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OUR SHARE OF THOSE FOUR BILLIONS

Uncle Sam opened a new year on Monday. In this fiscal period President Roosevelt has estimated the government would use \$8,520,000,000 of which he allotted \$4,582,000,000 to "recovery and relief." Against this sum the treasury expected to collect only \$3,991,000,000 in revenues, to leave a deficit of \$4,528,000,000.

"Achievement of the projected spending rate," says the Associated Press, "would set a new peace time record for a single year. It would surpass the high only just made in the 1935 fiscal year whose last business day was last Saturday and which listed outlays of more than \$7,258,000,000. The year left a deficit exceeding \$3,472,000,000—by just how much will not be known until the treasury tabulates last minute accounts."

The public debt now stands above \$28,665,000,000. This debt is the people's, the taxpayers', to settle. Much of the recent increase in debt is, of course, due to the Depression, to the government's efforts to bring back prosperity by spreading work through various alphabetical-known agencies. Four and one-half billion dollars is to be spent this year that opened on Monday.

Moore county last week named a board to consider projects for this section. Money to be spent here is money which you and I owe and will continue to owe throughout our lives. It therefore behooves each and every one of us to consider how best we should spend this money. What are the needy projects in this county?

Health and education come first into mind. Money spent on improving the sanitary conditions of the county would be well spent. Money spent on hospitalization of needy cases is well spent. And this brings to mind the need of increased facilities for hospitalization at the Moore County Hospital. This institution is crowded most of the time. It needs enlargement; is considering the building of a new wing. Possibly the newly appointed Projects Planning Board can fit the hospital into its picture of worthwhile projects. With government money available, let us build for the future. And if the hospital is crowded now, the years to come will see it vastly inadequate to care for the needs of its community.

Schools. Education comes next to health. It is going to take educated people to find the ways and means to pay the debts which the present is piling up for the future. Let us leave no stone unturned to provide the teaching and training necessary. On first thought, the county appears well equipped with schools. But several are overcrowded; several need repairs; the larger schools could use gymnasiums that the physical may not be overlooked in the training of youth. Money spent on schools and teachers and books is well spent.

Roads, yes, if by highway construction we mean making the roads safer. Thirty-six thousand persons were killed in highway and traffic accidents last year. Fifteen thousand is the estimate for the first six months of this year. Money spent on highway safety measures is well spent. Lives are worth saving.

A thought might well be given to recreational facilities. The times seem to indicate more and more leisure hours for the future. Leisure hours are assets to the individual only when spent in healthful pursuits. Playgrounds, lakes, tennis courts, the facilities for all kinds of sports for all ages will be requisites of an age of short working weeks and long leisure week-ends.

If billions of federal funds, which are our funds, are to be spent in the fight for recovery, it is fitting and proper that Moore county make use of its share. Let us use it constructively and wisely. Let us get a dollar's health and education and happiness out of the dollar we are going to owe for a long time.

THE TREND IN LIQUOR CONTROL

It appears obvious from the referenda held in numerous counties of North Carolina that the public is sick and tired of the status quo in liquor control and desires to try something different. One needs but to read the court news in daily and weekly papers to appreciate the fact that the Turlington Act fails to serve its purpose of making the state dry. Hardly a week passes in Moore county, for instance, that liquor cases do not predominate on the docket of the Recorder at Carthage. As Federal prohibition failed under legislative ban, so has State prohibition failed in North Carolina.

In no county in which an election on the plan for controlled sale of liquor has been held have the so-called Wets been defeated. Large majorities have been rolled up in most counties. The trend would seem to indicate that had the Legislature seen fit to call for a State-wide referendum on the subject, North Carolina would have voted itself out of the dry column after a legal drought—it has been a legal drought only—of 26 years.

Locally, report has it that a majority of the qualified voters of McNeills township have signed a petition for controlled sale of liquor here. McNeills and Mineral Springs townships were included in the Pasquotank bill because of Southern Pines and Pinehurst, winter resorts which cater to northerners used to buying their liquor legally and not "beating around the bush" for it. There is some time yet before the opening of another winter season here, and local authorities will do well to take their time in submitting their application for the opening of stores. There are several reasons. One, that the Supreme Court may, in August declare the acts under which the counties have voted wet and Wilson has already opened a store, null and void. Another is that the test of the success of controlled sale of liquor here must come in that season of the year for which Pinehurst and Southern Pines asked inclusion in the Pasquotank bill. It should not be judged in a strictly local light.

Correspondence

PREPARE HOUSES FOR WINTER

Editor, The Pilot:
Now is the time when most people here are taking vacations, or thinking of taking them, and most of us look on the months of July and August as slack times.

