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"If the choice were left to me whether to have a free press or a free government, I would choose a free press."—Thomas Jefferson.

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## POPULATION DATA

### CITIES AND TOWNS

Salisbury	16,951	Gold Hill	156
Spencer	3,129	Granite Quarry	507
E. Spencer	2,098	Rockwell	696
China Grove	1,258	Faith	431
Landis	1,388	Kannapolis	13,912

### TOWNSHIPS

Atwell	2,619	Morgan	1,327
China Grove	8,990	Mt. Ulla	1,389
Cleveland	1,445	Providence	2,589
Franklin	2,246	Salisbury	25,153
Gold Hill	2,642	S. Irish	1,251
Litaker	2,562	Steele	1,142
Locke	1,904	Unity	1,406
ROWAN COUNTY		56,665	

## THE LINDBERGH TRAGEDY

The most shocking tragedy in American history since the assassination of President McKinley, thirty-one years ago, is the ruthless murder of the Lindbergh baby, by the fiends who stole the infant from its crib and, apparently, killed the little boy and hid his body in the woods when they found themselves pursued.

We can imagine no crime worse than this. Nothing could be more shocking, nothing could so move the hearts of the whole world to pity for the little one whose life had hardly begun, to tearful sympathy with his beloved young parents and to stern and righteous anger at the perpetrators of this foul deed.

To the gallant "Lone Eagle" and his no less heroic young wife, Anne, we can only say that we know that we speak for every one of our readers in trying inadequately to express our heartfelt sympathy. We know that they will bear up bravely, for both of them have proved that they are of the stuff of which heroes are made. It is the very irony of fate that to them, who merited nothing but happiness, should have occurred a tragedy so awful that for the rest of their lives they must live in its shadow. There is, perhaps, a small measure of consolation in the news that the little cradle will not long be empty, but the memory of their murdered firstborn will tug forever at their heartstrings.

But there is an aspect to this crime which touches not the Lindbergh family alone, but every one of us in these United States of America. This murder of a child is the crowning climax of the wave of lawlessness, of unpunished and reckless crime which has been sweeping over our country in a swelling flood since the war. It has aroused public indignation to a pitch to which it has never been before aroused, and we hope that this great outpouring of public indignation may find concrete expression in a stern determination to put an end once and for all to wholesale lawlessness and immunity for criminals.

It is a simple statement of fact that the responsibility for the kidnaping and murder of the Lindbergh baby lies at the door of every citizen who has permitted, without protest, the criminal element to defy the law, to corrupt public officials charged with the enforcement of law, and to mock at the law-abiding. It lies at the door of every lawyer who has connived to obtain the acquittal of a known criminal. It lies at the door of every judge who has given convicted offenders light sentences or has suspended sentence altogether. It lies at the door of every sheriff, every constable, every police officer who has fallen short in his duty of relentless pursuit of criminals and suppression of crime.

No more terrific indictment of an entire nation can be drawn than our indictment by the rest of the civilized world, which today looks upon the United States of America as the paradise of the criminal and upon our people as the most cowardly and supine race, in the face of outrageous lawlessness, to be found upon the face of the globe.

We hope that out of the death of a little child may spring a flaming spirit which will fire the American people, not to vengeance but to relentless determination to set our house in order, to give known criminals no quarter, to bring before the bar of justice every one who has connived with criminals to evade and escape the law, and so to put our country back into the list of civilized nations.

We call upon our public authorities, from the President of the United States to the most remote town constable, to make the suppression of crime and lawlessness the chief aim of their office from now on, and we promise them that, in taking the most drastic means at their command to clean the cesspools of crime, they will have the hearty and unhesitating support of every good citizen. And, at the same time, we warn them that unless speedy evidence is given that the long arm of the law has not yet in America lost its power, those responsible for its execution, who fail in their duty, will face an aroused popular indignation which will put a speedy and effective end to their careers.

We heartily approve and endorse the declaration by the President of the United States that this crime must be kept "a live and never-to-be-forgotten case, never to be relaxed until those criminals are implacably brought to justice." But it must not end there.

