

SEEN AND HEARD

JUST LIKE SOME FOLKS

If you pass along the walk in front of W. S. Cheaves' home stop and look at the poke root stalks growing in an umbrella tree in the edge of his yard. It seems to be rooted in the wood and appears to thrive well on food from the trunk of the tree among the first branches.

THUMBING A PUP SALE

Coming along Hillsboro street in Raleigh a few days ago I saw a colored man standing near the sidewalk holding out his hand. He had something in it, and when I got nearer I saw it was a pup of some small breed. He had another under his arm. The pup with its supersalesman made me want to stop and buy it.

IT HAPPENED IN ZEBULON

A housekeeper was speaking to her colored helper about the work to be done and mentioned spring housecleaning, asking the girl whether she understood that work. Noting a puzzled expression, the lady asked again, "Do you know how to do spring housecleaning?" "I don't know," was the reply, "I ain't never sprung clean."

CIVIL SERVICE

Civil Service was described as "too slow" by Chairman Farley when new thousands of positions were to be handed out in the public service. Naturally, the political favorites got the jobs and they are still in—with a heavy Civil Service blanket over them, so they will stay in. Newly-appointed postmasters are being comforted in the same way.

NOW, IT'S THE PEOPLE

The people have their chance. It is up to them to consider the interests of the United States and follow their judgment, as patriotism directs. They will be as near right as the political planners and leaders who make their living out of politics.

MAKING TALK, KILLING TIME

The other day I was on my way in a hurry on an errand and met a friend from the country. Of course I stopped and "howdied" with him, and then just to seem real friendly I asked if he thought it would rain. From that we discussed the weather, crops and Providence in general. All the time, after the first minute, I was wishing I had not been quite so friendly and wanted to be on my way. But my too much friendliness (if talk is an evidence of it) got me into trouble and I realized that too great a hurry to be on my way might be worse than not even speaking. Guess I had better 'tend my business next time!

"BOOK" WENT A-HUNTING

Booker Antone, young business man, heard that bank ponies down east were to be had for the shooting, so he borrowed a friend's 22 rifle, hitched his trailer onto his car and rode away to Ocracoke. When he got there he found 200 ponies and 2,000 people. He also found that he would first have to buy the pony before he shot it. So he planked down several good dollars, shouldered his rifle and rolled for home, giving HIS pony its first experience in civilized traveling.

We are told that the bank ponies will dig a well for themselves, going into the ground which is mostly sand, as much as ten feet. Book says his pony went to work digging a well as soon as he put him in the lot. And with the tone of

KENNEDY HOME HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS



Above is a picture of the Kennedy Home Chorus, Kinston, N. C. This singing class has a reputation throughout Eastern Carolina. They sang before the Southern Baptist Convention in Richmond, Va., in May. They will be on the program of the Home Coming Day at Spring Branch Baptist Church, six miles east of Dunn, on Friday, July 22. Pat Alderman is the director.

Canning Peas

Of the millions of cans of peas put up each year, the greater number are canned in eastern Washington, eastern Oregon and western Idaho. The soil and climate of this section have been found specially adapted to the growing of this popular vegetable. The canning season lasts for six or eight weeks, but during that time the work goes at top speed.

NEWS OF THE WEEK

UNCLE SAM TAKES STOCK

Washington, D. C.—The close of the Federal fiscal year disclosed a Treasury deficit of \$1,400,000,000, smallest since 1931. But it also shows a national debt of \$37,123,000,000 highest in history and topping the 1919 World War peak by nearly eleven billion dollars. Receipts for the year were \$6,200,000,000 and expenditures were \$7,600,000,000. Preliminary estimates indicate that the fiscal year just beginning will see a deficit of three billion dollars, due to the enormous relief and recovery appropriations made by the last Congress. If this holds true the country a year hence will face a public debt of \$40,000,000,000.

JAPAN FACES DILEMMA

Shanghai, China.—Economists familiar with Far Eastern conditions predict that another year of the Sino-Japanese war will result in Japan's bankruptcy. The further her troops penetrate China the heavier becomes the financial burden of keeping supply lines open and replacing the thousands of troops killed by floods and the character of warfare pursued by Chinese leaders. Added to her military troubles is the industrial breakdown caused by an almost world-wide boycott of Japanese goods.

YOUNG CLIMBER FOUND DEAD

Albuquerque, N. M.—The body of Medill McCormick, 21-year-old son of Mrs. Ruth Hanna McCor-

Banker Brown telling of the prize fight, when asked if he killed any ponies, Book said: "Naw, that is the biggest publicity stunt I ever heard of. But," he added, "I would not have missed the trip for anything."

mick Simms and heir to one of Chicago's largest fortunes, was found on an almost inaccessible ledge in the Sandia Mountains. With a companion, who also perished, he tried to scale a cliff which has long baffled even seasoned mountaineers.

PRESIDENT LAYS CORNERSTONE

New York City—On his first visit to the New York World's Fair, President Roosevelt laid the cornerstone of the million-dollar Federal Building, center of a group of Government exhibits to cost \$3,000,000. His address before a distinguished group representing foreign nations, was a plea for international peace. Later he visited Crown Prince Gustaf Adolf, who is ill in a local hospital.

