

\$110,326 FOR ROWAN WPA WORK

Supreme Court Enjoins AAA Tax Collections

Washington, particularly as the national election approaches, looks at every official act with an eye to its possible political effects. Theretofore, political sharpshooters of both parties are scrutinizing the new Reciprocity Tariff agreement between the United States and Canada, which was negotiated by President Roosevelt in person with Premier Mackenzie King of Canada. There are as many points of view about its possible effects as there are commentators. Some of the President's friends are expressing alarm, pointing out that it was President Taft's Reciprocity Tariff agreement with Canada that wrecked his Administration and the Republican Party in 1910. Others point out that conditions are different now, and that there is an apparent demand by consumers on both sides of the international boundary for larger supplies of goods at lower prices.

DUTY RATE REDUCTIONS

Under the new agreement, Canada reduces rates of duty on 180 commodities imported from the States, including fresh fruits, vegetables and wheat. The largest single reduction is on wheat, where the Canadian duty is cut from 30 cents a bushel to 12 cents. Maine potatoes and Florida oranges are now on Canada's free list.

The United States reduces the duty on imports from Canada of beef cattle, dairy cows, cream, seed potatoes, lumber, hay, horses, live poultry, cheddar cheese (which is ordinary mouse cheese), apples and maple sugar, among other items. The American tariff on Canadian whiskey is reduced from \$5 to \$2.50 per gallon. On the other hand, Canada admits American magazines free of duty.

What alarms some of the President's advisers most is the list of Canadian agricultural products that will be admitted to the States free or at reduced tariff rates. These timid ones expect a storm of excited protest from American farmers, but that fear is discounted by those who point out that we are already importing, over a high tariff wall, a considerable part of the nation's food supply.

Whether this new Canadian agreement is another straw pointing toward the abandonment of the Administration's policy of reduced production and high prices, in favor of general lower prices to consumers for everything, is an open question.

SIDELINE COMMENT

There are very clear evidences of an official desire to put the Administration of the Government on a more economical basis. The Civil Service Commission reported the other day that there are now 794,467 civil employees of the Government outside of those in the CCC and on Work Relief projects. Those figures, which don't include the Army and Navy, are the highest ever reached in time of peace. Considerable amazement is being expressed over the disclosure that Dr. Tugwell, as Administrator of the Rural Resettlement, has employed more than 12,000 persons in his division.

Some of the things that rise to the surface of the bubbling political pot:

The President's remark the other day that if he were a voter in Nebraska he would work for the return to the Senate of the present Republican Senator, George A. Norris. This was in answer to Senator Norris' statement that he wanted to retire from public life.

Senator Borah's statement, on his return to Washington, that he has definitely determined his policy. This is variously interpreted, but generally taken to mean that he is an active candidate for the Republican nomination. He did not say what his policy would be.

The declaration by Governor Olsen, of Minnesota, that a national third party is inevitable, perhaps in 1936.

Former President Hoover's speech in New York, in which he made his most vigorous attack yet upon the New Deal and especially criticized the Administration's monetary policies. It was the most humorous and epigrammatic speech Mr. Hoover has ever made. Its principal effect in Washington has been to strengthen the conviction that he is actively working for a

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N. C. Allotted Over 7 Million By Government

Big Sum Will Be Spent In State On Road Maintenance And Construction

OTHER FUNDS

Rowan county has been allotted \$110,326 by the Federal government for WPA projects.

North Carolina was allotted over seven million dollars to be used in the several counties of the state. A large portion of the state allotment will be spent in road work.

Upwards of twenty million dollars is now at the disposal of George W. Coan, Jr., State Works Progress administrator for North Carolina, by virtue of the comptroller of the treasury having countersigned warrant No. 684, for \$7,171,830 for projects throughout North Carolina. This is the third large warrant that has been approved by the comptroller making funds available for construction work in the State.

