

ROOSEVELT VISITS SALISBURY

Farm Land Taxes Show Big Drop

6-Year Survey Ministers Of Salisbury Report Given Oppose Local Gin Option

Levies Whittled Down From Average of 58 Cents in 1929 to 37 In 1936.

Washington.—A drop of 36 per cent in farm real estate taxes from 1929 through 1935 was reported by the Agriculture department this week.

A tax study, limited to farm land taxed by States, counties, school boards and other local units, disclosed that the levies had been whittled down from an average of 58 cents an acre in 1929 to 37 cents last year.

Nevertheless, the study showed that the 1935 taxes were still about three times above the 1900 average of 12 cents an acre, and more than 50 per cent above the 1914 average of 24 cents.

A "sharp rise in taxes from 1900 to 1929" was said to have been caused by "rapid expansion in local and State services," with road-building and education chiefly responsible.

The depression, the study said, has "reversed the farm taxation trend," with public services either curtailed or their costs shifted to the State and Federal governments.

During this shift, the study said, "many rural schools were closed or put on part-time, teachers' salaries cut and school contracts eliminated. Road building and public works construction were said to have been expanded, the cost being shifted from farm real estate to State and Federal governments with payment "from sources other than property."

The study showed the average acre tax varied widely in different regions and states. In 1934 the tax was 5 cents an acre in New Mexico and \$2.21 in Massachusetts.

Comparison of principal regions for 1935, and 1929, follows:

	1935	1929
New England	\$0.94	\$1.01
Middle Atlantic	1.01	1.21
East North Central	0.65	1.27
West North Central	0.40	0.61
South Atlantic	0.29	0.48
East South Central	0.34	0.45
West South Central	0.20	0.29
Mountain	0.15	0.20
Pacific	0.49	0.85

Cotton Prices Spurt \$3.00 A Bale

Arid Weather Cuts Estimate

11,121,000 Bale Forecast, However, Still Above Short Crops of Last Two Years.

Washington.—Drought damage to this year's cotton crop, reflected in an official government estimate of an 11,121,000 bale production, this week sent prices for the South's staple soaring.

Arid weather in the western end of the cotton belt caused the Federal crop reporting board to reduce its forecast of this season's yield 1,360,000 running bales below its August 1 estimate.

The 11,121,000 bales estimate for 1936 was still above the short crops of the past two years—10,638,000 bales in 1935 and 9,636,000 bales in 1934—but well below the 5-year average of 14,667,000 bales in 1928-32.

The sharp reduction apparently

Slight Damage Results From Local Storm

A severe electrical and rain storm hit this city about 5 o'clock Wednesday doing some damage.

Lightning struck a tree adjoining the home of M. R. Brockman, of West Marsh street, ran in on an aerial and ignited curtains on a lower floor. The fire department extinguished the flames, with small loss resulting.

Catawba Will Use Freshmen

When the 1936 Catawba college eleven takes the field here September 19 against Western Carolina, it's a sure bet that at least three freshmen will be in the starting lineup.

The newcomers have been hustling since the opening day of practice, and quite a number of these new recruits will see action this year. The prayers of Head Coach Gordon Kirkland were answered for he now has two ends that can stack up with any and the Indians have over head.

In Mancy (Trader) Hines, a rangy six-footer weighing 170 pounds, the Indian Chief has a promising flankman, and in Leander Morrison, a 175-pound all-state high school flankman from Newton, the head boss of the Tribe has a successor to Hayden Kesler, who will be ineligible to play this year. Both of these new ends will probably get the starting call in the opening game.

Johnny Newman, a hard charging linesman who captained the Waynesboro, Pa., high eleven last year, likely will be the third freshman to start the game. Newman who weighs 180 pounds, fits right in the Indians' forewall.

IN TROUBLE

Bob—Well, Joe your sister has promised to become my wife.
Joe—I knew something would happen to you if you kept coming around every night.

Nell Kennett Is Named Rowan Home Agent

Nell Kennett of Guilford county who has been home economics teacher in the Pleasant Garden high school has been named home demonstration agent of Rowan county to succeed Mrs. Mary Cummings, resigned. Her appointment was made jointly by the County Commissioners and the State Extension service.

Cotton Co-Op To Pay \$25,000

Raleigh.—M. G. Mann, general manager, announced the North Carolina Cotton Growers Co-operative association would distribute checks for \$250,000 to farmers of the State during the next 30 days.

The checks, Mann said, represent settlement on cotton handled by the association for its members and payment in full of all membership reserves accumulated since 1926.

"The directors, in ordering all membership reserves paid in full, established a record that has never been excelled and seldom, if ever, equalled by any co-operative marketing association," Mann said.

More than 12,000 members are being sent forms to fill out and return to facilitate the payment of the reserves.

SPOKE HERE THURSDAY NIGHT



FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

Tourists Business Is Best Since 1929

Chicago.—The American family lull, New Mexico, ceremonial dances of the red men were watched this summer which various sources estimated to be the biggest crowds in history since 1929.

Although exact figures were in most instances unavailable, estimates of the amount spent topped anything reported in the last few years.

On the eve of Labor Day spots were set for the last busy week-end of the summer.

From Maine to California, from Florida to Lake Michigan, chambers of Commerce welcomed the throng and marked up seasonal business jumps which ranged from 10 to 68 per cent above last summer.

The outpouring of play seekers cashed far over \$1,000,000,000 rolled into Atlantic ocean liners and the desert lands of the Southwest, as well as into smart hotels.

