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GREAT ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT

Chief Executive Delivers Annual Message To Congress

Yesterday at 2 o'clock p. m. President Roosevelt made his annual address to the joint session of Congress on "the state of the Union".

Beginning with "I wish for each and everyone of you a very happy New Year", Franklin Delano Roosevelt spoke with characteristic simplicity and directness.

"It is natural to approach the state of the nation from the standpoint of foreign affairs. This does not mean the overlooking of domestic problems, social and economic, some of which are the same that have resulted in dictatorships and the philosophy of force in European countries."

"With far-sighted vision, the framers of our country's government built upon the principles of common defense, general welfare and domestic tranquility. After a century and a half, we still believe in them, especially in the general welfare and domestic tranquility."

"Whether we like it or not, we necessarily feel the shock of war on another continent. The domestic affairs of 130 million people are deeply affected by the peoples of other nations. We are obliged to recognize this principle in home affairs. If in any unit of our nation low standards are allowed to continue, the standards of all are pulled down."

The President referred to the declaration that never again would we send our youth to fight on the continent of Europe as being a position that all can understand, but that nobody has yet asked us to do this.

"But," he continued, "There is a vast difference between keeping out of war and pretending this war is none of our business. The future world will be a shabby and a dangerous place for even Americans if force is to rule parts of the world."

Referring to the nation's thinking at this time; he said that our thinking cannot be controlled by partisanship, that there can be no such group as a "peace party" or "peace bloc", because that belongs to every man, woman and child in the nation.

"The facts stand out and the world acknowledges them. First, never before has the United States of America done so much to establish and maintain a policy of the Good Neighbor. Second, almost anywhere in the world today, the United States has been and will be a potent factor in seeking and establishing peace."

"In recent years this nation has a clean record of goodwill in relations with other countries."

The President spoke of the disastrous effect upon our nation and the lives of our children, and for world civilization if the future of small nations is threatened constantly by having their freedom snatched from them. He urged that we look ahead and picture the kind of world our children will have to live in if obliged to worship a God decreed by military force, or not allowed to worship any God at all.

Here followed a declaration of the necessity of removal of trade barriers if there is to be a peaceful world, not dominated by military force that results in the enslavement of peoples for the building of empires.

"We still believe that government predicated on a certain freedom cannot succeed unless other governments recognize such freedom. If other nations on this hemisphere can hold such relations with each other without losing their nationality, the same can happen on the other hemisphere."

Speaking of agriculture in relation to world conditions, there was the assurance that it is practicable to work out a mutual assistance plan for world distribution of surplus commodities produced by both agriculture and manufacture, for the benefit of the world's markets.

The blind economic selfishness that has obtained in former years was likened to a destructive mine field that has blocked trade and broken (Continued on Page Four)

Funeral Held

Friday For Mrs. Samuel Hall At Cowee

Funeral services for Mrs. Fannie Lee Meadows Hall, 60, were held last Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Cowee Baptist church. The Rev. R. F. Mayberry, pastor, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Robert L. Poindexter, a Methodist minister of the lotia community. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Hall died at her home about four miles north of Franklin Thursday morning about 9:30 o'clock from a stroke of apoplexy. She was a member of the lotia Methodist church.

Mrs. Hall, the daughter of the late Daniel J. and Nancy Elmore Meadows, was born in the Oak Grove community of Macon county. In 1910 she was married to R. Samuel Hall.

The pallbearers were Rex Meadows, Butler Justice, Joe Meadows, James Watts, Robert Bennett, and Leonard Meadows.

Mrs. Hall is survived by her husband; one son, Pierce Meadows, of Chapel Hill; two sisters, Mrs. J. B. Justice, of Franklin Route 4, and Mrs. James M. Morrison, of Winston-Salem; three brothers, Emilis Meadows, of Etna; Seth Meadows, of Cle Elum, Wash., and C. A. Meadows, of Franklin Route 3, and two grandchildren.

50TH WEDDING DATE OBSERVED

Mr. And Mrs. Wm. D. Reece Keep Open House Dec. 31

Mr. and Mrs. William D. Reece, of Franklin Route 1, who were married on December 31, 1889, by the Rev. D. C. Smith, a Methodist minister of this county, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Reece, both natives of Macon county, have lived but three years of their lives out of the county. They spent three years in Blairsville, Ga. In 1892 they moved to the home where they now live.

