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Lest the reader of this column get the impression that nothing but serious matters of weighty moment are talked about in Washington, here are a few paragraphs of casual gossip heard in the corridors of public buildings and on the street-corners.

Item: When the President got back to Washington and found his new and enlarged offices ready for him, it was noticed by the newspaper men at the first press conference that the array of Democratic donkeys that used to decorate his desk had been reduced to three. Also, that insufficient provision has been made by the architect of the new White House, wing for taking care of reporters' hats and overcoats.

Item: There is a secret circular staircase leading into the President's new office, so that Cabinet officers and others who may not want to be observed by watchful reporters can slip in and out unnoticed.

Item: Mrs. Paul Wilson, who prefers to be known as Miss Frances Perkins, and who is addressed as "Madam Secretary" has a private elevator to her private office in the new Department of Labor building; also a private bath finished in green tile.

Item: Secretary Wallace of Agriculture and Secretary Morgenthau of the Treasury are the champion pedestrians of the Administration. Both walk to their offices, Mr. Wallace a good three miles every morning.

Item: It has leaked out that the entire Cabinet has "chipped in" to buy a collective Christmas present for the President. This, as one of them remarked, is symbolic of the spirit of cooperation which the Administration is trying to instill.

Item: President Roosevelt sold some cattle and bought a couple of mules on his Georgia farm while vacationing. He thought the cattle didn't bring enough and the mules cost too much. He named the mules "Hop" and "Tug," after Relief Administrator Harry Hopkins and Undersecretary of Agriculture Rexford Tugwell. "Because," he remarked, "the mules are so frisky."

Interesting women in Federal jobs: Miss Lenroot, who succeeds Grace Abbot as head of the Children's Bureau, is the daughter of a former Wisconsin Senator and one of the few Republicans appointed to an important post. Miss Isabel Du Bois of the Bureau of Navigation of the Navy, whose job is to keep every ship supplied with good books for the officers and "gobs" to read. She's been doing this since 1924. Miss Bertha Neinburg, Assistant Director of the Women's Bureau in the Department of Labor. She comes from California, has been in Government service for ten years, and her slogan is "More jobs for women." Mrs. Clara M. Beyer, also from California, labor economist, holding a newly-created office, that of assistant director of the Division of Labor Standards. Her job is to try to get uniform labor laws in the different states.

## Use Resources Of The Nation For Good Of All

### Board Headed By Ickes Outlines Plan To President

#### SPEND BILLIONS

The National Resources board this week outlined an encyclopedic long-range plan for the use of the nation's land, water and mineral resources which is destined to stir wide discussion.

The group-headed by Secretary Ickes—which drew the program asserted that it would lead to "the broad distribution of human welfare at which our national policy aims."

The plan goes to President Roosevelt, who may, or may not, include some of its recommendations in the proposals he will make to congress. The chief executive ordered the study last summer.

High up among the recommendations of the board, described by Secretary Perkins as capable of giving every able-bodied man a job were:

A six-year public works construction budget with a ten billion dollar reserve fund.

The retirement of 75,000,000 acres of hardscrabble lands.

A broadening of subsistence homestead work with a further decentralization of industry.

Studies pointed to the development of flood control, power or irrigation projects on seventeen watersheds.

Federal assistance and control of the mineral industries to "minimize waste of natural resources, maintain reasonable wage standards and protect investments."

In addition, the report brought a wide range of recommendations on land purchases; forests, parks and wild life refuges; homesteading; land uses; irrigation; grazing; Indian policies; soil erosion; water uses; public works; state and regional planning; mapping and a general, co-ordinated national planning for the future.

The board suggested creation of a permanent five-man planning agency to co-ordinate the scheme of national living through changing conditions.

## North Carolina Doubles Income Tax Payments

Although the net income of North Carolinians in 1932 was approximately \$12,000,000 less than it was in 1931, they paid nearly twice as much federal income tax the latter year.

This was shown this week in 1932 statistics prepared by the bureau of internal revenue and made public by Commissioner Guy T. Helvering.

The income of 25,972 persons who filed tax returns for 1932 totalled \$76,989,708 on which they paid \$4,017,702 in federal income tax. In 1931, 22,625 persons filed return, reporting total net incomes of \$88,042,580 and tax payments of only \$2,030,396.