I would like to point out, however, that everyone interested in our Winter guests, especially owners of houses and lots for rent or for sale, should now be considering the Fall business and should be looking ahead with all their eyes. The agents are already busy laying plans for this Fall, getting in touch with old clients and making new contacts. Indeed, all of us probably now are in touch with people who are coming here this winter.

Therefore, I urgently request owners of property to begin at once to get their houses in shape for the winter. I believe we will have a fine season here this coming winter, and the owners with the most attractive houses will get the first and earliest tenants, as well as the better prices. I mean owners of both large and small houses; the size is of no importance. Surely, there is some painting to be done—do not wait till the last moment and painters will be hard to get when you want them. There are new shades and curtains to be made ready, a new piece of furniture to be installed, or covered, some plumbing to be repaired, as well as some wiring to be put in order. There are many things necessary to be done to many houses, and now is the time to begin.

Let us all put our houses in the best possible shape, so that our Winter guests will be delighted with them and the town in general. Let us make these homes as attractive as possible, so that we can keep our guests happy and comfortable for the winter. Let us all put our best foot forward in every way, and let us begin right now.

—EUGENE C. STEVENS.

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GRAINS OF SAND

North Carolina collected more taxes, from all sources, in the fiscal year which closed on Saturday than in any previous year in its history. The total of \$50,292,799 was nearly six millions in excess of the previous 12 months. Of the total, the sales tax accounted for \$7,657,498.

This year the sales tax is expected to be much larger with the elimination by the late General Assembly of the exempted articles of food.

Everything is now subject to a sales tax except milk. Wonder how they're going to collect the tax on the sales of cawn likker by bootlegger.

Sales of new passenger cars in North Carolina for the first six months of 1935 exceeded by 6,760 those for the same period in 1934, although a decline in new car registrations was shown for the month of June.

North Carolina's extension of the sales tax to eight formerly exempted basic food items is now in effect. Only milk, of the nine items is exempt now, the tax going on eight other items, meal, flour, meat, lard, molasses, salt, sugar and coffee. Products of farms, woods, mine and waters, sold direct from producer to consumer, are not taxed. Commissioner

of Revenue A. J. Maxwell thinks the tax will be easier collected, as separate records do not have to be kept of formerly exempted items. The 3 per cent tax on hotel, restaurant and boarding house meals became effective June 1.

The Seaboard Air Line Railway shops from Norfolk to Hamlet, according to rumor, to increase the efficiency of the repair work. Under the present arrangement when a locomotive needs a major repair job it has to be carried to one end of the system for the work. Under the new arrangement, if carried through and the shops located in Hamlet, the work would be completed nearer the center of the system.

The government, it is understood, has been after the Seaboard for several years to move its shops to a more central point, and according to available information, Hamlet seems to be best situated for the shop.

A large sized photograph of Col. George P. Hawes of Pinehurst, atop a white charger and leading a pack of Collies appeared in the Sunday New York Herald Tribune, by Hemmer, of course. The caption read: "A Unique Group of Collies Trained to Run in a Pack." Col. Hawes raises Collies at his home on Midland Road.

FROM THE STATE PRESS

KEEP IT UP, GIRLS

We read the other day a despatch about an organization of women who, in assembly at Pinehurst, adopted a resolution suggesting a boycott of products advertised on signs along the highways. We like to think that this resolution is a straw that shows which way the wind blows. If there is a rapidly growing number of people all over the country who feel the same resentment against the defacers as is felt by the women who met at Pinehurst, and if they will proclaim their resentment in similar fashion, there is a good prospect that the chief obstacle to the beautification of the highways will be removed.—Chapel Hill Weekly.

SWEEP OF CONTROL SENTIMENT

Two more counties of the state, Vance and Beaufort, go overwhelmingly for liquor control in their referendum on this issue, the most as-

tonishing phase of such an election being the preponderance of sentiment against the status quo.

One is invited to speculate by what has happened in those counties where tests of sentiment have been carried out as to what extent this overwhelming favor for control pervades the State as a whole.

The defenders of the present prohibition laws will cite, of course, the circumstance that wet sentiment has always been more prevalent and assertive in eastern than in western and piedmont counties, as the vote two years ago will bear out.

But there is little answer to come from them or any other appraising jury as to the phenomenal scarcity of sentiment for a continuance of the Turlington act in these counties where elections have been held, except that the State is under the sweep of a mighty impulse to have done with its puerile attempts to remain dry so long as it is surrounded by States have already abandoned prohibition enactments.—Charlotte Observer.

