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ONE-DOLLAR A YEAR

## Soil Erosion Project for Ashe County Seems Within Reach

Greensboro Speaker Explains Possibilities to Representative Crowd of Local Citizens

That a soil erosion project for this section of the state, located in this county, is a possibility that might prove a reality was the hope held out by Mr. Maurier, of Greensboro and representative of the United States Department of Soil Erosion, in an address before a representative crowd of Ashe citizens in the courthouse Friday night.

### No Project in Mountain Counties

There are three such project in the state but there are none in the mountain sections. Nor has any county but Ashe made any definite move so far toward getting one established, according to Mr. Maurier.

\$150,000 has been allotted each project and around 90,000 acres of land is usually included in each working area. The projects extend over five-year periods and are worked in cooperation with the federal government and the land owned. The land owner furnishes the greater part of the local labor and the government furnishes the fertilizer, the lime, the seed, etc.

The government arranges to have several workers in different fields to help with the projects such as experts in crops, terracing, etc.

### Erosion Project Might Bring C. C. Camp

It is entirely possible, Mr. Maurier continued, that such a project would also bring the establishment of a C. C. Camp into the county since the C. C. C. boys would be given the job of reforesting land that is too poor or too steep to be rejuvenated.

### Definite Steps to Be Taken

The establishment of further erosion projects rests on the passage of the 4-billion-dollar work relief bill which is still in the Senate, but definite steps are being taken now to get in line for it. A committee of three from the Citizens' Club, two from the two Jeffersons, and one man from each township are being appointed to make the necessary moves. Prof. Wade E. Eller was elected chairman of the organization at the Friday meeting, and E. C. Frances, secretary. Application must be made through the High Point office and the allocation of the project will be made from Washington.

### Enthusiasm Running High

Both Miss Reeves and Mr. Hash, who were instrumental in getting Mr. Maurier to the county, are pleased with the interest shown in the meeting, and the crowd that attended. The committee officials are planning to leave no stone unturned in making a colossal effort to get an erosion project in the county.

### COMMITTEE VOTES TO SUBMIT VINSON BONUS BILL TO HOUSE

Doughton Maintains Neutral Position on Vinson and Patman Rival Measures

The House Ways and Means Committee, on Thursday, voted 23 to 1 to submit the Vinson bonus measure to the floor of the house. The measure asks for the payment of \$2,000,000,000 in cash to World War veterans.

Representative Doughton, chairman of the committee, stated that he was not committed to any particular bonus bill, and, when the matter comes before the house, he will be guided entirely by the wishes of President Roosevelt.

Doughton opposes the Patman bonus bill, which calls for payment with a new issue of currency. He said the Tydings bill appealed to him quite a bit, but that he was waiting to get definite information from President Roosevelt as to his views before making any definite announcement about the bonus.

The ways and means committee chairman has received many messages of congratulations on his speech last week in commending President Roosevelt's efforts to revive world trade by reciprocal tariff agreements.

### DR. CLAUDE S. BECK



Medical history was made at Lakeside hospital, Cleveland, with the performance of the first operation in the history of the world for the relief of angina pectoris, a heart ailment which in the past has been regarded as incurable and eventually fatal. The operation was performed by Dr. Claude S. Beck, a surgeon at Lakeside hospital. It may mean as much to the world as the discovery of a cure for cancer.

### 115 NEW BOOKS TO BE ADDED TO LIBRARY

115 new books are being sent the county library this week by the State Library commission. This will bring the total number of volumes in the library to a figure well over 200.

Interest in the new library grows each day and the public is invited to avail itself of the use of the books and magazines now on hand.

### LOCAL SCHOOL BUILDING IS READY FOR GRADED SCHOOL

Work Is Not Complete but Graded School Moved from Dormitory Last of Week

The local high school building, which has been under construction since the CWA started Superintendent Hash and his teachers lying awake at night thinking how they could use federal aid to the best advantage in re-modelling their out-dated buildings, has at last been completed to the extent of allowing the graded school to be moved into it.

For the past several sessions, the grammar grades of the local high school have been in the building at the foot of the school hill which was once used for a dormitory. To raise money to help finish the school project, the dormitory was sold during the winter to Robert and Russell Barr, of this city.

The graded school vacated the dormitory last Friday and Saturday. It is thought that the entire building will be completed at an early date. Other schools throughout the county are nearing completion of their projects.