It is stressed by the comptroller of the treasury that selection of projects for which money is approved, is solely within the discretion of the State administrator, who may select projects most adaptable to the speedy prosecution of a State program.

Should Auld Subscriptions Be Forgot--

—and never brought to mind? A friend this week presented us with a subscription receipt issued by the Watchman almost 100 years ago.

The receipt was issued to "Jno. Craige" by M. C. Pendleton and was dated July 28, 1842, just ten years to the day after the Watchman was founded. The receipt was for one year from date and was for \$2.50.

It read as follows: "Jno. Craige To M. C. Pendleton, Dr.

"To your subscription to "Carolina Watchman," from 28 July, 1842 to 28 July 1843. . . . \$2.50

"Received payment: Signed: "M. C. Pendleton." Verily, gentle reader, for more reasons than one, old subscriptions SHOULD be brought to mind!

Uzzell Heads Bible Class

Election of George R. Uzzell, local attorney, as president of the city union of the Baraca-Philathea and other adult and Bible classes of Salisbury and Rowan county, featured the annual meeting held Tuesday night at the First Methodist church. Mr. Uzzell succeeds Dr. David E. Faust, of Catawba College.

Following is a list of the other officers who were elected to serve with Mr. Uzzell for the ensuing year:

Mrs. R. G. Kizer, vice president; Mrs. H. C. Morgan, secretary; Miss Myrtle Trexler, assistant secretary; C. E. Fesperman, treasurer; C. F. Daniel, press reporter; Dr. David E. Faust, county advisor.

DANGEROUS YAWN

Senior: "You should put your hand over your mouth when you yawn."
Frosh: "What! and get bitten?"

Petticoat Government in Linndale, Ohio



CLEVELAND . . . The women of Linndale, a suburban town near here, decided to "clean house" politically, and succeeded in electing a slate of their own which included mayor, treasurer, clerk and two of six councilmen. The new bosses were photographed above at the first town meeting. Left to right, Mary Boginsky, treasurer, Ann G. Lakowitz, mayor and Helen Lashutka, clerk.

U. S. Will Call For War Debt Payment

Washington.—Despite indications that it will receive only one cent on each \$42 dollar, the United States is preparing to go through the motions of telling 12 nations that their semi-annual war debt payments are about due.

The total due on December 15 is \$965,414,177.54. Of that sum, all that the United States is likely to receive is \$23,000 from Poland. Altogether, the debt on which these installments is due totals \$22,000,000,000.

The following table shows the total installment due from each country December 15, including the regular semi-annual payment for that date as well as unpaid past installments of principal and interest:

Czechoslovakia, \$9,584,149.73
Estonia, \$2, 11,886.45
France, \$23,043,000
Finland, 150,292,292.86
Great Britain, \$182,803,306.83
Hungary, \$290,381.27
Italy, \$47,853,383.64
Latvia, \$961,995.14
Lithuania, \$776,319.97
Poland, \$32,335,988.55
Rumania, \$3,843,750.40
Total \$965,414,177.54.
Two other countries, Greece and Yugoslavia, also are in default, but their payment dates differ from those of the other war debtors. Greece, whose installments are due in January, May, July, and November, owed \$4,263,338.40 on the occasion of the last reminder to that country and Yugoslavia \$1,150,000.00.
Belgium, \$33,630,2 9.70

HOLC Says Debtors Employing Politics

Try To Escape Paying Loans

Agency Reports Borrowers Enlisting Aid of Solons In Attempt To Avoid Payments

Washington.—The Home Owners Loan corporation disclosed that "several hundred" borrowers have attempted to apply political pressure to avoid payments on loans.

Officials said about six cases daily are recorded in which borrowers have tried unsuccessfully to enlist the aid of congressional representatives in attempts to circumvent terms of their mortgages. The congressmen and senators, it was said, always check the HOLC to ascertain if there has been any unfairness.

"In every case," one official remarked, "we have explained the facts and there has been no further kick-back."

