

With the President and Vice-President both outside of the United States, Secretary of State Hull was for a few days the actual head of the Government. Technically, President Roosevelt was on United States soil so long as he remained on the Cruiser Houston, and kept constant wireless communication with Washington, but there was a short time, after Vice-President Garner started for the Philippines, and the President was on Cocos Island, when Cordell Hull was Acting President.

Washington has been gradually acquiring high admiration and respect for Secretary Hull. Quiet and self-contained, he is regarded as having conducted the international exchanges arising from the Ethiopian war situation in a manner not only befitting the dignity of the United States but calculated to impress the statesmen of Europe, while at the same time fully guarding the interests of America.

There has not been very much publicity about the State Department's conversations with European diplomats in Washington and its correspondence through our ambassadors abroad with the heads of other nations, but there has been an amazing amount of delicate work handled by Mr. Hull's office ever since the war situation in Europe began to look serious.

CONTRABAND OF WAR

Perhaps no greater compliment has been paid in recent years to any American statesman by the rest of the world than the adoption by the League of Nations of the exact language of the memorandum prepared by Secretary Hull defining contraband of war. When all but one or two members of the League agreed to prohibit the export of war supplies to Italy, they picked up Secretary Hull's list bodily.

Indise the State Department there is a very clear understanding of the European situation and a belief that the outlook for a general war is more serious than it was in 1914. Whether the United States can keep out of a general war is regarded as not at all certain. Every possible means to avoid embroilment will be applied, short of complete abandonment of all of our national rights.

It is unquestionably true that the State Department has a complete set of plans ready for use in any possible war situation. Its officials, however, believe that the economic pressure on Italy, applied by 50 nations, will have an effect within a month or two. It is also their belief that Mussolini's end is in sight, in any event.

Finance officials of the Government are somewhat worried over the continued flight of frightened capital from Europe to America. As foreign gold pours into our banks, it creates large foreign credits, which might conceivably be used to finance war enterprises.

FEDERAL POT-POURRI

Everybody is watching the Supreme Court these days. The expectation is that there will probably be no decision on the constitutionality of the AAA until January.

For the first time since the first colonists planted their first crops in America, more than 300 years ago, this country is now buying food from abroad. The increasing importation of wheat, corn, rye, and pork is giving the Department of Agriculture serious concern. American farmers, however, are getting more money for less production and their cash income this year is estimated at \$7,000,000,000 with a probable increase of 10 per cent above that figure for next year.

Plans for stimulating the better housing movement are awaiting action by the President on his return. The normal increase in housing accommodations is about 500,000 new family homes—houses or apartments—a year. We have not begun to catch up on the shortage. Renewed inducements to private capital to go in for extensive housing programs are expected. Probably little more Government money will be spent in this field.

It is believed here that Dr. Tugwell's Rural Resettlement Administration has abandoned the idea of providing part-time industrial labor for city workers who are resettled in the country, and will con-

Jim Payne Heads Knights Templar

AAA To Loan 45 Cents On Corn Crop

Farmers Give AAA Program Wide Majority

Corn-Hog Plan Gets Six To One Support In Referendum

OFFICIALS PLEASED

The Agriculture department has announced that a 45-cent-a-bushel loan on this year's corn crop, according to the loans requirements which Secretary Wallace said "might or might not" be the beginning of his ever-normal granary plan.

The Commodity Credit corporation, Wallace reported, has asked the Reconstruction corporation for a maximum of \$150,000,000 to finance the loan to farmers who signed the 1935 corn-hog adjustment contracts.

The loan, the announcement said will be made available on field corn that has been husked and stored in the ear in suitable cribs in accordance with the laws of the State in which it is located.

Loans will be made on corn which, if shelled, would grade number three or better. The grade requirement in 1933 and 1934 was number four. The loan rate last year was 55 cents a bushel and in 1933 was 45 cents.

Incomplete tabulations of the referendum by corn and hog farmers showed better than a 6-to-1 vote in favor of continuing production control in these two commodities.

While official figures will not be forthcoming for several days, reports from various producing areas show that of the ballots already counted 675,000 farmers supported the AAA program with 107,000 opposing it.

Methodists Conclude Conference Here

The 46th annual session of the Western North Carolina conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, south, which began here Oct. 24, was terminated in First Church at 12:45 p. m. Monday, after Bishop Paul B. Kern, of Greensboro, the presiding officer, completed the reading of the appointments of the ministers for the new year.

Ministers, many of them accompanied by members of their families, and laymen, laywomen and children from all sections of the territory occupied by the conference, utilized every seat in the big church auditorium and much standing room also was requisitioned at the final business session.

Immediately preceding the bishop's prefatory remarks Mrs. J. L. Rendleman, Sr., of Salisbury sang "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go." Mrs. Rendleman was accompanied at the organ by Miss Olive Newell, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Newell, her father now beginning his third year as pastor of First Church here.