### ASHE COUNTY SENDS HIGH PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS TO COLLEGE AT BOONE

Ashe Ranks Fourth in Number of Students Attending Watauga School; 1000 Enrolled

Out of the 68 counties in the state who have a student representation at A. S. T. C., at Boone, Ashe county sends 38 students in comparison with 38 from Catawba, 44 from Cleveland, 40 from Forsyth, and 48 from Lincoln. This does not include the number enrolled from Watauga itself since that county has 135 on the lists. All other counties, except those mentioned, have less than an enrollment of 28, each.

The total enrollment at Boone this year is 1009. Thirteen other states are represented and one student is enrolled from Baghdad, in Asia.

The spring term will close on May 3, and the summer term will begin on June 4th.

### Doughton Explains Position on Tariff

Delivers Informative Address on Tariff-Bargaining; Sponsors Bill in House

Washington, March 9.—Distribution of 100,000 copies of the tariff-bargaining speech delivered by Congressman Robert L. Doughton in the House this week is planned by Democratic leaders in the near future. Political leaders declare it to be one of the best on the subject delivered in the House in many years.

Summing up the situation, Mr. Doughton asserted: "It is a common impression that the United States produces nearly everything that it requires and is thus very largely self-sufficient. Those opposed to the reciprocal tariff act are making much of this point. They are going to considerable pains to stress the self-containment doctrine—a defensive alibi for legislation the Republicans sponsored which has almost destroyed American foreign trade. They take the position that we have largely lost our export trade and that it was never important—not worth the attempt to regain through any method of tariff bargaining.

"The fallacy of this doctrine is obvious to anyone who is capable of analyzing it. Those who take this position of self-sufficiency do not understand the fundamentals of trade between different regions, areas, sections, States, or nations. These bases of trade are the factors underlying the law of comparative costs—an economic law which the reciprocal tariff act takes into consideration, a law which the Republicans either cannot or will not understand."

These elemental reasons for trade may be roughly divided into the three following categories:

1. Differences in racial characteristics.
2. Differences in industrial developments.
3. Difference in natural resources.

Continuing, Mr. Doughton stated:

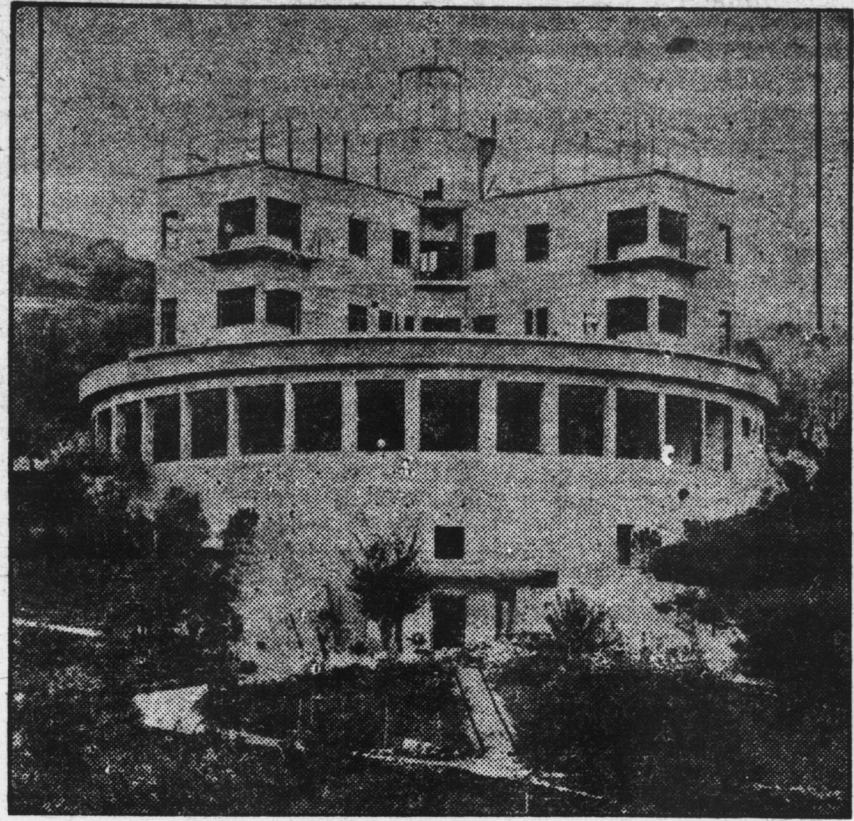
"In 1929, for example, nearly 55 percent of our cotton, more than 40 percent of our tobacco, 33 percent of our lard, and about 18 percent of our wheat were exported. These relatively large percentages are not limited to agricultural products. More than 40 percent of the typewriters, 29 percent of the printing machinery, 28 percent of the sewing machines, 23 percent of the agricultural machinery, 21 percent of the locomotives, and 14 percent of the passenger automobiles were sent abroad in the same year.