It will not suffice merely to find and to punish the murders of little Charlie Lindbergh. The times, and the temper of the American people, demand that the pursuit of criminals and the extirpation of crime, of defiant criminals and of organized crime, shall never be relaxed until none shall dare to affront the majesty of the law and to drag the fair name of America into the dust.

There should be no plea for mercy in this case. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my children ye have done it unto Me." That is the stern denunciation of the Lindbergh murderers which has come down to us through the ages. And if, as a result of the indignant public feeling which this crime has aroused, there should be a restoration of our country to its historic state of law and order, then we may again quote from the same inspired and sacred source:

"And a little child shall lead them."

## HOOVER ADMINISTRATION, DAILY, \$5,000,000 OVER INCOME

In a recent radio address on the subject of "Taxes and Appropriations," Senator C. C. Dill, of Washington state, declared at the outset that "the cause of high taxes is big government expenditures."

In the last five years, he said, the incomes of the people decreased from seventy-five billion to fifty billions of dollars. Asserting that government expenditures during this period should have been reduced or at the worst should have continued the same, he gave the following table of increased expenditures by the government from 1927 to 1932:

Departments	1927	1932 (Est.)
	In millions	In millions
Army and Navy	\$678	\$861
Interior	59	91
Commerce	31	54
Treasury	131	312
Agriculture	156	333
Justice	24	53
P. O. deficit	28	195
Veterans	391	784

The average increase for all departments, Senator Dill said, for the last five years was 63 per cent., or a total increase of \$1,231,000,000.

"A Republican Congress passed all of these appropriation bills; a Republican President signed them, and Republican cabinet members spent the money," he declared.

After calling attention to the deficits of \$900,000,000 last year and \$2,000,000,000 this year, with the prospect of \$3,000,000,000 next year unless expenditures are cut and new taxes provided, he pointed out that right now expenditures are \$5,000,000 a day more than the revenues.

Senator Dill closed by saying:

"When we have a President and a Congress who will make money plentiful, the people will have confidence again in the business of the country. When we tear down tariff walls and establish a basis of exchange so that our money is on a basis of value equal to the money of other nations, we shall have world trade again. Until these changes can be brought about, the best thing to do is to reduce the government expenditures and avoid new taxes."

## What Chance Has the Fox?

By Albert T. Reid



## THE WATCHMAN TOWER

To the 'Holders of Building and Loan Securities:

The sound condition of the building and loan association in Salisbury shown in the last annual reports, is more than gratifying.

Land has, and always will be, the backbone of American prosperity. To those who have had foresight enough to invest in this type of security I congratulate you on your ability to choose wisely.

To those who have money to invest, I urge the choice of stock in a good sound building and loan association, as compared to the various bonds and other non-taxable securities that only an expert can differentiate the good from the bad. Money invested in land today is certain to reap a profit for the investor in the good times that lie ahead.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW ROWAN.

Hon. O. Max Gardner, Governor of North Carolina.

My dear Governor:

All thoughtful people doubtless endorse your timely statement recently in which you urged that in North Carolina "unemployed labor and uncultivated lands be transmuted into food for next winter." All recognize the truth of your statement that "there is abundant idle land" and "abundant idle labor," and it is doubtless true, as you believe, that "land owners will, in most instances, be glad to contribute uncultivated land, free of rent, to those who would grow food crops this summer."

If your suggestion should be generally adopted and two to five acres of otherwise idle land should be properly cultivated by each family dependent upon an otherwise unemployed man, it would go a long way toward solving the problem of destitution next winter, particularly if all foods possible were canned or otherwise preserved during the summer for winter use.

However, a destitute family placed on a plot of ground, with no money, no food, no livestock, no fertilizer, no seeds and no tools with which to cultivate the soil, could not produce a crop, even if the land were contributed as a gift. Free land is only a part of the solution of the problem. Your suggestion is good and sound, as far as it goes, but the proposed program, to prove successful, should include some sort of co-operative plan by which the unemployed families placed on the idle land would receive some aid in obtaining at least some of the essentials of food production besides the ground and labor. Perhaps you have in mind a plan by which something more than bare land would be provided for those ready and willing to supply the labor to make your program successful.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW ROWAN.