"JIMMY" ROOSEVELT IRKED

Rochester, Minn.—From his sickroom at the Mayo Clinic, James Roosevelt, Secretary to the President, issued a hot denial of an article in the Saturday Evening Post, which states that his earnings from insurance handled for corporations doing business with the Government were variously estimated at from \$250,000 to \$2,000,000 a year. He indicated that the matter was in the hands of his attorneys.

WOOLWORTH HEIRESS SUES MATE

London, England—Following institution of suit for divorce from her Danish Count, filed in Denmark, Countess Haugwitz-Reventlow, formerly Barbara Huton, \$45,000,000 5-and-10 heiress, had her 2-year-old son Lance formally declared a British ward in Chancery, which places him under the protection of the courts until he is 21 years of age. It is rumored that her action is the result of threats of kidnapping on the part of her estranged husband, who is under \$10,000 bond in England.

FIRST PAID HEAD OF EXCHANGE

New York City—For the first time in 146 years, the New York Stock Exchange has a salaried president. He is William McCsheney Martin, Jr., only 31 years old, formerly of St. Louis, Mo., and his salary is fixed at \$48,000 per year. The move was in accordance with the reform program insisted upon by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

THE BUSINESS WEEK

Uncertain railroad conditions has caused the New York State Banking Department to drop \$3,000,000,000 in rail securities as approved for legal investments for savings banks. This is the largest group of securities ever dropped from the approved list for a single

industry. . . . Despite brief reactions on profit taking, the upward trend in stock prices continued. June recorded the largest sales of the year, with the lowest day's total in 20 years as well as the highest day's sales for 1938.

SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS AFTER

Gettysburg, Pa.—Celebrating over the Fourth of July the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, a group of nearly 2,000 Union and Confederate veterans marked what will probably be the last joint observation of the three-day conflict which turned the Civil War in favor of Northern forces. Most of the survivors are in their 90's and all admit that beyond year-to-year gatherings this will be the last big reunion of the Blue and the Gray.

BIG VANDERBILT GIFT

New York City—William K. Vanderbilt has transferred to the State the famous 110-mile Long Island Motor Parkway which his father built 32 years ago to stimulate interest in automobiling. Scene of many celebrated races in the early days of the motor car, the Parkway was the longest and most valuable privately owned and operated highway in the world, traversing a countryside dotted with vast estates where real estate often commanded \$20,000 an acre. Mr. Vanderbilt asked no compensation for the property, which will be incorporated in new state highway construction.

SILVER HORDE ON WAY

Washington, D. C.—For the next ten months, 25 trucks will leave New York five days a week until the last of \$1,290,000,000 in silver bars is safely lodged in the U. S. Treasury's new bomb-proof vaults at West Point, N. Y. Each truck will carry 350 bars of silver weighing eleven tons, worth \$450,000, and will be guarded by two Coast Guardsmen, although the contractor doesn't even fear high-jacking because of the difficulty of disposing of the loot. To move the million bars of silver, the contractor will receive \$157,000, and has picked for the job 25 drivers who have never had an accident.

WALL STREET EMPLOYMENT

New York City.—The brokers' committee trying to find employment for idle Wall Street employes reported that nearly 4,000 members of brokerage house staffs lost their jobs in 1938. Last week brokerage houses recalled weekend vacations in order that their employes might catch up on the work caused by the "bull market."

L. E. Chenault poultryman of the Buies Creek section of Harnett County, says it is profitable for him to sell all male birds at this season and produce only infertile eggs.

TAX NIGHTMARE COMING

Thirteen months from now, according to slide rule calculations of a government economist, the national debt of the federal government will be in excess of 43 billion dollars—double what it was five years ago. For the fiscal year 1939, beginning July 1, next, congress has authorized the expenditure of 12.5 billions, 6 billions of which will be "deficit financed."

Breaking this vast sum down, it is found that during fiscal year 1939, the federal government will spend \$1,027,397,250 a month; \$34,246,575 every day; \$1,426,940 each hour; \$23,782 every minute; or \$396 every second!

So what! Soak the rich, you say? According to the government economist (who got his figures from a treasury report), only forty-three people out of 130,000,000 in the U. S. had incomes of a million dollars or more in 1937. Their aggregate income was 73 million dollars and if every penny was squeezed from them it would barely meet the government expenditures for 48 hours.

Once more we are forcibly reminded that taxes—and deficits—are paid in the sweat of labor by the average citizen.

A Vote Against Decency

(Industrial News Review)

The defeat of the Hatch amendment to the "lending-spending" bill is one of the most disgraceful episodes in the history of congressional action in this country.

The amendment provided that relief funds to sway the votes of relief beneficiaries should be discharged. It marked a praiseworthy effort to do away with one of the most notorious abuses of relief administration. On the grounds of good government, fairness and honesty, it should have been passed by a unanimous vote.

Instead, it was beaten, in spite of the fact that some senators who have been strongest for greater relief spending, such as Senators Norris and LaFollette, supported it. And incredible as it seems, one senator, in speaking against the amendment, said frankly that if it were approved it would endanger the chances of certain senators being reelected this November. In other words, these senators apparently felt that only the corrupt use of public money could save their jobs.

The Hatch amendment, to sum up, would have put some measure of lost decency into the handling of relief funds. The Senate voted it down. What a commentary that is on present-day government, and the moral character of public servants.

The dawn does not come twice to wake us from sleep.