Pinehurst Paragraphs

Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Gragg and children have gone to High Point to live.

Mr. and Mrs. McClintock of Vero Beach, Fla., are here for the peach season and are occupying the Arnold Log Cabin.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hemmer were hosts last Saturday evening when they entertained about fifteen guests at a camp fire supper, cooked and served in Dogwood Park.

Frank McManus and Mr. and Mrs. Elwin MacLeod left Saturday for their homes in Boston.

Miss Bessie Rogan of Boston is a guest in the home of Mrs. Jack Mulcahy for an indefinite stay.

Miss Ruth Newton of High Point is the guest of Miss Laivora Sally. Mrs. A. J. McKelway and children Kate and Sandy have gone to Montreat for several months' vacation. The Rev. McKelway will join his family for the month of August.

George Eastman and Garrett J. de Fay returned to Boston Sunday.

Dr. Clement Monroe has gone on his vacation and will be away until August 1st.

Mrs. Hugh Carter and children are left Thursday night for Somerville, N. J., where they will spend the summer.

Mrs. E. L. Scofield and son, Teddy left by motor Tuesday morning for Uniontown, Pa., and other northern points. They will be away until fall.

Dr. M. W. Marr returned Tuesday morning from a short business trip to Philadelphia.

Dr. Marr and Joe Wood spent several days last week in Florida fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. B. U. Richardson and daughters, Nancy and Clarise of West End have moved to Pinehurst and are occupying their new home, which has just been completed.

The Rev. and Mrs. T. A. Cheatham returned Tuesday night from a ten day's trip north.

Mrs. Nellie Roundtree and Miss Verdun Shaw left Tuesday morning by motor to spend the summer in the north, Mrs. Roundtree going to Lake Placid, N. Y., and Miss Shaw to North Conway, N. H.

from a trip to Canada and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kelly this week.

Miss Neva Carter is out after being ill for the past ten days.

Mrs. Wesley Viall is in the Moore County Hospital for treatment.

Dr. Alice Presbrey left Tuesday night for Greenwich, Conn., where she will spend the summer.

E. L. Scofield went to New York Tuesday night for several weeks.

PINEBLUFF

Miss Ella Backers and Miss Gertrude Little returned from Virginia Beach after a two week's vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Meinhardt left this week for Charlottesville, W. Va., to visit Mr. Meinhardt's brother. Charles Warner left for the north this week.

Mrs. Lands and daughter of New York were visitors of Mrs. Sadie McFarland this week.

Mrs. J. S. Atkinson spent several days with her sister, Mrs. Butler. Miss Virginia Butler went back with her to Elkin Wednesday.

Mrs. A. W. McMinn returned Sunday after visiting her son, Grant McMinn in Washington, D. C.

Miss Lyda Hutchins is in town this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Reynolds of Southern Pines spent Sunday with Mrs. Reynolds's sister, Mrs. Wallace.

The Demonstration Club will meet at the Hall June 11th. The lesson subject will be "Pressure Cooker Canning." All members are asked to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Lampley spent Sunday in Sanford.

Miss Elizabeth Fletcher left for Raleigh Saturday where she will enter the De Shazo Beauty School.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hutt of South-

ern Pines and Miss Dorothy Irving of New York were visitors at the Sutfenfield home Wednesday.

Mrs. Belton Fletcher, Mrs. John Fiddner and Mrs. Earl Lampley spent Saturday in Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fiddner and son, June, Miss Alice Wilkes and Dan Christopher spent the week-end at Long Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Bess of Rockingham have rented the Ivey Cottage.

The Sandhill Ministerial Association had its meeting at the M. E. Church Tuesday.

300 PWA APPLICATIONS BEING PREPARED IN N. C.

H. G. Baily, acting director of the State Federal emergency administration Tuesday stated that "approximately 300 PWA applications are now in progress of preparation in North Carolina involving requests estimated at more than \$30,000,000."

He said examinations of a number of applications now are being completed by the legal, engineering and finance divisions of the State for forwarding to Washington.

Among projects under consideration is the application of Southern Pines School District for a school gymnasium and auditorium.

HEMP DEFEATS BRAGG


Hemp defeated a Fort Bragg team, 4-3 at Hemp on Sunday. Gonzales made three hits in four tries to lead Hemp's attack. Wrenn, with two for four, was best for the soldiers. The Hempites outthit their foes 12 to 8. Batteries: Hemp—Sewell and Montesanti; Fort Bragg—Stancil, Avery and Pybus. Hemp will play the New York Bloomer Girls at Hemp next Sunday.

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