An increase of 20,000 passengers on North Atlantic boats over last year's traffic was reported by U. S. Secretary of Commerce Roper. And in the Indian country around Gal-

Presented To Huge Audience By Doughton

Approximately Ten Thousand Give President Wild And Hearty Welcome On Arrival.

MR. DOUGHTON WITH PRESIDENT

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt was a warmly welcomed visitor to Salisbury last night.

Approximately ten thousand persons were on hand to greet the President when his special train rolled into the Union Station last night at 8:10. The immense throng gave Mr. Roosevelt a tumultuous and hearty welcome.

Mr. Roosevelt appeared on the rear platform with his youngest son, John, and was presented to the audience by Congressman R. L. Doughton, of this District, and chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. Mr. Doughton boarded the train in Charlotte with the President and accompanied him to Washington.

The President spoke a few words of appreciation and stated that he had enjoyed his trip to North Carolina and that he hoped he could return in the near future and spend more time in the state. The President was en route to Washington from Charlotte where he had attended the Green Pastures Rally of the seven Southern Democratic states. He spoke to a crowd of 40,000 persons in Charlotte late yesterday afternoon.

His flashing smile and famous hand wave completely captivated the crowd from the time he stepped out on the rear platform of the special presidential train at 8:10 until his train left at 8:22, and his smile and outstretched hand could be seen until the train was out of sight.

Mr. Roosevelt's stopover was arranged by W. D. Kizziah, register of deeds of this county, and Walter H. Woodson, Jr., chairman of the Rowan County Democratic Executive Committee, through the office of Congressman R. L. Doughton.

For over an hour before the train was scheduled to arrive, the crowd began to assemble at the Southern Passenger Station. Shortly before it arrived, rain fell and continued drizzling during the President's stay. Every downtown street was jammed with cars.

The open space around Union Station, as well as the several railroad tracts were packed with eager people.

The flag escort and drum corps of the Samuel C. Hart Post of the American Legion assembled at their headquarters and marched to the Union Station, a few minutes prior to the arrival of the train, followed by a great throng of enthusiastic citizens. When the train pulled into the station, the flag escort stationed themselves immediately at the rear of the platform where the President stood.

ARMY TO TRAIN PHILIPPINE CO-EDS

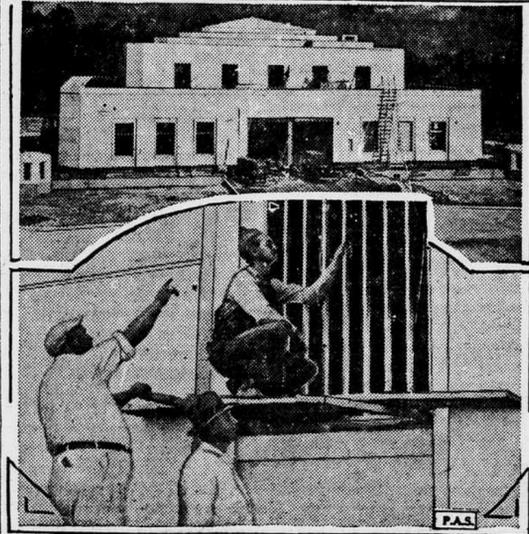
Manila, P. I.—Co-eds at the University of the Philippines will be given special training under the national defense program if plans of officials of the school are carried out.

The commonwealth department of military science is drafting plans to train the girls who will specialize in Red Cross and relief work.

WET COUNTIES—WET DRIVERS

Raleigh.—Figures tending to show a greater percentage of drunk driving in the 18 counties of North Carolina where the sale of spirits is permitted than in the State as a whole were released by the State Motor Vehicle division.

A Fortress For Ten Billion in Gold



FT. KNOX, Ky. . . Here is the super-structure of the vault where Uncle Sam will shortly store \$10,000,000,000 in gold. The vault has been built from secret plans. It will be surrounded by a high steel fence and two water-filled moats with a device to flood the underground vault in event of danger. The gold will be moved here in fifty armored trains, guarded by 1,400 regular army soldiers. Insert shows workmen installing stainless steel bars, held by headless jail bolts.

Two Escapers Are Captured

Calvin Brown and Hermon Perry, two of the six convicts who escaped from the Rowan prison camp early Monday night by sawing the bars of a back window with hacksaw, were captured Wednesday night in the woods of Davidson county, it was reported by George Rike, district engineer of the State Highway department.

The negroes were trailed by bloodhounds from the Iredell prison camp, Rike said.

Brown previously had escaped at the local camp. He also is wanted in South Carolina for escape while serving a 20-year term for murder. He was double shackled but had cut his chains before his escape.

Three of the six negroes are still at large, a third, Frank Edleman having been captured early Tuesday by W. D. DeMarcus, chief of police at China Grove. The three sought are Charlie Jackson, Jule Lawrence, and Theodore Johnson.

TAX REVISION DUE

There are several excise taxes now on the statute books, yielding about \$300,000,000 a year in revenue, which run only to June 30, 1937. What will the new Congress do about renewing them or replacing them with some other kind of taxes to produce new revenue?

Any consideration of the tax question might open the door to a general overhauling of the whole system of Federal taxation. And here lies an opportunity for leadership to the one willing and able to seize it, in the necessity for planning and putting into effect

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100,000 SPANIARDS DEAD

Paris.—More than 100,000 Spaniards have been killed during the civil war between Fascists and Socialists, the newspaper Jetif Journal declared.