To "Ex-Patient":

There are several reasons why I cannot publish your letter, including the fact that in my opinion it is libelous and would probably involve The Watchman in a heavy law suit. One all-sufficient reason, however, is that it does not bear your signature and I do not know who wrote it. Under no circumstances could I consider publishing such a letter without knowing the identity of the author. This rule applies to all. I do not always publish the name of the writer with all letters sent me for publication, but at least I must know the name of the author.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW ROWAN.

## COMMENTS

"Hearken Unto A Dame Who Knows" To the Editor:

Dorothy Parker, whose wit and wisdom are known to every American fireside and speakeasy, has just told the newspaperboys: "I prefer babies." Then she went on: "There is something ridiculous about a woman who writes. A woman's life must be wrapped up in a man, and the cleverest woman on earth is the biggest fool on earth with a man."

Could the case be stated more cogently?

Let the "enfranchised" fluffs who talk about "civilization," "reason" and "fair play" dismount from their soap boxes and hearken unto a dame who knows.

W. C. D.

A Veteran's Wife Gives Her Views On "Adjusted Compensation."

To the Editor:

In 1917 the boys went out to protect the property of the taxpayers. Every employee of large firms who goes to foreign territory at the risk of fevers, etc., is given a handsome bonus for this service to his company. The boys who went to France risked their lives, left good-paying positions (which lots of them never regained) at a salary paid scrubwomen.

Uncle Sam realized this and the so-called bonus is not a bonus at all but "adjusted compensation." If the Government wanted to adjust the boys' pay, why make them wait twenty years for it? In war times the ones left behind brought home the bacon in large slices every week, not twenty years later. Some say, "Give it to

the disabled ones." The majority of the boys are unemployed and might as well be disabled. Others say, "It isn't due yet." Remember, the certificates were dated six years late. Still others say, "The country can't afford it at this time." I say, "Let the Senators give their relatives a year's furlough from the Government's pay roll and pay this money to the ones who really worked for their Government and let the veterans who are opposed to paying it and the ones who don't need it and the rich ones who are filled with false patriotism donate their money to charity, but, personally, when I see my children's toes sticking out of their shoes, I could use mine."

WIFE OF VETERAN.

Constructive Suggestion On How To Cure The Depression.

To the Editor:

Following along the lines of suggestion of the greatest minds and noblest characters in America as to how to relieve the depression and bring back prosperity, I have the following solution to offer:

First—Fight back to prosperity with the same leaders who dragged us into depression; get right listening to the same brilliant minds who put us in wrong; put America on its feet by giving our confidence to those who sold it out; get back America's character and honor with those who took it away.

Second—Create more tax-exempt securities by making all bonds in denominations of \$5,000 or more tax exempt; make all individuals worth \$1,000,000 or more exempt from all taxes; put a high sales tax on all necessities and make all luxuries exempt; make the support and alimony laws more rigid so the ladies will have more money to spend foolishly.

Third—Create more reconstruction finance corporations, so all bankers' mistakes may be taken over with the people's money and national scandal prevented by covering up the fact that the big corporations were looted of their assets to pay big dividends while the insiders unloaded and sold short and were then bankrupted so they could buy in cheap.

Fourth—Create more Government commissions to investigate what is wrong with every industry, so we will have them all wrong, and create more boards of experts to remedy the wrong so they will all be equally wrecked and on a basis of impartial insolvency.

Fifth—Give the politicians full rein to increase the cost of Government until it balances the national income, when we will be perfectly governed, with everybody on the Government's pay roll.

A READER.

**JOE GISH**  
FREE AIR  
GAS

**WHAT WORRIED LOOK SO MANY FOLKS HAVE THESE DAYS IS FROM TRYING TO REMEMBER WHO BORROWED THE LAWN-MOWER LAST**

Let us inspect and clean your radiator. If necessary we will repair or re-core it. You wouldn't let a blacksmith fix your teeth, then why not call us when your radiator heats or leaks? We are Radiator Specialists. Prepare for spring driving. We sell or trade new and second-hand radiators.

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