The following appointments were made for the Salisbury district:

- Presiding Elder—C. S. Kikpatrick.
- Albemarle-Central—G. B. Clemmer; First Street, J. S. Gibbs.
- Albemarle circuit—R. L. Bass.
- Badin-Tabernacle—Elsie Myers.
- China Grove—C. B. Newton.
- Concord-Central—W. L. Hutchins; Epworth, I. L. Roberts; Forest Hill, W. J. Miller; Harmony, R. H. Taylor; Kerr Street, J. P. Hornbuckle; Westford, G. W.

GOOD MORNING

NO SISSY
"Daddy I told a fib at school today," piped the youngster after his first day at school. "Teacher asked me where I was born, and it sounded silly to say in a women's hospital, so I told her it was in the Yankee Stadium."

MANY PROPOSALS
She: "I've been asked to get married lots of times."
He: "Who asked you?"
She: "Mother and father."

CLOSING A GAP
Warren, "Did you sew a button on my coat, Jennie May?"
Jennie May: "No, honey-bunch, I could not find the button and so I sewed up the buttonhole."

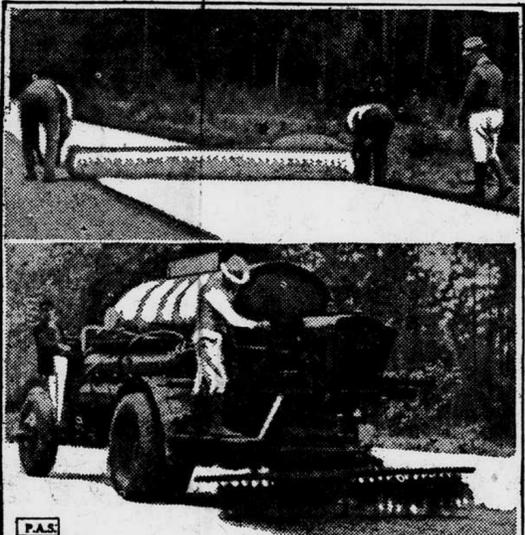
ON RELIEF JOB
Judge: "Did you hear about the severe fall Uncle David received?"
Leslie: "No, what was it?"
Judge: "Some workmen came along and cut down a telephone pole while he was leaning against it—and Uncle David nearly bit his tongue off."

PLAYED SAFE
"How do you account for the fact that George Washington never told a lie?"
"He married a widow, and he knew better than to try it."

REVENGE IS SWEET
Dentist's Nurse: "Doctor, it took you a long time to pull that last man's tooth."
Dentist: "Yes, confound him, He married the girl I was in love with."

Minister: "I am glad to see that you come so regularly to our evening services, Mrs. McSwish."
Mrs. McSwish: "Yes. You see, my husband hates to have me go out in the evening, and so I come just to spite him."

Use Cotton As Highway Base In Mississippi



SCOTT, Miss. . . . The first "Cotton Highway", a 14-mile experiment in road construction, is rapidly nearing completion here. The upper picture shows the cotton fabric membrane being rolled out on the highway on a base of mixed clay and gravel. Lower picture shows coat of tar over cotton, this covered with two applications of asphalt mixed with screen gravel.

Report Hancock To Seek Bailey's Seat

By Wade Lucas
Representative Frank W. Hancock, Jr., of Oxford, caustic critic of Senator J. W. Bailey during the last several months, will oppose Senator Bailey for the Democratic senatorial nomination in the primary next June, reputedly close friends of the 41-year-old congressman said.

Hancock, it was said, is slated to announce his candidacy between now and January 1.

It was further said Hancock, who is known to have been considering opposing Bailey for the last several weeks, definitely has made up his mind to go after the senior senator's toga, and friends of the Oxford lawmaker assert that he is likely to get quite a bit of help from several members of the State's congressional delegation.

Hancock and Bailey have been at odds, primarily over patronage matters, for the last several months and the congressman has publicly criticized the senator. It is no secret that Bailey went over Hancock's head in naming George W. Coan, Jr., former mayor of Winston-Salem and a resident of Hancock's district, as State works progress administrator, although Hancock was not personally opposed to Coan.

Dr. Crawford To Be Buried In Texas Today

Dr. Crawford, formerly of Cisco, Texas, became ill last Friday after addressing the annual Methodist conference which convened here during the past week. As his condition grew worse, he was removed from his hotel room to the Rowan General hospital, and it was there that he died from pneumonia last Monday.

For the past ten years Dr. Crawford had lived at Nashville, Tenn., and was associate secretary of the general board of lay activities of the M. E. Church, south. Funeral services will be held this afternoon in Cisco, Texas. He is survived by his widow and one daughter.

QUINTS SIGNED FOR MOVIES
Boston.—The Dionne quintuplets have been signed as movie actresses, David Arnold Croll, minister of labor and public welfare in the province of Ontario and foster-father of the quint, discloses.