Active In Church Work

Mr. Reece's life work is farming. Mrs. Reece has enjoyed making a home for her husband and the 11 children who were born to them. They both enjoy good health, which they claim is due to hard work and regular sleep and rest. They are both members of the Mt. Zion Methodist church and have always taken an active part in church work and community improvements.

Mr. and Mrs. Reece were entertained at dinner at the home of their son, Frank Reece, and family in Franklin on Sunday, immediately following the mid-day meal, they returned to their home where they held open house. A number of their friends called to offer congratulations and good wishes for many more happy years.

Mrs. Reece is the former Miss Rebecca Roxanna Potts, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Potts. She will celebrate her 72nd birthday anniversary next March 18. Mr. Reece is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Q. F. Reece. On February 22 he will celebrate his 72nd birthday anniversary.

Nine of the 11 children are living. They are: Frank Reece, of Franklin; Wade A. Reece, of Andrews; George Reece, of Franklin; Grady Reece, of Iowa; Sam Reece, of Canton; Mrs. Fred W. Waldroop, of Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. Homer Greene, of Franklin Route 1; Mrs. Fred Arnold, of Franklin, and Mrs. Ralph Bradley, of Franklin Route 1. There are 28 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Postoffice Receipts Show Gain In 1939

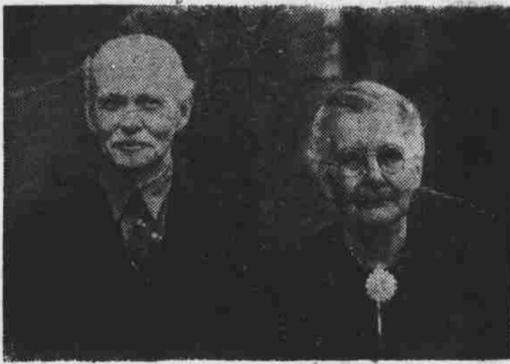
The Franklin postoffice receipts showed a heavy gain in 1939 over 1938, it is reported by Postmaster T. W. Porter.

The office has been showing a substantial gain each year for several years and 1939 was the best of all. Gains were also made, according to published reports, by practically all postoffices throughout the nation.

Band Practice Next Wednesday Night

It is announced that the members of the Franklin band will meet for practice at the agricultural building next Wednesday night, January 10. All members are expected to attend.

Married for Fifty Years



Mr. and Mrs. William D. Reece, of Franklin Route 1, Who Observed Their Golden Wedding Anniversary Last Sunday, December 31

Finns Defeat Reds On All Fronts; Shoot Down Planes

The hard fighting Finns continue to drive the Russians back on all fronts and, while Finnish towns and cities are suffering from constant aerial bombardment, few casualties are reported and many Russian bombers are being shot down by the Swedish anti-aircraft guns which the Finns are using. Also heavy snowstorms which limited visibility are said to have forced several Russian planes down in Finnish territory.

All land fighting so far has shown that the Russian troops are entirely outclassed by the Finnish soldiers in fighting ability and rapidity of movement, and every battle so far has resulted in victory for the Finns, in spite of the fact that they are outnumbered 200 to 1.

It is reported that 10,000 trained Swedish troops have been released from service, in their own army and have volunteered to fight for Finland. They will serve under their own officers. France and England are diverting planes, war material and medical supplies to Finland, and the United States government has authorized the sale of bombers and pursuit planes made for our own forces and their immediate delivery to Finnish authorities. In addition the Finns are said to have captured enough equipment for an entire brigade when they wiped out the 163rd Russian division.

A French news agency reported Tuesday that uprisings had occurred in several important Russian industries, followed by many arrests of both workers and soldiers, as a result of the Red army's defeats in Finland, and that a number of high army officers will go on trial in connection with the failure of the campaign.

It is rumored that Germany will send aid to Russia, but this is discounted by military experts who reason that Germany's man power will all be needed for the western front in the spring.

The Finnish high command be-

lieves that they will be able to turn back all Red attacks during the winter and that before spring weather begins at least 50,000 trained and well equipped volunteers from neighboring nations will be ready to join in the fighting.

Russia has lost prestige with all nations except Germany by the invasion of Finland, and the Red army is considered a joke by many military experts. It is thought by many that the Finnish fiasco may mean the beginning of the end for the communist regime in Russia.

GERMANS THREATEN WHOLESALE AIR RAIDS

The German press and prominent Nazi speakers have begun again their threats to destroy Great Britain by massed attack from the air, and it is thought that Hitler may attempt to carry out this design before spring. The British and French blockade is becoming more effective each day, and it is only a matter of weeks until the Nazi government will be faced with the choice between one last desperate gamble with all forces or being overthrown by an enraged population who have endured to the limit.

