

IN WASHINGTON
WHAT IS TAKING PLACE BY
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UNITED STATES SENATOR

From the humble start of \$23,000 appropriated by Congress for lighthouses in 1791, Federal expenditures for public works soared to dizzy heights during the war period, dropped for a brief period and are now at the highest peace time mark in history. In 1935, the Federal outlay for public works amounted to the staggering sum of nearly \$660,000,000. This is due, of course, to the fact that the definition of public works has been materially changed in recent years to include such things as forestry, pest control, soil conservation, housing, rural electrification and what not.

As a result, securing of Federal grants has been one of the greatest activities in recent years and under the "prime the pump" theory states, counties, cities and even isolated communities have secured projects and activities that they never could have afforded if supported by local taxpayers. This has led to a growing belief that the ability of the Federal Government to finance these projects and activities is unlimited. Too many of our citizens condemned such expenditures in many sections while in Washington to get funds for some locally-sponsored public works.

Let me hasten to say that under the economic dark clouds of the depression activities were carried on, and rightly so, that have no place in normal times.

However, the time is approaching when there must be an overhauling of the expenditures on the basis of public need and public good. The whole interwoven fabric of Federal activity must be inspected for moths of waste that might in time weaken the threads of this fabric.

In other words, it is growing more difficult to have on the one hand, state rights, as we once knew them, and ever-increasing Federal grants on the other. If our people want enlarged public works or a maintenance of those at present—and public wants are sovereign—our people must be prepared to study the implications and be ready to meet the cost.

Federal grants to states now honeycomb many Federal agencies. We have grants to states for old-age assistance, unemployment compensation administration, aid to dependent children and aid to the blind. Under the Veterans' Administration we have grants for state and territorial homes for disabled soldiers and sailors. In the Department of Agriculture we aid agricultural experiment stations, agricultural research, cooperative dairy and livestock experiments, cooperative agricultural extension work, cooperative conservation of agricultural land resources, cooperative forest fire protection, cooperative distribution of forest planting stock, forest roads and trails and highways.

In the Department of Interior we have grants for colleges for agriculture and mechanical arts, cooperative vocational education in agriculture, and in trade, home economics and industrial subjects, cooperative vocational education of teachers and vocational rehabilitation.

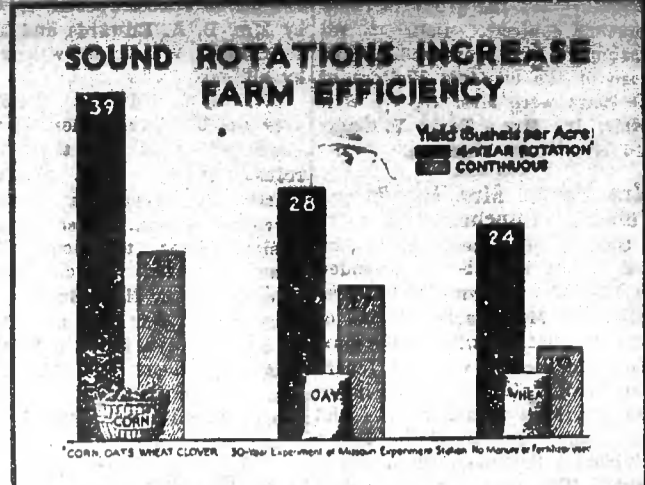
The Department of Labor supervises grants for maternal and child welfare, crippled children, child welfare and for employment service. The Treasury officers grants for public health and education of the blind. The Navy aids state marine schools, and the War Department the National Guard.

We have Federal emergency

relief, Federal emergency administration of public works, grants for public works projects, emergency construction of highways, and grade crossings. And we have other activities in the form of grants that are too numerous to mention.

The purpose of this article is not to discount the value of these projects and activities. But simply to cite how far we, as a people, have come in our new conception of the part the Federal Government should have in carrying on public works. Fortunately, we have a program for overhauling the vast machinery of the Federal Government and for planning for the future. The President recommended such a step as not only important but necessary. Our people will be the final arbiter of public works. They are beginning to realize that we cannot have economy, reduction of the public debt and lower taxes and at the same time maintain and increase public expenditures. That is the situation today.

