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The influence of weekly news-
papers on public opinion exceeds
that of all other publications in
the country.—Arthur Brisbane.

POPULATION DATA
(1930 Census)

Salisbury	16,951
Spencer	3,128
E. Spencer	2,098
China Grove	1,258
Landis	1,388
Rockwell	696
Granite Quarry	507
Cleveland	435
Faith	431
Gold Hill	156

(Population Rowan Co. 56,665)

FRIDAY, JULY 10, 1936

MAN'S GREATEST ENEMY

I am more powerful than the combined armies of the world.
I have destroyed more men than all the wars of the nations.
I am more deadly than bullets and I have wrecked more homes than the mightiest siege guns.
I spare no one, and I find my victims among the rich and poor alike, the young and the old, the strong and the weak. Widows and orphans know me.
I loom up in such proportions that I cast my shadow over every field of labor from the turning point of the grindstone to the moving of every railway train.
I massacre thousands upon thousands of wage-earners in a year.
I lurk in unseen places. I do most of my work silently. You are warned against me, but you heed not.
I am relentless.
I am everywhere—in the house, on the streets, in the factory, at crossings, and on the sea.
I destroy, crush, and maim. I give nothing but take all.
I am your great enemy. I am Carelessness.

EROSION A NATURAL PERIL

There are people in the United States who have heard of erosion and believe that the term is a fairy word, describing a non-existent danger, even, if occasionally some tract of land is washed away by heavy drainage.
There are farmers in many parts of the nation who find it hard to accept the statement that 735,000,000 acres, once fertile, have been damaged from 25 to 100 per cent at a loss that is estimated at ten billion dollars and that the nation's ability to feed itself in the future is threatened.
However, this is the conclusion of experts in the Soil Conservation Service after a survey that covered 1,889,000,000 acres, all of which was once fertile land. Counting wind and water erosion the estimate shows that an area four times the size of Texas and 146 times the size of Massachusetts have been denuded of topsoil to an extent varying from 52 to 100 per cent.
Viewing the nation as a whole it is said that only the New England States and certain widely separated areas in other sections have escaped serious damage. If the nearly 2,000,000,000 acres surveyed less than one-third had suffered no erosion damage and much of this area is not adapted to agriculture.
Certainly the nation faces a serious problem in preventing the loss of valuable top-soil through erosion. It is a fight in which millions of farmers should co-operate. They

must be on the lookout for danger signals, realizing that not all soil loss comes through gullies or wind-storms, but that the gradual shaving off of the top soils of unprotected farms through "sheet washing" is an enemy to be mastered.

THE PROGRESS OF RECOVERY

According to the Federal Labor Department, 88,000 persons were added to the payrolls of the nation's industries in the month of May, making the total of new jobs filled in the past year 650,000. In the past four months a quarter of the persons employed on Federal work-relief projects have been dropped, reducing the number so supported by 700,000. Standard Statistics reports that corporation profits in the first five months of this year are nearly 50 per cent greater than in the corresponding period last year.

All of these facts are distinctly encouraging. They indicate clearly that business in general is picking up.
There is no adequate information available, however, as to how much of this increase in private employment and business profits affects different classes of business. A large part of the reemployment and profits is in retail trade, which has benefited most from the widespread distribution of Federal funds to farmers, veterans, the unemployed and the indigent. Some of the newer industries are making greater strides than the older ones. Aviation in all of its aspects is experiencing something like a boom. The building and building supply industries, on the other hand, are little, if any, ahead of where they were three years ago.

We have been very busy this year in replacing worn-out automobiles, but widespread prosperity and reemployment are not likely to arrive until we start in earnest to replace the obsolete homes of the nation and build enough new ones to house everybody who needs a home.

INTERSTATE MOTOR TRAFFIC

Problems arising out of commerce between the states keep bobbing up in the most unexpected places and ways. The Constitution of the United States, and the Federal Government built upon it, had their origin in disputes between states over the control of commerce on the Potomac and Delaware Rivers. The newest phase of the problem involves the right of commercial automobiles from one state to use the highways of another state without contributing toward their maintenance. That has long been a sore point in several states whose highways lead across them to major markets in other states.

Now some of the western states have taken the bull by the horns and set up systems of controlling the entry of commercial vehicles from outside, by establishing what they call "ports of entry" on every interstate highway. Kansas has 65 of these ports of entry, with 176 operating them. Every commercial car with a "foreign" license must stop on reaching a port of entry and get a clearance before it can proceed to use the highways of Kansas. The vehicle itself is inspected, its operator is required to show that he has liability insurance for the protection of Kansans who might be injured in their cars or their persons while he is operating his truck inside the state, and he must also pay a tax toward the maintenance of Kansas thoroughfares.

New Mexico, Nebraska and Oklahoma are experimenting with the Kansas idea in various degrees. Maine and Utah have incorporated the plan in their motor vehicle regulatory systems, and bills to set up such a system have been introduced into the legislatures of six other states.