TREATY WITH JAPAN EXPIRES JANUARY 26

The commercial treaty between the United States and Japan expires on January 26, and the Japanese are making desperate efforts to secure concessions in the matter of tariffs from our state department. The continuation of the war in China and the very existence of the Japanese people depends largely upon trade with the United States. We buy practically all of the Japanese silk and they are dependent upon this country for scrap iron, cotton and other raw materials. The state department has given no indication as to the policy this government will pursue after the expiration of the treaty.

As The World Turns

A Brief Survey of Current Events In State, Nation and Abroad.

MAXWELL ANNOUNCES FOR GOVERNOR

Allen J. Maxwell, state revenue commissioner, formally announced his candidacy for governor in the Monday papers this week. He stated that he would take leave of absence without pay during the campaign. Maxwell was a candidate in the race which elected J. C. B. Ehringhaus. In a 3,500 word statement he outlined a platform for what he termed a "balanced program of progress for North Carolina."

CLARENCE POE CHOOSES NOT TO RUN

The large personal following of Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer, regrets that he has announced that he will not be a candidate for governor.

NEW YEAR PROMISING FOR SOUTH

Promises of more favorable freight rates for the South, blocking of unfavorable labor legislation, a majority of top-ranking committee chairmanships in Congress and some of the regional advantages for Dixie.

COLD

For the first time since Sunday the temperature is freezing in the west.

temperatures in Franklin for five years, it was reported, the thermometer dropping to three degrees above.

DEATH TOLL OVER NEW YEAR

As the old year went out 280 more deaths by violence were reported over the nation. Of these North Carolina's number was eight.

ROSE BOWL VICTORY FOR SOUTHERN CALIF.

The famed rose bowl football game between the University of Tennessee and the Southern California teams in Pasadena on New Year's Day resulted in a score of 14 to 0 in favor of the California team.

PARK TO BE DEDICATED IN SPRING

The Great Smoky Mountains National park probably will be dedicated by President Roosevelt early in the spring. Rep. Weaver, (D. N. C.), said Tuesday on his return here from Asheville, 15,630 people visited the Smokies in December.

CITY OF FLINT STARTS HOME

The U. S. freighter, City of Flint, was expected to leave Wednesday on the dangerous voyage home from Bergen, Norway. The (Continued on Page Four)

Oil Men

To Meet At Dillsboro On Tuesday, January 9

Oil men of Macon and several nearby counties will hear T. Clarence Stone, long-standing champion of spending highway taxes for highways only and present chairman of the roads committee of the North Carolina house of representatives, in an address before the district meeting of the North Carolina petroleum industries committee at Dillsboro, Tuesday, January 9.

Mr. Stone has represented Rockingham county in the state house of representatives for three sessions of the Legislature and each time has been a leader in the fight to require that all special automotive taxes be spent for roads.

The Dillsboro meeting, which will be held in the Jarrett Springs hotel, includes the counties of Macon, Jackson, Transylvania, Haywood, Swain, Clay, Graham, and Cherokee. In addition to oil company agents, distributors and service station operators, members of allied organizations interested in highway transportation will attend and participate in the program.

A 10:30 a. m. meeting for the purpose of general discussion of problems of taxation, diversion of highway funds and other legislative matters affecting highway users, will be followed by a luncheon at which Representative Stone will speak.

The Dillsboro meeting is the first of a series of 10 district meetings which will be held throughout the State during January and February by the North Carolina Petroleum Industries Committee.

O. Y. Kirkpatrick, of Charlotte, is chairman, and S. Gilmer Sparger, of Raleigh, is secretary of the North Carolina Petroleum Industries Committee which is composed of thousands of oil men and service station operators from every county in the state.

TAX LISTING TO START ON JAN. 9

Property Must Be Listed Before February 1 To Escape Penalty

Listing of property for 1940 taxes will begin in Macon county on January 9 and continue through the 31st.

The tax act of 1939 requires that all property owners shall return to the list takers for taxation for the year 1940 all real and personal property owned on the first day of January, and provides that all who fail to make return will be subject to penalty as provided by law.

All male persons between the ages of 21 and 50 years are required to list their polls during the same period.

Each farm owner is required to prepare a list of the acreage of each crop grown, including tenths of acres of truck. The list should show the total acres cultivated by the owner, also the acres cultivated by all tenants on each separately recognized farm, the acres in improved pasture, woodland, idle and other lands. He shall be prepared to report the numbers of bearing fruit trees, the numbers of livestock of breeding age, number of hogs sold or slaughtered during past 12 months and tons of fertilizers to be used during this crop year. This information is kept confidential and has no relation to taxes. Its purpose is for agricultural education, economic analysis and safer guidance of county agents and farmers generally.

