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CITY TO GET FED. SECURITY OFFICE

Watchman Completes 104th Year

The other day we got into the car and motored out to Quaker-town, Pa., where my friend Charley Meredith runs one of the best country weekly newspapers I know of the Quakertown Free Press.

I was struck by the apparent prosperity of that section. I talked with several business men and a number of farmers in Bucks county. It's good farming country and there is no distress that I could learn of among the farmers there. Very few people are on relief. About the only sign of relief activities are the trainloads of city unemployed sent out to work on some projects in the southern part of the country.

Self-reliance is a traditional characteristic of these sturdy Quaker and "Pennsylvania Dutch" people.

HOUSES . . . 2-ft. walls

We had luncheon in an old stone farm house built more than 200 years ago and still occupied by descendants of the original builder. We saw hundreds of similar stone houses, with two-foot walls and slate roofs, built to withstand the elements. There is plenty of stone all round that region, both red sandstone and limestone, and the early settlers did what the first settlers in every new country always do—built their homes of the native materials close at hand.

We hear a great deal about "pre-fabricated" homes, built of steel or plastic slabs made in factories, and I have no doubt that we shall see great developments in that line. But I think they will be mostly erected in city suburbs. They are not likely to replace local materials, where those are available, assembled by local labor in country districts there almost every man can turn his hand to carpentry or masonry.

WASHINGTON . . . crossing

We crossed the Delaware River at the very spot where George Washington crossed it in a rowboat on his historic retreat from Trenton. The bridge at Washington's Crossing connects two state parks, one maintained by Pennsylvania and the other by New Jersey.

Paralleling the Delaware River on both sides are canals, dug by early colonists to provide safe navigation no matter what the stage of the water was in the river. Both canals have been long since abandoned except as millraces for occasional sawmills and gristmills along the river bank. But the State of Pennsylvania is making a park a hundred miles long out of the banks and bed of the old Delaware Canal, to provide picnic and recreation grounds and smooth, safe waters for canoeing.

Even an abandoned canal has its uses.

GADGETS . . . some wanted

I saw a new gadget the other day which its makers tell me is selling faster than they can turn it out. It is a garbage grinder that you put in the kitchen sink. It grinds the table and kitchen waste to a fine powder which is then washed down the drain, saving all the labor and smells of garbage cans and their emptying.

It struck me that its inventor was a genius. It takes a genius to foresee that people are going to want something which hasn't yet been made.

Forty years ago there was no public demand for automobiles or radios. Nobody had ever seen them so nobody knew that they wanted them. Half of the things that women buy in the stores are things they did not know they wanted until they saw them in the show windows.

Too many inventors, on the other hand, make the mistake of trying to produce something which they think people ought to have, without knowing enough about human nature to realize that the things we ought to have are not always the things we want.

SPORT . . . the rules

I have no sympathy with the conception of sport as an organized business. Even the so-called amateur sports are becoming largely that.

I confess, however, that I am unable to share the popular indignation over the dismissal of Mrs.

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Salisbury Will Get One Of Two Federal Offices Doughton Says

Is To Be Permanent Organization And Under Civil Service.

OPEN ABOUT NOV. 1.

Congressman R. L. Doughton, who was in town this week to address the members of the Pomona Grange at their annual meeting, stated that Salisbury is to have one of the two National Security offices that are to be located in this state, and the other will be in Raleigh, the state capital.

The office here will open sometime in October or November and it is expected to be a permanent organization.

With the exception of the district manager, the personnel will be under civil service. Mr. Doughton believes the organization will grow and become a large unit.

A census of employment of the various business and industrial establishments will be compiled to bring them under the old-age retirement system. The state is to work in cooperation with the Federal unit.

Salisbury and community gives Congressman Doughton due credit for one of the offices being located here. He pointed out that the geographic location was ideal, it being centrally located with such a large industrial population.

"The Good Old Days" Are Here Again

Yes, sir, Pete Nossar, of the China Grove Department Store, China Grove, says "The Good Old Days Are Here Again."

Pete gives the Roosevelt administration credit for a big part in the returning of the "Good Old Days," but says the values which are to be found in his store for the next few days will make these days even better than the good old days of the old.

This popular merchandising concern is now in the middle of their great expansion sale, and are offering unheard of prices on new seasonable merchandise, and invites the public down to see them Friday and Saturday.

This sale is under the personal direction of Mr. McDoffie of the McDoffie sales system of Lexington, and everything has been done to make the event profitable to you in every respect. They have an ad in this issue of The Watchman. Read it, and give them a call.