NEWS BRIEFS

ITALY STRENGTHENS POSITION

Italian officials are claiming their position between Aduwa and Andigrat so strengthened as to be impervious to attacks from Ethiopians in a counter-attack. "On to Harrar" has become the cry of Italian forces, as the army continues its advance.

\$180 IS RECOVERED BY ADVERTISEMENT

Burlington.—A. C. Linberg, city engineer, wins G. A. Sikes' nomination as an honest man. On the streets of this city last Friday, Mr. Sikes, of Guilford county, while here on business, dropped a wallet containing \$180 in cold cash. He inserted an advertisement in the classified columns of local and state papers. Mr. Linberg, apparently, happened along within a few moments after the wallet was dropped and picked it up. He scanned the papers and when the advertisement appeared he went directly to the home of Mr. Sikes.

DEATH ROBS HIGH COURT OF RARE WIT

Durham.—Associate Justice Willis James Brogden of the North Carolina Supreme Court died at his home here Tuesday afternoon at 5:05 o'clock after an illness of several months of a complication of diseases. He was 58 years old, having observed his birthday on the 18th of this month.

Ghosts And Goblins Stalk Abroad In City

Hallowe'en ghosts and goblins took the town last night!

Numerous parties were held over the city and county. All the pranks known to children were pulled with a vengeance. Main Street was a continuous parade of creatures of many clothes and colors.

Thousands stood on the sidewalks and got a kick out of the procession. Pumpkins, corn stalks, etc., etc., also played a part in the annual celebration.

Why do people duck for apples and roast nuts on Hallowe'en? Why do youngsters still carry out their boyish pranks of hauling off the Widow Jones' gate, lodging it on the neighbor's roof?

These customs and traditions have their beginnings in the ancient pagan celebrations that occurred on what we call Hallowe'en. All Hallowe'en, as it was originally called, was a hallowe'en or holy even.

Probably it was first celebrated as an autumn festival. The ancient Druids of England had a festival that began at midnight on October 31 and lasted until November 1. They were a superstitious folk, who believed that certain supernatural manifestations took place on this night.

It was commonly supposed by them that Saman, the Lord of Death, or the Druids' Satan caused the condemned and wicked souls of people who had died in the preceding 12 months, to enter the bodies of animals.

In order to keep watch over the wicked spirits they built huge bonfires, not only to watch them, but also to keep them away. In some countries people still believe that animals fear fire because they contain the souls of wicked people.

The Romans, too, had a festival

Salisbury Man Is Honored By Annual Meet

Salisbury Is Selected As City For 1936 Conclave

OFFICERS NAMED

Unanimous selection of James W. Payne, of Salisbury, as grand commander of the Knights Templar of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina, featured the closing sessions of the annual conclave in Raleigh Monday.

The next conclave, scheduled for October, 1936, will be held in Salisbury.

Other officers elected were: J. Edward Allen of Warrenton, deputy grand commander; H. G. Etheridge of Asheville, grand generalissimo; Grables B. Newcomb of Wilson, grand captain general; H. M. Foy, of Mt. Airy, grand senior warden; M. F. McKeel Jr. of Washington, grand junior warden; Frank C. Abernathy of Gastonia, grand standard bearer; E. W. Timberlake of Wake Forest, grand sword bearer; Dr. M. Saliva of Wilson, grand warden.

Mr. Payne has served as presiding officer of all local Masonic bodies; also, Mr. Payne served as grand high priest of the Grand Chapter of R. A. Masons, 1925 and 1926; grand master of Grand Council R and S Master of N. C., 1922 and 1923; president of Anointed High Priest of N. C., 1921 and 1922; grand patron of the Order of Eastern Star of N. C., 1918 and 1919; district deputy grand master of the 25th Masonic District for a period of six years.

Congressman To Visit Spencer Sunday

Lambeth Be Speaker For Memorial Service

Hon. Walter Lambeth, member of congress, is to visit Spencer Sunday afternoon when he will deliver the address at the annual memorial services of the Salisbury-Spencer Burial association. The services are to be held in the Spencer school auditorium at 3:30 p. m., with Engineer O. C. Godfrey presiding. A musical program has been arranged that will interest, not only the members of the association, but also the public, which is cordially invited. Engineer Arthur Harrison, John D. Carroll and others have charge of the program arrangements and a big crowd is expected, some coming from Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Danville, Raleigh, Asheville and other places, while Spencer and Salisbury people are expected to turn out in large numbers.

This will be the first appearance in Spencer for Congressman Lambeth, who is a well-known speaker and leader of thought.

MAGISTRATES COMPLETE PLANS FOR STATE MEET

Plans have been completed for the annual meeting of the North Carolina Association of Magistrates at Winston-Salem Nov. 7, it has been announced by Berch C. Willard, secretary.

The meeting will be held at the Forsyth courthouse at 7:30 at night and representatives of 65 counties in the state are expected to attend.