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WHAT IS TAKING PLACE BY

Robert R. Reynolds, UNITED STATES SENATOR

Whatever may be said for or against relief expenditures by the Federal Government, there is ample evidence that the projects undertaken have been extremely beneficial to states and communities. It is only necessary to review the relief program in North Carolina to find this evidence. Unfortunately, perhaps too much stress has been laid on expenditures rather than the benefits gained.

Up to the first of October last, more than \$36,000,000 was spent on 2,472 W. P. A. projects in North Carolina. These projects include highways, roads and streets, public buildings, parks and recreational facilities, conservation work, sewer systems and other utilities, airports and a variety of others.

It is estimated that up to November 75,850,718 hours of employment were given to North Carolinians and their earnings amounted to approximately \$20,000,000. During the latter part of February 28,804 persons were receiving W. P. A. work in the state and it is planned to increase these rolls during March by about 5,500 workers.

Naturally, all concerned with the work-relief program are hopeful that the time will come when business and industry can provide employment for those now on the W. P. A. rolls. The Federal Government can do much to bring this time nearer by encouraging business expansion through sound taxation policies and cooperating with private enterprises. But so long as we continue to have widespread unemployment, some form of relief activity may be anticipated.

The so-called white collar projects, designed to employ professional technical and clerical workers, such as teachers, architects and nurses, constitute less than ten per cent of the projects in North Carolina. Thirty-two per cent of the projects have been in connection with the building of highways, roads, streets and public buildings. The procedure has been for projects proposed to be reviewed by district and state W. P. A. administrators and then in the W. P. A. offices here in Washington before the projects are finally approved.

There is much reason for the belief that the pending tax bill will have an important effect on W. P. A. activities. If the undistributed and capital gains taxes now in effect are preventing business and industry from expanding and creating new jobs, as business and industrial leaders say, repeal or drastic modification of these levies should prove helpful. The result may be new fields of employment and less need for relief expenditures.

It is certainly significant that W. P. A. employment during the week ending October 30, 1937, was 18,842 or nearly 10,000 below employment during the last week of February, this year. And as has already been stated, March will see a further increase in the relief rolls in North Carolina. As a result, all members of Congress are watching the economic trends with the hope that spring will bring a decided upturn in business activity and employment.

Judging by the chatter of present day politicians, we are left to believe that Thomas Jefferson, founder of the Democratic Party, failed to have the original platform copyrighted.

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Study Super Highway Proposal



WASHINGTON, D. C. . . . A subcommittee of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee studies the Bulkley Super Highway bill which provides for the building of two billion dollar's worth of super highways, two transcontinental and four North-to-South routes, as an aid to unemployment and the national defense. The high-speed motor roads would be self liquidating. Left to right: Senator John G. Townsend, Jr., Senator Herbert E. Hitchcock, Senator Robert J. Bulkley, sponsor of the bill; Senator Prentiss M. Brown and Senator William G. McAdoo.

ROW OVER FARM CONTROL SPLITS FRANKLIN MEETING

William W. Neal Calls New Crop Bill 'Mulatto Brother of Old AAA'

By JACK RILEY.
(Staff Correspondent, News-Observer)

Louisburg, March 5.—A bitter attack on the proposed farm control bill here today broke up a meeting of 200 farmers who had assembled to hear H. A. Patten of the State College extension service explain the measure.

After Patten had given a detailed explanation of the proposed method of limiting marketing of cotton and tobacco, William W. Neal of Franklin County bombarded the speaker with questions and finally broke into a wild tirade against production control. One farmer shouted, "Shut up." Another yelled, "Sit down." Neal attempted to quiet the audience, but failed. County Agent E. J. Morgan pleaded with the growers to give every man a chance to express himself. Neal, however, drew immediate reaction as he recommenced.

A lean, red-faced farmer asked him, "Are you a farmer?" Neal replied that he was. "Well, if all we farmers were like you, wouldn't it be a shame and disgrace?" the farmer shouted. Neal took his seat temporarily.

When he resumed his argument, another grower asked him, "Did you make any money in 1937, '32 and '33?" Neal admitted that he didn't. "Did you make any money in 1934 and since then?" the questioner continued. Neal said he did make some money in those years. "Well, what are you kicking about now?" was the retort.

Sentiment Divided
Most of the farmers walked out before the opponent of the measure had finished speaking. Neal, however, had some following. Three men shook his hand and congratulated him after the crowd had dispersed.

The opposition to the bill was based on the fact that growers do not know the content of the bill. Neal attacked the Department of

Agriculture, the State College extension service and county agents in general for not providing farmers with copies of the bill.

He called it an "atrocity" and "the mulatto brother of the old AAA."

Patten explained that sufficient copies of the bill to go around had not been printed in Washington and that extension workers were holding county-wide meetings for the purpose of giving farmers a simpler understanding of the measure than they would obtain from the legislative phraseology of the law itself. Explanatory bulletins furnished by the U. S. Department of Agriculture were distributed to the farmers present.

County and community committees of Nash and Franklin counties met here this morning to receive instructions from Mr. Patten on holding the cotton and tobacco referendum March 12.

County Agent Morgan said he believed Franklin County would favor the marketing quotas by a majority of 80 to 85 per cent. County Agent J. S. Sugg of Nashville said, "From all appearances, Nash County's majority for the bill will be 90 per cent of the voting growers."

Mindful of the need for home-grown fresh fruit, Edgecombe landowners have been increasing the planting of fruit trees this winter.

WORK. A violent exercise indulged in by a few silly folks who have never heard of government relief or subsidy. It is often illustrated by a man holding a pickaxe high above his head as though he were in the act of striking something. However, he never does. This is the most abused word in the English language.

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One acre tobacco yields 1,000 lbs. One pound sells for 25c. 1,000 lbs. sells for \$250.

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"If you must plant a money crop," summarizes the Carolina Co-operator, "why not the hen crop, which is edible. Eggs and chickens are good to taste and very nourishing, and an excellent money crop to boot."

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