The schedules of all list takers in the county will be found on another page of this issue.

Prizes Awarded By Bryant Furniture Co.

The home furnishing campaign of the Bryant Furniture company closed Saturday, December 30, and the following prizes were awarded:

- First, living room suite—John O. Harrison, Franklin. Second, bed room suite—Haze Rogers, Dillard, Ga., Route 1. Third, spring—Mrs. C. A. Setser, Franklin. Fourth, mattress—Mrs. Joe Webb, Highlands. Fifth, chaise lounge—Eldon Rogers, Buck Creek. Sixth, rocker—Mrs. J. R. Franklin, Route 4. Seventh, lamp—Lawrence Justice, Tellico. Eighth, end table—Mrs. Clyde Clark, Franklin.

PROGRESS MADE BY TOWN IN 1939

Street, Sidewalk, Water And Sewer Program Carried Out

For the town of Franklin, the year 1939 has been one of civic improvements and material progress. An extensive program of street and sidewalk paving, and water and sewer extension has been carried out through the \$35,000 bond issue voted early in the year, together with liberal grants from WPA funds.

Sewer lines have been completed on West Main street section, Bidwell street, West Boulevard, Atlanta highway, Oak street, lotia street section, and Harrison avenue totaling about 12,000 feet. A sewage treatment plant has been completed, except 230 feet of sewer pipe from main sewer line to the tank, which takes all sewage out of creek and river except from a few families.

Six inch water mains have been laid on Oak street, Bidwell and Lyle street, West Main street, Porter street, Wayah street and Forest avenue and Palmer street, the 4-inch line on Wayah and Palmer street having been replaced with 6-inch mains. Four-inch pipe connecting Church street main with 8-inch main on Harrison avenue and a 4-inch main were installed on First street in East Franklin, making a total of 11,400 feet of 6-inch water line and 2,400 feet of 4-inch line installed. Fifteen improved Columbian fire hydrants have been installed on the 6-inch mains and two on the 4-inch mains. Two-inch salvage pipe was placed on Hillcrest drive, Atlanta highway and West Main street. A new water tank of 120,000 gallon capacity has been erected, making a total storage for the town of 300,000 gallons. The total cost of all the water and sewer improvements to the town was \$19,769.84.

Street And Sidewalk Improvements

In the street and sidewalk improvements the following streets were graded, curbed and guttered and crushed stone placed on them for surfacing: Riverview, Oak, lotia, Bidwell, West Main and Porter streets. Riverview and Oak streets were completed with asphalt surfacing and part of lotia street was completed. New sidewalks were put down on Bidwell and West Main streets and on lotia street to the intersection of Oak street, also a short section was put down on Riverview street.

Some curb and gutter has been poured on Phillips street next to Public Square but is not yet completed. The total cost to the town of all street and sidewalk work including trucks, rock crusher, concrete mixer, air compressor and jack hammer and other equipment, amounted to \$10,887.27.

Funds Assured To Finish Work

The town has on hand \$4,650 of the money from the bond issue to complete the streets that are finished. A WPA project has been approved by the government to complete the streets and sidewalks. The board of aldermen are planning to finish this work in the spring.

Building permits have been issued during the year totalling \$98,000. The largest structure is the new theater building built by W. C. Burrell on the lot adjoining the Burrell Motor company's building, at an approximate cost of \$40,000. Other buildings include the store building of C. L. Pendergrass, new Esso Filling Station on Palmer street, and residences of W. C. Zickgraf, H. H. Plemmons and Paul Carpenter on Oak street; Dr. Frank M. Killian on Wayah street; Charles Bradley on Bidwell street; W. T. Tippet on Harrison avenue; Phil McCollum on the Atlanta highway; Alex Stewart on Rogers Hill; Robert Norton on West Main street. A number of permits were issued for repairs and additions.

Commissioners Meet; Handle Routine Matters

The board of commissioners of Macon county met Monday in regular monthly session, and disposed of a number of routine matters, approving accounts, adjusting tax claims, etc.

R. S. Jones was confirmed as attorney for the handling of tax foreclosures for Miss Elizabeth Slagle, delinquent tax officer, and Auditor Birmingham was employed to audit the books of county officers for this year.

No other business was before the board for consideration.