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### The President Calls Congress

**P**RESIDENT ROOSEVELT Tuesday issued a call for an extra session of the congress to convene on November 15, and in his "fireside chat" Tuesday night outlined a legislative program designed to assist agriculture, industry and labor to produce "a balanced abundance without waste."

The program proposed by the President calls for:

1. Crop control legislation to stabilize farm income and the nation's food supply.
2. Wage and hour legislation to increase the income of low-paid employees and thereby increase production of the things they would buy.
3. Land use legislation, spreading the TVA idea to other sections and providing new expanses of fertile soil to which families in the dust bowl and other poorly productive sections may move.
4. Anti-trust legislation "to end monopoly—not to hurt but to free legitimate business."
5. Government reorganization to make the purposes of democracy "work more efficiently."

The President gave as his reason for calling the congress in extra session that it would give an opportunity to consider "important legislation before the regular session in January, and to enable the congress to avoid a lengthy session next year, extending through the summer."

Near the end of his "fireside chat" the President touched briefly on foreign affairs and stated that this government would attempt to bring about a settlement "by agreement" between China and Japan. He also said, "I want our great democracy to be wise enough to realize that aloofness from war is not promoted by unawareness of war. In a world of mutual suspicions, peace must be affirmatively reached for. It cannot just be wished for. It cannot just be waited for."

Mr. Roosevelt made another statement which is calculated to relieve the fears of those who have believed that international cooperation for peace might lead the United States into war. "Remember," he said, "that from 1913 to 1921, I was fairly close to world events, and in that period, while I learned much of what to do, I also learned much of what not to do."

The extra session of congress promises to be stormy from the very beginning, and the legislation proposed by the President is sure to be bitterly opposed, but next year will be election year, and the President's popularity with the common people has not waned, so a majority of the senators and congressmen will be wary of carrying their antagonism too far in opposing the Roosevelt measures.

### How Foreign Wars Affect Us

**W**ITH oceans on two sides and friendly neighbors to the north and south of us, we sometimes regard with scant interest wars that go on in far away lands and think that we cannot be disturbed so long as we mind our own business, but that wars on the other side of the earth can affect us is being demonstrated in many ways today, especially from an economic standpoint.

The Sino-Japanese war, which is raging at the present time and threatens to engulf the world, has been a great calamity to the south because of the fact that Japan is our best customer in the cotton market. Japan is buying no cotton now for spinning, but only for the manufacture of explosives, and for that purpose she can buy cheaper cottons produced by the cheap labor of other cotton-growing countries. Therefore, cotton is going down, and but for government guarantees would probably be selling now at five cents per pound. And the south is faced

with the problem of disposing of the second greatest crop on record.

Another instance of the effect of this war on our own people is a drug called ephidrine, which is widely used for the relief of ailments of the respiratory organs. This drug is found only in China in the province of Shansi, and in normal times it is shipped to this country in great quantities and is found in all drug stores. No shipments can be made now and ephidrine has gone from 95 cents to \$7.00 per ounce and is expected to reach \$50 before shipments are resumed.

There are many other things that could be cited to show how war in another land may affect every family in our country in purse or health; and those who take the attitude that the troubles of other nations are no concern of ours will change their viewpoint if they will only do a little investigating.

In the world as it is today there is no such thing as isolation for nations or people.

### Letter-Press

#### CITIZEN WANTS TO KNOW ABOUT OLD AGE FUNDS

Editor Press:

If you will allow space, I would like to say a few words in regard to the old age pensions.

I understand it is for people 65 years old and up, but it seems like some of our old citizens can't get signed up. A few old men in my community went in but couldn't get on the roll. These men are up in 70 and some of them have no job, were cut off the road work, and have to buy most of their food. Now, Mr. Editor, you and I and others pay taxes and the old age money comes out of the taxes, so I want to know why our old daddies, who are in the 70's, can't sign up?

Who is going to get this old age money? I suppose it is those who are riding around to see if the old people have a water bucket that doesn't leak and a row of potatoes and one old hen or two, and say to them: "Well, I am glad you have so and so."

Mr. Editor, don't you believe our old citizens who have paid taxes for 50 years ought to have the pension and that the taxpayers of Macon county ought to see to it.

Ernest A. Roper.

Editor's Note—There seems to be a great deal of misunderstanding in regard to the old age assistance act in North Carolina. The act does not provide a pension for all who are 65 or over, but only for those who are in need and have no close relatives who are able to care for them. It does provide, however, for some assistance to those who have something, but not enough to live in comfort. Also the money to pay the old age assistance benefits comes not alone from the county, but from the United States, the state and the county.

### Lake Emory

By J. R. BERRY

Wade Buchanan and wife, of Helen, Ga., and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones, of Bonny Crest, were visiting B. E. Buchanan Sunday.

Mrs. J. A. Woodard, of White Salmon, Wash., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Higdon.

Mrs. John Smith is spending some time with her two sons at Sylva.

Mrs. Herman Dean and daughter, Alice, are in Charlotte on business, and while there will visit Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Peek, formerly of Macon county.

A series of meetings is in progress at Ridgecrest Baptist church, conducted by Rev. Joe Bishop, assisted by the pastor, Rev. C. C. Welch.

Mrs. C. A. Duvall, of Blairsville Ga., is visiting in this section this week. She is the widow of the late Cleburne Duvall, a noted singer of north Georgia.

Ray Massbearges, of California was on business at Berry's mill Monday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Sanders Saturday, October 9, a son.

A poet mailed an effusion entitled, "Why Do I Live?" to a literary review.

The editor returned the poem with the following note: "You live because you didn't dare bring it in yourself."

### John Lancaster Honored At Maryville College

The following item from "The Highland Echo," the Maryville college paper, will be interesting to friends of a Macon county boy:

"John Lancaster, senior representative, was elected president of the student council for the coming year at the first meeting last Thursday evening. He is a member of the Hi-Trail, men's hiking club, and student head of the postoffice and book store. His name has been among the leading ones on the school honor rolls, having a 9.1 average at the spring semester of last year.

"The purpose of the council is to act as a mediary between the faculty and the students. Suggestions for school improvement should be made to the class representative, who will bring the suggestion to the council."

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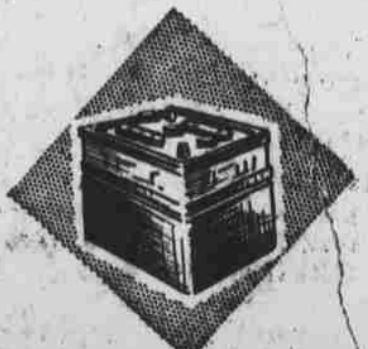
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