Higher rates and lower deductions were in effect in 1932.

The report showed three North Carolinians earned more than \$750,000 in 1932, two of whom earned in excess of \$1,000,000. The income of these three whose identity was not revealed totalled \$4,058,965, and they paid \$1,723,537 of the state's individual federal income tax that year.

The report also showed that 5,802 North Carolina corporations filed federal returns, but only 1,080 showed any net income.

These corporations had a net income of \$62,687,000 on which they paid \$8,65,000 in income taxes. Of the other corporations, 4,241 reported deficits totalling \$11,134,000 and 481 were listed as inactive corporations.

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# JOB FOR EVERY MAN, IS PLAN

## Branch Ends Grid Career

### Power Challenge Is Rejected By The Government

### Edison Institute Man Suggested to President Early Test In Court

#### ISSUES CRITICISM

The administration tonight rejected, through its power commission, the suggestion of Thomas N. McCarter, president of the Edison Electric institute, that the government cooperate with the power industry in seeking an early supreme court test of the constitutionality of the Tennessee Valley authority.

Frank R. McNinch, chairman of the federal power commission, said in a statement that the Roosevelt power program had the support of the people, congress and the executive departments.

Of McCarter's suggestion, McNinch asserted: "In all the history of the American government no parallel for such a proposal can be found.

"The call is not for the government to halt, but for the industry to catch step and move forward along progressive lines," he said.

The memorandum McCarter left on the President's desk declared more could be obtained by co-operation between the government and the power interests to preserve the "soundness of existing investment" than by "governmental competition or strangulation."

McNinch said the McCarter "memorial" was "immediately referred to the federal power commission" by Mr. Roosevelt.

The power commission chairman termed McCarter's statement, "a confession of the abuses of the electric power industry and an appeal against the efforts of the government to correct those abuses."

McCarter defended rate making by the industry McNinch's answer to this was to refer to Canadian power public and private, with the assertion:

"The Canadian paid two and one-fifth cents for his electricity and the consumer in the United States five and one-half cents."

McNinch said of the Tennessee valley act that "the policy embodied in this act was proclaimed by the President in plain language in his address at Portland, Oregon, in the campaign of 1932."

"This policy was overwhelmingly approved by the American people in the election of that year," he asserted.

The policies of the administration were again strongly endorsed by the American people in 1934.

"We are therefore confronted with this situation: 'on the one side we have the opinion of two eminent lawyers retained by Mr. McCarter.'

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A Child Is Born At Bethlehem



Above is pictured a striking scene, reenacting the birth of the Christ Child in the village of Bethlehem nineteen centuries ago. "Christus" the passion play, from which the picture was photographed, was featured at Chicago this month, a Christmas benefit for underprivileged children.

#### JOY TO THE WORLD.

I  
Joy to the world! The Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n nature sing.

#### II

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns;  
Let men their songs employ.  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills  
and plains,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy.

#### III

No more let sin and sorrow grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found.

#### III

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love.

#### HONOR ORVILLE WRIGHT

Monday was the 31st anniversary of the Wright brothers' flight at Kitty Hawk, N. C. The grave of Orville Wright, who made the first successful flight in a heavier than air plane, was visited, and appropriate observation of this anniversary was staged in several of the larger cities, while many gathered at Kitty Hawk in observance of the anniversary.

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Raleigh.—Telephone rate reductions which it is estimated will result in aggregate annual saving of about \$321,897.72 to some 78,000 subscribers at 58 North Carolina exchanges of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph company introduced at a series of hearings between June 27 and September 14.

The cut was not applied in uniform manner to each exchange, varying greatly between some, but amounts to about 12 per cent of the annual exchange service revenues for 1933, which totalled \$2,669,466. The commission set forth it thought it could legally support its exceptions. The order is estimated to save about \$321,000 annually to some 78,000 subscribers in the state.

### \$1,000,000 - Incomes Rose By 26 In 1933; Individual Net Is Off

### 1 of 46 in Higher Brackets Reported \$5,000,000 Or More, Against None In 1932

Net income of corporations increased by \$654,502,697 or 35.35 per cent in 1933 over the previous year, but net income of individuals decreased \$339,845,777, according to a preliminary statistical survey made public by the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

A striking feature of the summary was that the number of individuals who received incomes of under \$25,000 and the total of net income they reported dropped below the 1932 level, while the number and total net income in the classes from \$25,000 upward increased.