709,400 Persons Get Drivers Licenses

Raleigh.—Ronald Hocutt, assistant director of the State Division of Highway Safety, said 709,400 persons received automobile drivers licenses between November 1, when the law requiring licenses went into effect, and July 1.

Of this number, 64,613 paid \$1 each after the time limit for free licenses expired early in the year. Eight hundred ninety persons were refused licenses because of inability to drive.

Centen's Sweetheart



SAN ANTONIO . . . Janice Jarrett, this town's model beauty, has been commissioned the "Sweetheart of the Texas Centennial" by Governor Allred, to rule during the celebrations now under way.

Salisbury Tax Rate Now \$1.35

The city council, in special session Wednesday morning, adopted the budget for the current fiscal year which calls for estimated revenues and expenditures of \$489,428.42.

The budget is based on a tax rate of \$1.25, which is 10 cents higher than last year because of that amount having been voted in a special election to add a ninth month to the school term. Other provisions of the budget are practically the same as last year, it is stated.

Publishers Of Small Papers Meet Today

Concord.—Publishers of weekly, semi-weekly and tri-weekly newspapers in the Piedmont district of North Carolina are to meet Friday at the Kannapolis Y. M. C. A. banquet hall for the purpose of organizing a press association in this area.

Jake Wade, sports editor of The Charlotte Observer, has been invited to make a short talk, and music will be furnished by a well known orchestra. B. Arp Lowrance, publisher of The Mecklenburg Times, is also slated to talk. T. H. Wingate and J. I. Moore of The Kannapolis Independent are handling arrangements for the event.

Wilson, Moore Rum Shops Clear \$100,045

Wilson.—Profits from jointly operated liquor stores in Wilson and Moore counties during their first year of operation totaled \$100,045.89.

Arranges Funeral For His Two Sons, Finds Them Alive

Nemacolin, Pa.—A grief-stricken father trudged slowly home after making funeral arrangements for his two sons—and found them alive.

Joseph Swartz, a WPA worker, earlier had identified the bodies of two boys taken from the Monongahela river as his 12-year-old son, Thomas and 11-year-old step-son, Francis Pyttack.

While he made plans for their funeral at an undertaking office in Masontown, the boys were safe at home, playing in the yard.

●Buy In "Greater Salisbury".

Roosevelt Foes Blinded By Greed Or Ignorance Declares Olin Johnston

Columbia, S. C.—Governor Olin Johnston defended policies of the Roosevelt administration and lashed its critics in an address here.

"Most of these critics are blinded by selfishness or ignorance," he said. "With their own nearsighted gaze, they cannot see the prophetic vision of President Roosevelt whose aims are not only for his term of office, but for generations yet to come."

The Governor said the President's "insight into the needs of this country" and his "courage to tread where no man has trod" were building up "a carefully planned economic structure whose worth we cannot begin to appreciate."

President Roosevelt's mistakes, "although admitted by him," Johnston said, "are few in comparison with the vast benefits he has conferred upon this nation."

The Governor said opponents of the "New Deal" have cried "ex-

Doughton Praises Farm Program In Speech At Grange Meet Wednesday

Citing the AAA, the farm credit administration act, the establishment of the CCC camps and establishment of good roads as accomplishments of the present administration in aiding agriculture, Congressman Robert L. Doughton was the principal speaker here Wednesday before several hundred Rowan county farmers at the fifth annual meeting of the Pomona Grange, held at Peeler's Lake.

Mr. Doughton told the audience, that he was born on a farm and had been striving to aid agriculture for more than 25 years in congress.

He stated Rowan farmers had "good" land, good climate and a proximity to market, three essential advantages.

The veteran legislator pointed out that in 1921 farm prices began to decline which precipitated farmers into heavy debt, caused many to go into bankruptcy, and the lack of purchasing power of the farmer induced a national economic disaster to all lines of business activity, the speaker said.

"The administration found itself in this situation in 1933 and President Roosevelt called upon the farmers to evolve some plan by which they might solve their problems. The AAA was the result and while this agency was in effect prices of all farm products advanced from a starvation level to that which enabled the farmer to make a profit. Cotton at 5 cents a pound, tobacco at 3 to 4 cents a pound, were some of the disastrous prices in existence."

Mr. Doughton held no censure of the Supreme Court for declaring the act unconstitutional but pointed out that the present administration had supplanted the AAA with the present soil conservation program.