"They just want to be sure we are fair with the borrowers, and are co-operating very wholeheartedly and reasonably."

Attempts to ring in politics was said to come largely from "willful delinquents" who refuse to pay when able to do so. These efforts are made when payments are past due and foreclosures is threatened.

The corporation made public a letter from Senator Bailey, Democrat of North Carolina, informing a constituent that "the only thing for one who owes the Home Owners Loan corporation to do is to comply with the terms of the mort-

gage." "The fact that the money is due the government does not change the situation," Bailey continued. "Funds loaned by the government are, after all, trust funds."

The corporation said Bailey's letter was indicative of "the position which many senators and members of Congress have taken in the public interest, in asserting that the HOLC must pursue a firm policy of collection, and in expecting the corporation to act justly upon the circumstances of individual cases."

To Co-Operate With Railways

Proposed Truckers Body To Harmonize Interests With Those of Shippers

Washington.—A movement for harmonious co-operation among trucking operators, railroads, and shippers has been inaugurated by the organized trucking industry, as a new motor vehicle laws goes into effect.

The executive committee of American Trucking Associations, Inc., meeting in Washington, adopted a resolution calling for the appointment of a conference committee, comprising an equal number of spokesmen to represent each of the three interests.

The resolution recommended that "such conference committee arrange to meet, confer, and recommend rules, regulations, rates, and practices of the transportation industry for consideration of the

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Board Reports Survey Shows To President Home Repair

National Resources Organization's Summary Includes Work Being Done In N. C.

Washington, Nov. 23.—The march of the new industrial order in North Carolina, especially the western section, has awakened a desire to preserve the old order of things for future posterity, the National Resources board finds in a report which has been sent to the President.

The report says that in many ways, "the advent of State planning in North Carolina comes at a fortunate time. Throughout most its history, the State has been largely rural and agricultural, but during the last few decades industrialization has been proceeding apace. The organic changes occasioned by this have demanded new ways of thinking and acting. Two major movements have emerged: (1) Village planning and (2) the activity of the institute for research in social science at the University of North Carolina.

Due to the newness of the board, most of its energies have so far been devoted to preliminary organization problems and to formulating a working philosophy. To guide the work of the 10 committees which were organized, the following points of policy have been agreed upon:

"(1) Other things being equal, the planning board is eager to encourage projects which, being very much needed in the State, also constitute valuable units in the program of national reconstruction.

"(2) Relative permanence and broad social value are two important criteria for judging projects; the board intends to give priority to those which seem to contribute to the wealth, values, and general welfare of the State.

"(3) The board intends to place special emphasis on the problem of reintegration of agrarian culture, to which end it will lend its support to three major projects: Rural electrification, soil erosion service, and rural rehabilitation programs. Each of these constitutes a major plank in the national program, and each will contribute materially to increase of values, increase of income, and increase of standards of living in rural North Carolina."

Football Results

- Catawba 7—Lenoir-Rhyne 0.
- University North Carolina 61—Virginia 6.
- N. C. State 0—Catholic University 8.
- Davidson 14—Wake Forest 7.
- J. C. Smith University 12—Livingstone 0.
- Furman 8—Clemson 6.

HEAD OF THE HOUSE

Matteossian: "For five years I have been looking forward to having a house of my own—and now I'm going to have it"

Alden: "I suppose the plans are all completed?"
Matteossian: "Oh, yes. My wife has laid out all the cupboards and closets, and now all the builders have to do is build the house around them."

Bathroom Gets First Attention, While Kitchen Comes Second Findings Reveal

Case Studies of 450 Requests for Modernization Information as Result of a Survey by a Nationally Circulated Magazine Shows an Interesting Tabulation of What Form of Repairs and Improvements are Uppermost in the Minds of That Many Householders.