One of the problems, of course, is the proper allocation of cost. If we had a unit system of government the question of a proper division of the cost of public works and public functions would not arise. But under our Federal system, the powers, functions, and responsibilities are scattered among a variety of units. When activities affecting more than one unit are undertaken by a central government, or when several units jointly undertake activities to satisfy collective needs, the question of costs comes up. Should they be divided among the units affected? Shall they be met by one government? The answers to these questions must be found.



The yields of soil-depleting crops can be greatly increased by growing them in rotations with soil-conserving and soil-building crops, said E. C. Blair, extension agronomist at State College. The picture above shows the results of a 30-year experiment, with the increase in yields gotten by growing corn, oats, wheat and clover in a four-year rotation. No fertilizer or manure was used.

Mrs. Sera Cox Funeral Rites Held Saturday

Mrs. Sera Cox, age 72, wife of the late Thomas Cox, of Purlear route 1, died Wednesday and funeral service was held Saturday at Dunkirk Methodist church. Surviving are the following children: Arney Cox, Hendrix; Braskey Cox, Boone; Mrs. Zora Atkins, Maple Springs; Mrs. Daisy Dula, Hendrix; Miss Heasle Cox, Hendrix.

The parent who over indulges a child and fails to acquaint it with wholesome discipline, as a rule, pays for his neglect by being told where to head in by an unruly and disrespectful child.

Mountain View Wins Both Games

Mountain View high school basketball teams, living up to a reputation of the past few years, defeated girls and boys of Roaring River in a twin bill last week. Mountain View boys won 31 to 15 and the girls won 14 to 4.

"Dad, tell me, what does bankruptcy mean?"
 "Bankruptcy, my boy, is when you put your money in our hip pocket and let your creditors take your coat."

Ads get attention—and results

Happenings At Reddies River

Mr. Zeb Snyder, champion hog killer of Union township, butchered 87 hogs this season.
 Mr. J. C. Snyder accidentally got two of his fingers sawed off with an edger at a saw mill last week.
 Mrs. J. C. Snyder has been very ill and little improvement is reported in her condition.
 Mrs. A. G. Shepherd visited Mrs. J. C. Snyder, Wednesday.
 Mr. Johnnie Cleary spent the past week in Kannapolis with his son, David.
 Mr. Greens Wingler, of Kannapolis, had prayer service at Mr. Johnnie Cleary's, Saturday night.
 Mrs. Dallas Snyder was in North Wilkesboro, Friday, shopping.
 Mr. J. R. Holloway's sister is

very ill with pneumonia, at her home.

Miss Artie Snyder is spending a few weeks in Kannapolis with relatives.

Mr. Tom Walker visited Miss Annie Dancy, Saturday night.

Mrs. Nancy Spicer

Last rites were held Friday at the Waddell cemetery for Mrs. Nancy Waddell Spicer, who died Wednesday at her home in Walnut Grove township.

She was 73 years of age and of the immediate family surviving are two brothers, W. C. Waddell, of Moxley, and Dr. M. R. Waddell, of North Wilkesboro route 1.

Greta Garbo has a record of never having been late for an appointment.

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Nancy Hart's HOME NEWS

If you feel that you must reduce to retain a slender and youthful figure, here are some common-sense rules of eating that are given by one of the country's foremost health and beauty authorities. "Don't call it a diet," is one of the first things she insists upon, having seen the harmful results from strenuous fasts undertaken within proper medical examination and advice.

We live in an age of nervous tension. Most digestions aren't up to par. You need a certain amount of meat, but don't eat the fat on meat, or greasy foods. Eat lots of fruits, tomatoes, leafy vegetables. Have your vegetables cooked so that you can eat the skin—a lot of the mineral value is in the skin and just under it. You can eat a baked potato, but eat the skin too and don't soak the potato in butter.

Be sure your daily elimination is good.