There is apparent merit on the face of it, in requiring outsiders to

Another Savage Outbreak — by A. B. Chapin



pay for the commercial use of state-owned highways. But the plant seems to border closely on the verge of Federal functions under the interstate commerce powers of Congress, especially as there are few, if any, important highways for which the Federal Government has not contributed a large part of the cost.

NEXT GOVERNOR OF NORTH CAROLINA

The democracy of North Carolina has chosen wisely its nominee for the Governorship in selecting Hon. Clyde Hoey as against Dr. Ralph McDonald.

Age, poise, judgment, scholarship, statesmanship and strength of character are the proper attributes to be applied to Mr. Hoey.

Few men in North Carolina should be more competently qualified to fill the high office of Governor of this great, achieving, progressive commonwealth.

Mr. Hoey has emerged from this campaign, which was allowed, through no fault or suggestion of his, to grow filthy in spots, with his character untouched by the prejudiced javelins of his opponents.

In spite of the organized campaign of abuse and vituperation which was engineered against him for the mere ends of political success of his adversary, the mud that has been slung has left him unstained and irreproachable in his personal life and even brought more conspicuously out into the clear the fine qualities of patient restraint and disciplined will and tolerant spirit and Christian forbearance of this abused and villified statesman.

It must have cut into the quick of a man of Mr. Hoey's recognized character and generally accepted reputation to be forced into such an atmosphere of cheap and vulgar politics as he encountered in the campaign just closed.

Men whose lives are lived out in the open, who have no dark recesses which they try to keep sheltered from the spotlight of public curiosity and contumely, who have spent their whole careers among their fellow citizens of North Carolina and enjoyed the confidence, esteem and high regard of their fellow-citizens, must revolt against the type of maliciousness that he has been compelled to suffer at the hands of political influences bent primarily upon the achievement of power and lured to such tactics by their lust for office.

Through it all, however, Mr. Hoey has played the man of strength and in patience "he has possessed his soul."

Offended as few men, of character and without it, have ever been offended in the long history of political rallery in North Carolina, he has exercised a spirit of tolerance and gentility that only adds to the stature of sublimity of character.

It has been this revelation of the inner control and spiritual capacities of Mr. Hoey, as he has been confronted with his crucifiers who knew not what they did, that makes him loom larger than ever as a character who will adorn the office of the Governorship.

Admitting his superlative equipment in mind and in training and in experience and in statecraft, these can not seriously be questioned by informed and intelligent critics, that which reveals him now as looming toweringly over the head of his fellows, like a Saul among his brethren, is this gentlemanliness under such wicked fire as no man who has ever offered for the Governorship of North Carolina has felt.

This newspaper has been among the tens of thousands of well-wishers for Mr. Hoey during the second campaign. More than ever now, is it convinced that its faith in him was well placed.

He is a far greater man in the basic attributes of personal character than he has ever before had opportunity to demonstrate, and North Carolina is, therefore, to have a Governor who, whatever may be his accepted and recognized capacities in mind and in experience, abounds in those graces and in those virtues which can be fastened into one's character by the development of the deep and masterful spiritualities.

TIME TO THINK OVER BONUS

Ima, O.—Albert McGill, 36 year old Negro veteran, will have from one to 20 years in which to meditate on how to spend his \$762 in bonus bonds. Only a few hours after the postman delivered the bonds to his jail cell, McGill was sentenced to the penitentiary for manslaughter.

The SCRAP BOOK

BACK IN the good old days when RIDING ON trains was in style
* * *
ONE OF the favorite rackets
* * *
WORKED BY some mothers was
* * *
TO FIB a little about the age
* * *
OF THEIR children in order to
* * *
SAVE ON the fare. Which re-
* * *
MINDS ME of an incident that
* * *
HAPPENED SOME years ago, and
* * *
THE CHIEF character in our little
* * *
DRAMA IS now a smart young
* * *
BUSINESS MAN right here in
* * *
TOWN. "STOP staring at that
* * *
MAN, SAM," said the mother to
* * *
HER SON as they were riding
* * *
ALONG ON the train. "Stop it,
* * *
OR I'LL give you a slap." The lad
* * *
PUT ON a bold front. "Not a
* * *
SINGLE SLAP, Mama," he said,
* * *
"OR I'LL tell the conductor how
* * *
OLD I am."
* * *
I THANK YOU.

TODAY AND TOMORROW

—BY—
FRANK PARKER STOCKBRIDGE
(Continued from page One)
TAXES . . . and of line
I have been studying the revenue act of 1936, passed in the closing hours of the 74th Congress. It proposes to raise \$800,000,000 a year of new revenue by a new plan of taxation—on corporate reserves. If it does that it will cost every one of us who earns a living a little over four cents a day; for nothing is more certain than this tax, like all other taxes, will be passed on to the ultimate consumer, who are us.
We who earn the money pay the taxes. We pay most of them to the involuntary tax collector, the retail merchant. Concealed in the price of everything we buy are all the taxes paid by the producer, manufacturer and distributor all along the line. They pass their taxes on to us. The parade ends in our pockets. We can't pass them on. We are the end of the line.
●Buy In "Greater Salisbury".