The breakdown of inquiries follows:

Type of Modernization	Percentage of People Interested
Bathroom	47.3
Kitchen	43.1
Dining room	24.8
Living room	32.3
Bedroom	31.6
Painting interior	39.1
Painting exterior	42.9
Roofing	51.0
Porch repairs	31.4
Heating plants	25.5
New plumbing	27.5
Cellar modernization	22.2
General repairs	40.0
Additions	25.5

Ask WPA Work Hours Be Cut

The executive council of the North Carolina Federation of Labor adopted a resolution here asking that the hours of work on WPA projects be reduced to conform with prevailing wages throughout the State with a minimum of \$1.10 an hour for skilled labor and 30 cents an hour for unskilled labor.

The resolution follows: "Whereas, we recognize the fact that wage scales for WPA projects are set by the Federal government according to regions; and,

"Whereas, authority has been given State administrators to adjust working hours in accordance with prevailing wages; and,

"Whereas, present hours being worked at the present wages received are proving detrimental to the wage structure of private enterprises, threatening to wreck agreement and general accepted wages,

"Therefore, be it resolved, That the executive board of the State Federation of Labor go on record demanding that the hours of work on WPA projects be reduced to conform with prevailing wages (in conformity with the Davis-Bacon prevailing wage act) throughout the State with a minimum of \$1.10 an hour for all skilled labor and 30 cents an hour for all unskilled labor."

Christmas Lights Turned On

Through the cooperation of the merchants and firms of Salisbury, four blocks of Main and two of Innes streets have been decorated with Christmas lights which were turned on Thanksgiving night.

The lights will burn each night throughout the holidays and will add much to the beauty and spirit of the Christmas season.

As the lights were turned on Thursday night, there was a formal program held in keeping with the occasion.

The public was invited and a large crowd attended.

Order Issued In Case

Justices At Same Time Agree To Pass Upon Constitutionality Of 1935 Amendment

Washington. A Supreme Court order temporarily enjoining government collections of AAA processing taxes for eight Louisiana rice millers this week augmented difficulties besetting the New Deal's farm program.

The action of the justices, who simultaneously agreed to pass upon the constitutionality of an AAA amendment forbidding injunctions to restrain processing tax collections, directly affected a comparatively small sum.

Some legal observers, however, contended the action served to tighten for the present lower court orders impounding from \$125,000,000 to \$150,000,000 of taxes pending a high court ruling on the AAA's constitutionality. Government attorneys looked for the order to prompt new injunction suits.

By the high court's ruling granting the injunction petition of the rice millers, they will continue to pay processing taxes. But instead of going to the treasury, the taxes will be paid into a court-approved depository for holding until the constitutional question is decided.

Quick after the Supreme Court order the administration issued a statement by M. G. White solicitor of the Agriculture department, which said no significance was attached to the injunction "insofar as the constitutionality of the Agricultural Adjustment act is concerned."

"This action of the Supreme Court will have no effect on the availability of funds to meet contract payments since such funds are advanced by the Treasury, out of the general funds of the Treasury to meet the current needs of the AAA.

"Furthermore, even a final determination of the question of constitutionality by the district court and ultimately by the appellate court in this case, would not have any effect on the government's obligations with respect to existing adjustment contracts with the farmers of the country."

The court set December 16 for argument on the AAA amendment forbidding tax injunctions.

Chemist Hurt In Auto Wreck

Carl E. Trexler, recently-elected chemist with the city water sewer department, and who assumes his new work Dec. 1, is receiving treatment at the Rowan general hospital for injuries received in an automobile wreck near Granite Quarry on Saturday evening. To avoid hitting a car which swerved into the road, he cut deeply and drove his own auto into a ditch.

Fire Causes \$10,000 Damage To Rowan Co. Farm

The most extensive fire to visit Rowan county for a long time destroyed a large barn, livestock, and agrarian equipment at the rural home of G. M. Barnhardt about two miles from Salisbury on the old Concord road Monday evening. Local fire fighting apparatus rushed to the scene was instrumental in saving adjoining buildings. Total loss was estimated at \$10,000.