"The export figures do not tell the whole story about the interrelation of industries. For example, the conditions of the automobile industry are reflected in a number of other industries whose materials it purchases in large quantities. This industry consumes in its production, to mention only a few, 19 percent of the steel of the United States, and has largely accounted for the recent activity of that industry. The automobile industry uses about 68 percent of the alloy steel and varying percentages of other steel products, 55 percent of the malleable iron, 23.5 percent of the aluminum, 15 percent of the copper, 33 percent of the lead, 7 percent of the zinc, 11 percent of the tin, 23 percent of the nickel, about 7 percent of the cotton, 54 percent of the upholstery leather, 14 percent of the hardwood lumber, 40 percent of the plate glass, 73 percent of the rubber, and 85 percent of the gasoline produced in the United States."

Mr. Doughton's speech was in reply to statements made by Representative Treadway of Massachusetts, ranking minority member of the Ways and Means Committee of which Mr. Doughton is Chairman, regarding the trade agreements of the present administration under the 1934 Tariff Act.

The bill, embodying these policies, was introduced by Mr. Doughton in the 73rd Congress and reported out by the Ways and Means Committee. Mr. Doughton sponsored the legislation through the Committee and the House.

### A "Sunflower" House in Italy



A house, the living rooms of which, as a unit, rotate on circular tracks, facing the sun, making the complete turn within the arc of a circle, in 9 hours and 50 minutes. The motive power comes from a 3 horse power engine which operates in the center of the house. The house shown is located on a hillside in Italy.

## TRANSPORTATION FUNDS WILL BE ENOUGH FOR EIGHT MONTHS

### LANSING BOYS WIN GAME WED. AT WINSTON-SALEM

The Lansing boys' basketball team won by a safe score over their opponents Wednesday afternoon when they took another final step toward the championship they hope to capture in the Northwest Cage Tournament that is being sponsored by the Winston-Salem Journal in Winston this week.

At a late hour last night, the West Jefferson boys were still undefeated and the prospects were good for Lansing to have the local boys against them in the final play-off.

Nathans Creek, Jefferson, and Fleetwood teams have been eliminated.

### H. H. BURGESS APPOINTED TAX SUPERVISOR FOR ASHE

All Appointments of Tax Listers Made in Townships Except Chestnut Hill

H. H. Burgess, of Obids, has been appointed tax supervisor for the county and has spent the past week getting to listers appointed in the various townships. All are appointed at present with the exception of Chestnut Hill and an appointment will be confirmed there at an early date.

The following have been appointed tax listers for the year 1935:

- Creston—Will McMillan, Creston.
- Clifton—S. W. James, Amy.
- Elk—C. L. Duncan, Todd.
- Grassy Creek—A. C. Sheets, Lansing.
- Helton—Greely Spencer, Sturgills.
- Harrigan—B. O. Dolinger, Husk.
- Jefferson—J. D. Burgess, Wagoner.
- Laurel—Bruce Graybeal, Fig.
- North Fork—Oscar Wilson, Trade.
- Obids—Nelson Severt, Wagoner.
- Old Fields—Austin Houck, Baldwin.
- Peak Creek—Loyd Richardson, Furches.
- Pine Swamp—L. H. Miller, Idlewild.
- Piney Creek—Glenn King, Bina.
- Pond Mtn.—B. F. Kilby, Grayson.
- Walnut Hill—C. Francis, Crumpler.
- West Jefferson—Chas. McNeill, W. Jefferson.

### SERVICE STORE AT LANSING TO MOVE IN LARGER HOUSE

J. O. Blevins, manager of the Service Store in Lansing, has announced his intention of moving the store into larger quarters this week. Mr. Blevins says that he expects to enlarge his stock of goods and carry a complete line of merchandise.

The store will go on a cash basis in its new quarters. This will eliminate the cost of bookkeeping and the amount saved will be used in reducing the price of goods without reducing the quality of the articles. Therefore, the customer will benefit from the new arrangement by saving on his purchases.

### Steel Bodies of Buses Proved Indispensable for Safety of School Children

Superintendent Hash is particularly well pleased to announce that the funds for the transportation of school children will be sufficient to cover the entire eight months of school this year. This situation, however, has not been brought about without the close cooperation of the school teachers with the superintendent, and Mr. Hash. A great deal has been accomplished since the dark days of the early fall when it looked as if there would be no transportation in sight after the first four or five months.

The manouevring of the board and Mr. Hash in getting the state to allot buses and by buying others, is greatly responsible for the fact that the funds have lasted.