The Removal Of HOLC

(AN EDITORIAL)

While it is to be regretted that the state offices of the HOLC have been removed from Salisbury to Greensboro, it should not be overlooked that Salisbury was fortunate originally in being able to land the state headquarters, thanks to the influence and activity of Congressman R. L. Doughton, of this district. With Charlotte, Greensboro, Raleigh and Asheville bidding for the state headquarters, Salisbury was selected over all others and competition. That was in 1933. Now that the primary objectives of the formation of the HOLC have been accomplished, hundreds of thousands of homes saved over the nation, and the staffs of the various offices and agencies reduced to a minimum, it is only reasonable to suppose that further economies via the consolidation route would be effected as a matter of good business.

There appeared recently in the press, as an advertisement, an open letter to Hon. R. L. Doughton, Representative in Congress of this district, signed by representatives of several business firms of this city, regarding the removal from Salisbury of the state offices. In this advertisement, or "letter" if it may be so designated, certain "statements of fact" with subsequent "questions" were listed, demanding that the Congressman of this district "GET THAT OFFICE BACK."

Investigation will disclose that Congressman Doughton has done everything in his power to retain the state office of the HOLC in Salisbury; that he has repeatedly and vigorously protested its removal to Greensboro and that he has wholeheartedly and emphatically urged its retention in the Rowan county seat; however, in spite of such protests, the HOLC authorities in Washington deemed it wise to transfer these offices elsewhere.

Mr. Doughton secured the HOLC for Salisbury, where the state headquarters have been located for the past three years, employing a large number of local people, bringing in a considerable number of new citizens, releasing a substantial payroll, and practically every line of business in Salisbury and Rowan county has benefited from this agency during its maintenance here.

It might also be well to recite that it was largely through the efforts of Mr. Doughton that Salisbury and Rowan County have been the beneficiaries of federal funds for local projects, amounting to approximately three quarters of a million dollars. This would definitely indicate that Congressman Doughton has been exceedingly active in the interest of his constituents in Rowan County.

Hoey Opens Campaign In September

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Cabarrus, Caldwell, Camden, Carteret, Catawba, Chatham, Cherokee, Crowan, Clay, Cleveland, Craven, Currituck, Dare, Davidson, Davie, Gaston, Gates, Granville, Greene, Guilford, Haywood, Henderson, Hoke, Iredell, Jackson, Lincoln, McDowell, Macon, Madison, Mecklenburg, Mitchell, Montgomery, Onslow, Orange, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Person, Polk, Randolph, Robeson, Rockingham, Rowan, Rutherford, Sampson, Stanly, Stokes, Surry, Swain, Transylvania, Tyrrell, Union, Vance, Watauga, Wilkes, Yadkin, Yancey.

Those carried by Dr. McDonald: Allegheny, Bertie, Bladen, Caswell, Columbus, Cumberland, Duplin, Durham, Edgecombe, Forsyth, Franklin, Graham, Halifax, Harnett, Hertford, Hyde, Johnston, Jones, Lee, Lenoir, Moore, Nash, New Hanover, Northampton, Pender, Pitt, Richmond, Scotland, Wake, Warren, Washington, Wilson.

Hoey carried his home county of Cleveland, receiving 11,254 to 1,709 for McDonald.

McDonald carried his home county of Forsyth, receiving 12,757 to 6,445 for Hoey.

A farmer in Cabarrus County has found out that it pays to deworm pullets before placing them in the laying house. Killing a hen that was emaciated, he found in her body 42 round worm, several tape worms and pin worms "too numerous to mention."

Amateur Typing Record



CHICAGO . . . Miss Gioconda Zumpano, 20, of Salt Lake City, is the amateur type-writing champion of the world, having set a new record of 106.7 words a minute in a national contest here. The old record was 0.7 of a word less.

Tames Wild Birds



VANCOUVER, B. C. . . . Charles Edward Jones (above) of this district, is conceded to be the world's champion wild bird tamer. He has more than 400 different species in his private aviary, all so tame that even strangers do not frighten them. Photo shows Mr. Jones with a few of his friends.

Named Lemke Manager



WASHINGTON . . . Usher L. Burdick (above), representative-at-large from North Dakota, has been named campaign manager by Representative Wm. Lemke in his race for the Presidency on the new Union Party ticket.

In Arkansas Flogging



LITTLE ROCK, Ark. . . . The flogging by six men of Miss Willie Sue Blagden, 29 (above) when she went to Earle, Ark., to investigate the alleged beating-to-death of a negro, is reported as being investigated by federal authorities.

HOOKEE

"Well, mother," said the smart young fish, "I have been following your advice since I was a minnow and have been letting those plump, juicy worms strictly alone, I think I am now old enough to go on my own hook."
And he did.