Those receiving incomes of \$1,000,000 or more increased from twenty to forty-six, and the net income they reported rose to \$81,558,532, compared with \$35,239,556 for 1932. One net income of \$5,000,000 or more was shown for 1933 and there was one net income in each of the classes from \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000 and from \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000. No income of \$5,000,000 or more was reported for 1932, but there were two in the classification of from \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000.

The Internal Revenue Bureau does not give the names of those reporting and in the case of those reporting \$1,000,000 or more lumps the total of net income to disguise the identity of the taxpayer.

### President To Loose Christmas Spirit With Tree-Lighting

Christmas spirit will invade the Nation with traditional good will when President Roosevelt presses a button, lighting the Community Christmas Tree in Lafayette Square December 24 at 5 p. m.

As the delicately trimmed great Frazier fir tree glows with its myriad electric lights at the President's touch, it will symbolize community Christmas trees in every State, city and small town in the United States.

This week the two fir trees which will decorate the square arrived from Frazer, N. C. One will be placed to the west and the other to the east of the Jackson statue in the square, and the tree to the westward will serve as the Nation's community tree.

Each tree is 23 feet tall and 16 feet wide at its base, and the officially designated Community Tree will be visible from every window of the White House. Selection and planting of the trees are duties of the office of the National Capitol Parks.

Music will be furnished by a mixed chorus of hundreds of voices accompanied by the United States Marine Band.

### FIGHT RATE REDUCTION ORDER

The Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph company notified the state utilities commission that exception would be filed against its rate-reduction order for North Carolina, with the ultimate intention of fighting the case in court. The commission's order for rate reductions is set to take effect January 1 in the 58 North Carolina exchanges of the company, which will have until December 24 to file its exceptions. The order is estimated to save about \$321,000 annually to some 78,000 subscribers in the state.

### Local Youth, Library, Mighty Pigmy, Quits Game

### Old Man River Hangs Pigskin Up In Hall Of Fame

#### WILL BE MISSED

Johnny Branch, Old Man River himself, has played his last game of football. Sunday, following the Charlotte-Louisville game, he hung up the pigskin forever; hung it up in the niche prepared for him in North Carolina's football hall of fame.

The mighty pigmy is a local product. Salisbury is proud to claim him as a native son. No football player in North Carolina has ever had a more glamorous or more hectic career. And now, the final whistle has blown. His playing days are over. But the memory of those days will linger on and the battles he fought will be fought over and over again by those who love the game. But Old Man River will "roll on" in memory alone.

From the time he stepped from Belmont Abbey to the University of North Carolina campus in 1928 until he ended his college footballing in a bolt of glory against Virginia in 1931, his life was a series of ups and downs, brilliant achievements and serious blunders that made one headline after another.

In three years of semi-pro and professional ball since then, he has had his good days along with the bad. But regardless of how the battle turned, or in what company he disbursed, as long as Johnny has done on a bigger scale in baseball.

Catching punts on his own goal line as the ends and tackles bore down on him, skirting end for 30 yards and the touchdown that turned the tide in Carolina's conquest of Georgia Tech's national champions in '29, being booted off the squad by Chuck Collins for that Florida business in '31, coming back for the final game of his college career and re-establishing himself in the hearts of all Tar Heels with two dazzling touch-down runs in a 13-7 triumph, battling along with the old Bantams for two seasons and with the American leaguers this year, he has always been the chance-taking, breath-taking gambler, the idol of the fans.

Old Man River may have slowed down a bit, become a little sluggish. Ten years is a lot of football for a tiny man, taking a beating in every game. But his five-foot, five-inch frame, 160 pounds heavy, still reeks with color, and when he's gone they're going to miss him. They're going to miss him more than they know.

Yes, they'll miss Old Man River.

#### ROYAL ELEPHANT FOR SALE

King Boris of Bulgaria announced that he wants to sell one of his royal gray elephants. The small budget available to Boris will not permit the luxury occasioned by the enormous appetite of the fifteen-ton animal. He states that one elephant eats more than the entire royal staff at the royal palace.

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