The necessity of steel bodies for the buses as a safeguard for the children was forcibly demonstrated last week when an Elkland bus turned over on a road, softened and washed out with recent rains. The bus went over on its side, but due to the non-crushable steel body, none of the children were hurt, and the bus was none the worse for the experience. In one of the buses in recent use, constructed out of touring cars or pick-ups, such an accident would have proved a tragedy.

### TREASURY OFFICIALS HAVE PLAN TO RETIRE PART OF U. S. DEBT

Has Smell of Inflation; Will Give Complete Federal Control over Currency Issue

U. S. treasury officials have announced plans to dip into the profits from gold seizure to retire \$674,625,630 of the national debt. The debt will be discarded through use of gold certificates.

The plan is potentially inflationary. It will deprive national banks of the power to issue currency and save the government an annual interest charge of \$13,500,000.

Treasury officials avoided questions on the inflationary implications of the program. But they conceded it would "put gold to work which can be expanded." The official judgment of the plan is that it provides complete federal control over currency issue, with proper safeguards.

The principal inflationary factor is that the maneuver will place in the hands of federal reserve banks \$674,625,630 of gold certificates. These must be utilized as backing for issue of the same sum in federal reserve notes to retire the bonds. But note issue against them could be expanded if demand for currency warranted to approximately \$1,687,500,000. A federal reserve note need not be backed by more than 40 per cent gold or gold certificates in like percentage.

## 60-Day Pay Period for N. C. Legislators Ended on March 9

Promise Vote on Liquor Measure Today; Report that \$32,000,000 Annual Budget Balanced

The laws of the state allow pay for the representatives and senators in the General Assembly for a period of 60 days after convening. That 60-day period was up on Saturday, March 9, and the various lawmakers are now in Raleigh at their own expense. And according to the amount of work yet to do, it looks as if that personal expense would amount up since adjournment is said to not be in sight.

Chairmen of the joint finance committees of the General Assembly have announced that a \$32,000,000 budget for each year of the next biennium has been balanced.

The finance committee voted to levy a flat three per cent tax on dividends from stocks in domestic corporations. It is estimated to raise in excess of \$1,000,000 annually with constitutional income tax exemptions allowed.

The appropriations bill is now some \$200,000 above the revenue measure but it is proposed to scale down allotments by that amount.

The joint committee on roads have heard proponents and opponents of a subcommittee draft of bills to reduce the cost of automobile license tags and also discussed the measure to appropriate \$500,000 for maintenance of city streets which are part of the state highway system.

### DATE FOR BEGINNING COUNTY BASKET BALL TOURNAMENT POSTPONED

Martin Gives Out Important Information; All Teams With One Exception to Enter

The countywide basket ball tournament scheduled to begin this week, has been postponed due to the conflict of the dates first set with that of the Winston-Salem Journal tournament which has several Ashe teams entered in it. The new date for the tournament has been set for Tuesday, March 19, at two o'clock in the afternoon. It will be held at Lansing and all the schools except Green Valley are certain of entering a boys' team. Seven girls' teams will be entered.

This information was gained Wednesday from Prof. Albert Martin, who is the chairman of the tournament committee. Miss Charity Vanoy is the secretary.

The tournament committee met in West Jefferson Tuesday afternoon and made the following announcements:

1—The rules governing the eligibility of players and the games will be the same as those used in the Northwest North Carolina tournament at Winston-Salem.

2—A set of these rules together with other regulations of the tournament will be sent to each school entering a team in the county.

3—Qualified referees, yet to be named, will be drawn from a county other than Ashe.

4—Mr. Paul Donnelly, of Fleetwood, and Miss Jessie Dickson, of Lansing, will be the official score keepers. They will be assisted by representatives from each school.

5—Mr. Paul Miller, of Nathans Creek, and Mr. Raymond Francis, will be the official time keepers.

The schedule of the play for the opening round will be as follows:

Tuesday, March 19—2 p. m., Lansing vs New River (boys); 3 p. m., Fleetwood vs Todd (boys); 4 p. m., Todd vs Jefferson (girls); 5 p. m., Nathans Creek vs Jefferson (boys); 7 p. m., Nathans Creek vs Grassy Creek (Girls); 8 p. m., W. Jefferson vs Grassy Creek (boys); 9 p. m., Lansing vs West Jefferson (girls) 10 p. m., Lansing or New River vs Crumpler (boys).

The admission price will be 15 cents in the afternoon and 15 and 25 cents at night.

Each boys' team will be allowed to enter ten players and a coach and each girls' team will be allowed to enter twelve players and a coach. Free entrance of players will be good for the entire tournament.