, and Evelyn B. Willey, Gatesville High.

Re-advertise For Bids For Dredging At Oregon Inlet

The State Highway Department has re-advertised for bids on the dredging of the ferryboat channel across Oregon Inlet between Nags Head and Hatteras Island. Bids will be opened in Raleigh today (Thursday).

An earlier advertisement resulted in only one bid for \$84,000, which was considerably over engineering estimates and was rejected by the Commission at its April 1st meeting.

At that time, several members of the Commission voiced concern over any delay in deepening the Oregon Inlet channel for normal ferryboat operations.



LITTLE NIPPER—It looks as if this London zoo keeper has a painful surprise in store with a cuddly Syrian bear cub apparently ready to take a nip out of him. But the baby bear, only a few weeks old, was only kidding.

However, the Commission said it could not approve the excessive bid. Department engineers were instructed by the Commission to re-advertise the dredging at the earliest possible moment and to award the bid as soon as contractor prices had been received.

That Explains Everything

When Jones met his old

friend, Smith, whom he hadn't seen in six months, he was shocked by his altered appearance. His face looked haggard, his eyes held a glossy stare, and the way his clothes draped his frame spoke eloquently of a considerable weight loss.

"Good heavens, man!" Jones exclaimed, "have you been ill?" "No," Smith answered, wearily; "but my wife is on a reducing diet."

Rising Economy Is Contributing To Family Formation

Economic and Financial Factors Dominant Influence

An insight into the beneficial influence of a sustained and widely-diffused period of prosperity, such as the United States has enjoyed for the past two decades, on family formation and consequent population growth is shown in data compiled by the U. S. Bureau of the Census.

Two basic facts that stand out from the figures are the steady increase in the proportion of persons who marry, and a decided decrease in the average age at first marriage, particularly among men. Both are long-term trends, evident in Census compilations since before the turn of the century; but in both cases the gains in the last two decades, from the beginning of the Forties, are as great as in the previous half century going back to 1890.

Growth of Jobs

While recognizing the social and other factors in family formation, the Census Bureau points up the fundamental role of the widening of job opportunities in our growing economy by emphasizing the importance of increased prosperity and of greater job security behind the

trend. It also notes the role of the working wife in marriages at younger ages.

In a parallel development, economic and financial factors have likewise been a dominant influence on the living habits of individuals as distinct from family groups, reflected in the marked growth in the number of persons either maintaining a home of their own or with others unrelated to them. Individuals now represent one out of every seven households in the United States, a record proportion.

Over the long view, the proportion of males 14 years old and over who are married increased from 52 per cent in 1890 to 70 per cent in 1950. The increase for women was relatively not as great, the proportion rising from 55 per cent in 1890 to 66 per cent in 1950.

The median age at first marriage has also shown a long-term decline, and more for men than women. Last year the male who took his first nuptial vows had a median age of 22.3 years against 26.1 years for his counterpart in 1890, a decline of practically four years. For women the median age at first marriage was 20.2 years in 1950 as against 22 years in 1890, a difference of almost two years.

The Bachelor Story

With all these changes, however, the bachelor is still far from a vanishing species. The figures show 14 1/2 million single males in March of last year. Of these 7 1/2 million were under 20, and another 2 1/2 million were between 20 and 24. This leaves 5 million single men 25 and over, more than one out of every ten males in the mature



HELD AS KILLER—Dennis Whitley, 17, of North Hollywood, Calif., has confessed to seven murders in his travels from the West Coast to Florida. Three of the slayings were in the Miami area where Whitley was apprehended. Here is Dennis as he appeared before reporters at Dade County sheriff's office.

ages.

Actually, the Census Bureau rates only about 2 1/4 million men as confirmed bachelors. These are the single men between 35 and 64, representing about 8 per cent of all men in these ages. Here a relationship between income, education and marital status is discernible. The great majority of the bachelors between 35 and 64 earn less than \$4,000 a year, and the influence of the income factor on marital status is especially apparent among the college graduates in this age group.

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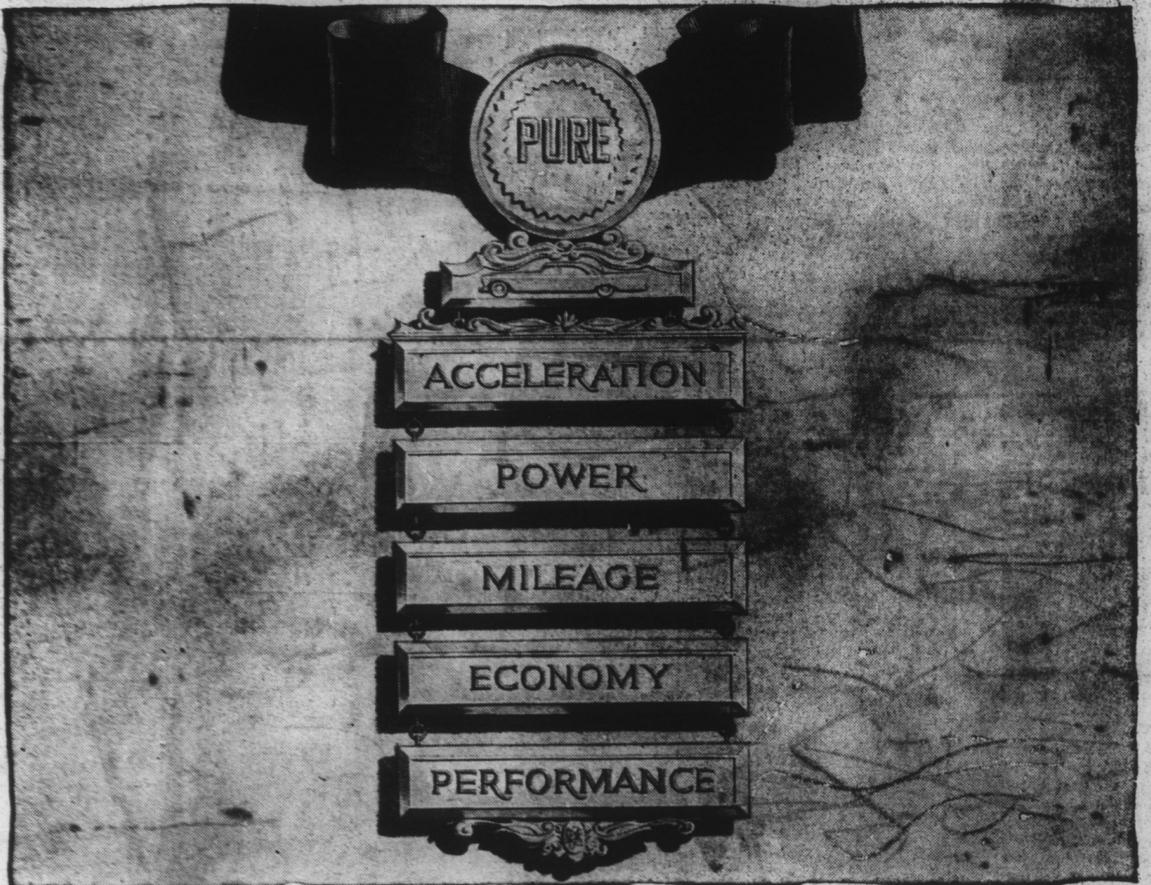
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