Mr. Doughton stated that this State had received \$29,000,000 from the Federal treasury since 1933 for good roads, and that he had asked to be removed as a member of the House committee on banking and currency in 1916 in order to serve as a member of the roads committee.

WIFE WINS AGAIN

"My wife won an argument with me this morning by a hair!" "What was the argument, hand-some?" "That I'd have a blonde's head resting on my shoulder."

Sailing Atlantic Alone



NEW YORK . . . Marin Marie (above), French marine painter, and yachtsman, is now on the high seas, sailing the Atlantic alone, New York to France, in a 40-ft. motorboat. He expected to make the trip in 3 weeks.

Finds Business Activity Gains

Washington.—Ernest G. Draper, acting secretary of commerce, said that preliminary estimates showed July business activity was "15 per cent better than for July, 1935."

At a press conference, Draper also released a report which he said showed "recovery gains during the last three years."

The report contained a comparison of farm income, industrial production, factory employment, and other business factors for March, 1933, with April, 1936.

The 1933 month was taken, for purposes of comparison, Draper said, because it represented "approximately the bottom" of business activity.

Home-Coming At Organ Church Sunday

The annual home-coming at historic Organ Lutheran church, in eastern Rowan, will be held Sunday, with an all-day program to be given.

Escaper Surrenders Voluntarily To Local Jailer

Stating that he was "ready to go back and build 'em," Frank Finney, white man of this county who was sent to the roads for 20 months last March and who escaped from the Mt. Pleasant camp a short time ago, went to the county jail here about 2 o'clock Tuesday morning and surrendered himself.

He stated to the jailer that he had been on a short vacation in New York City. He was sentenced for breaking and entering and larceny and receiving.

N. C. Ranks Eighth In Reducing Auto Deaths

Raleigh.—Arthur Fulk, director of highway safety, announces tabulations on automobile fatalities by an insurance company showed that North Carolina ranked eighth in 28 States in reducing deaths for the first six months of this year.

A reduction of 9 per cent for the State was noted, with 439 auto deaths in six months this year and 480 in the similar period of 1935.

"And to my divorced wife I leave a kiss," concluded the will of J. C. Roberts of St. Louis, which disposed of a \$250,000 estate.

State's Oldest Paper Growing In Service

Founded By Hamilton C. Jones in 1832 And Has Been In Continuous Publication Since.

5th Year In Present Plant

The Watchman has had another birthday. Last week we celebrated our 105th anniversary. We are starting our 105th year with this issue with a determination to be of a greater service to the people of Salisbury and Rowan County, and to all others with whom we come in contact.

For one hundred and four years this newspaper has served the people of Rowan and adjoining counties. In 1845, The Watchman had subscribers in 51 counties in North Carolina. This was before the advent of the daily newspapers in the larger cities of this state.

The Watchman has ever been devoted to the upbuilding of the city, county, state and nation. Whether or not this newspaper has made a worthy contribution toward these political subdivisions is for others to say.

It is a fact, however, that during the long span of its existence, The Watchman has played a constant part in the building up of the community it serves.

A brief outline of the history of The Watchman follows:

Founded July 28, 1832, by William Hamilton C. Jones, Esq. Purchased in 1839 by M. C. Pendleton and J. J. Bruner. Partnership dissolved in 1843, Mr. Bruner retiring, selling his one-half interest to Mr. Pendleton.

In 1844 Mr. Bruner, in partnership with Samuel W. James, repurchased The Watchman. Six years later Mr. Bruner bought out the interest of Mr. James and became the sole owner.

Mr. Bruner continued the publication of the paper until his death in 1890.

The Watchman was then sold to the Stewart family and W. H. Stewart published it until 1931.

Upon the death of Mr. Stewart, the paper was purchased by The Carolina Watchman Publishing Company, which corporation now publishes it.

With this issue The Watchman starts on its 105th year of printing and publishing, and we now have the best equipped shop that we have ever had.

In December, 1933, we purchased modern machinery and moved to our present location, 119 East Fisher street, where we have constantly been adding new and modern equipment for our job printing department and are now in a position to render you the best of service in this line.

Help us to make The Watchman a better paper by asking your friends and neighbors to become news from your community, if one of our readers.

You can also help us to print a better paper by sending us the local news from your community each week.

STILL OUT

Harduppe: "I say, old fellow, can you lend me a dollar for a day or so?"

Tyte: "I'm very sorry, but the dollar I keep for lending purposes is out at present. However, I can put your name on my waiting list."