Eat a little salt as you can. You need a certain amount of sugar for energy. Try to get it through foods which contain high natural sugar content, such as raw fruits, beets and raisins.

If you're inclined to over-acidity, acquire the lemon habit. Take the juice of half a lemon in half a glass of water every morning about ten minutes before breakfast.

The sad part for those inclined to overweight is that it's no use eating to rule for a week, or a month. You can never let down. You've got to train yourself to pick and choose all the time, every day, at every meal. And even then, sensible eating alone isn't enough, you must have plenty of exercise, such as walking a "daily dozen" from five to fifteen minutes every day.

If you are limiting your sweets and simply cannot drink your coffee clear without sugar, here's an "old-country" Scandinavian custom that is helpful. You take only one-quarter of a lump of sugar and hold it on your tongue while you drink your coffee. It has the same sweetening effects as though you had stirred up a teaspoonful or two in your cup.

Those who choose to regard the fact that men are decidedly fashion-conscious as news willfully overlook the fact that men have already been fashion-conscious. Consider the days when they wore frills and satins and jewels in eighteenth century France. When the vogue for ornate and bizarre buttons was current, one dandy appeared at court with watches worn as buttons. Men are quite as definitely slaves to fashion as women ever were.

who eased Father along because frictions weren't worth while, but who had her own ways of bringing him to terms: of "Delly," a little girl with wide eyes and sharp ears, who took it all in and now has put it into words.

For spring Paris forecasts white jackets with black skirts or with plain dresses. They are made on tailored lines and are matched by white accessories. There are still numerous black dresses, trimmed with a soft shade of dusty pink or with pale turquoise blue.

Household Hint: A small dish or tin of powdered charcoal, placed in an ice box, will keep the box sweet and odorless.

Boomer News Items In Brief

Rev. S. I. Watts filled his regular appointments at White Plains and Mt. Hermon, Sunday. He was accompanied by Mrs. Watts. There were good crowds in attendance at both services.

Mr. Ray Rogers and family, Mrs. Mary Rogers and daughter, Sallie, were visitors to the homes of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Greer and Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Rogers, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lafayette Critcher, of Boone, were visitors at the home of Mrs. Vick Wall, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rosco Watson were visitors at the home of Mrs. Watson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cub Walsh, over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Stemple and son, Willis, of Lenoir, were visitors at the home of Mrs. J. E. Phillips, Sunday.

Mrs. Rebecca Hood Matheson, who has been visiting in this community, has returned to her home at Statesville.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Earp, of Booneville, were visitors at Boomer Sunday.

Mr. Clinzy Price is a patient at the Wilkes hospital. He had a bad accident Saturday night when he broke the glass over one eye, cutting into the eye ball. The sight is completely destroyed.

Mrs. R. G. Earp and son, Jertie, were visitors to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Heath Barlow, of Lenoir, Sunday.

Miss Della Watts was home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Watts, over the weekend. She returned to Boone Monday where she is in school.

The Sabbath passed very quietly here with the exception of a few who still believe that dealing out and drinking alcohol is the only life.

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MAN ESCAPES FROM SEALED COFFIN IN LESS THAN THREE MINUTES!
 Among the many amazing illusions to be performed by Mysterious Smith the great American Magician, who will open an engagement of two days at the New Orpheum Theatre on Monday, Feb. 22, is his famous Coffin Mystery. To hear this described makes one think it impossible, and to see it performed almost confirms the thought, despite the fact that it is done.
 Encased in a regulation U. S. straight-jacket, with every muscle rendered helpless, the Magician is placed in an ordinary casket to be gotten from the regular stock of a local undertaker. The casket is then encircled by three straps, sealed by a local committee and then placed inside a cabinet. In less than three minutes Mr. Smith emerges, freed from both straight-jacket and casket.
 It cannot be done, you say? Well, Mr. Smith does it and there are very few instances where he has failed to effect his escape in the allotted time. You will spend a lot of thought trying to figure out how it is done. It is only one of the many near-miracles which Mr. Smith will perform during his engagement here.

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