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## MR. PURDUM'S ABLE ADDRESS

At the dedication of Rocking-  
ham's new federal building on  
Monday of this week Smith W.  
Purdum, Fourth Assistant Post-  
master General of the United  
States, paid a high tribute to  
North Carolina, to its people and  
to its legislators. Of Walter  
Lambeth he said:

Your Congressman's entire  
career has been devoted to the  
public interest. He served with  
distinction during the World  
War with the American Expe-  
ditionary Forces. He has also  
served as a member of the State  
Senate, Mayor of his own city,  
and member of Congress for  
three sessions. A man of un-  
questioned integrity, his intelli-  
gence, sound judgment and devo-  
tion to the interest of the peo-  
ple have made his record an  
outstanding one. In my contacts  
with him I have found that he  
is actuated by no selfish motives,  
but has in mind at all times the  
interest and well-being of the  
people of his district and of the  
nation. He always stands in de-  
fense of what he believes to be  
right.

"Only recently he delivered in  
the Halls of Congress a power-  
ful address on the famous North  
Carolinian who was born in Cary  
in 1855 and whose remains rest  
in the old Bethesda Cemetery,  
Honorable Walter Hines Page."

Mr. Purdum's able speech, in  
part, follows:  
The dedication of a new Federal  
building is a noteworthy occasion.  
The dedication of this building is  
an important event to the citizens  
of your splendid city, county, and state,  
and to our nation. Such an event is  
representative of our great republic,  
for our people, regardless of creed,  
condition in life or party affiliation,  
gather together and give testimony  
by their presence and voices to their  
fidelity, loyalty, and love for our Na-  
tional Government and its institu-  
tions. It indicates that within our  
hearts we feel an appreciation that  
we are marching on and on rightly  
and properly, carrying on the work  
which was planned so well by our  
forefathers who, in the years ago, so  
strongly and wisely laid the founda-  
tion, and today we are reaping the  
benefits of their wisdom, for we are  
living in the greatest country and  
under the greatest Government in the  
world.

We do not erect a building in a day.  
The stone mason and bricklayer lay  
one stone and one brick at a time,  
carefully and accurately, true to the  
plumb line. Likewise life is compar-  
able to a building; it takes years to  
fully develop the human being struc-  
ture, and in that building let us build  
wisely and well to the end that our  
men and women will be of sterling  
integrity and of the highest charac-  
ter.

You have a splendid building, but  
you do not see the most important  
thing about the building; that is  
hidden. My friends, the most impor-  
tant thing is its foundation, which is  
so laid and built that it will carry  
the superstructure for years and  
years to come. Likewise in our lives  
and in our Government, we should  
be builders, building wisely, strongly,  
and well.

This building is one of several hun-  
dred completed or under construc-  
tion, extending over every state in the  
Nation and in the colonial possessions.  
The Act of June 19, 1934, placed  
public building construction under the  
Secretary of the Treasury and the  
Postmaster General, and contained  
authority for a building program em-  
bracing 357 projects. This is rapidly  
nearing completion. With only a few  
exceptions, all the projects have been  
completed, or are under construction.

The Act of August 12, 1935, author-  
ized an additional \$60,000,000 for pub-  
lic building construction at 355 places.  
Sites have been selected for practi-  
cally all of these projects; plans have  
been completed, and many of the jobs  
are now under construction. It is ex-  
pected that this spring will see ap-  
proximately 90 percent of the work  
under this new program actually un-  
der way.

This building will be an institution

of service. It will mark another for-  
ward step in the history of the United  
States Postal Service, the foundation  
of which was laid by that great  
American, Benjamin Franklin. Frank-  
lin, the first Postmaster General of  
the Continental United States builded  
soundly and well.

Franklin provided an improved Pos-  
tal Service after he was made Post-  
master General of the Colonies. He  
conducted an efficient and economi-  
cal service. Many of the rules and  
regulations which emanated from his  
strong and fertile mind were the  
basis of some of the most valuable  
rules and regulations that are in force  
at the present time.

The first Postmaster General under  
the Constitution of the United States  
was Samuel Osgood of Massachusetts  
who was appointed in 1789. The num-  
ber of post offices in that year were  
75 and the gross revenues of the De-  
partment for the same year were \$7,-  
510, while the expenditures were \$7,-  
560, showing a deficit of only \$50.  
Since that time we have had 49 Post-  
masters General, including our pres-  
ent Postmaster General, the Honora-  
ble James A. Farley.

The postal receipts have grown  
from the very small sum of \$7,510 to  
over six hundred million dollars for  
the fiscal year 1934. There are more  
than 46,000 post offices with as many  
postmasters, and a great army of pos-  
tal employees in the various branches  
of the service. The number of per-  
sons in what we call the field  
branches of the postal service are  
over 228,000.

The development and extension of  
the postal service has kept pace with  
the growth and development of our  
country, beginning with the trans-  
mission of mail by horse back and  
stage coach and the pony express ser-  
vice in the Western section of our  
country, in the early days of our his-  
tory, and progressing as transporta-  
tion facilities developed, with the  
steam railway, the fast mail trains,  
and the air mail service, which now  
extends over the entire country to  
our colonial possessions in the Carr-  
ibbean Sea and to South America. A  
new era in mail transportation was  
inaugurated on November 22, 1935,  
when the China Clipper took off  
from San Francisco on the first reg-  
ularly scheduled air mail flight  
across the Pacific Ocean, stopping at  
Hawaii, Guam, and the Philippines.

The directing office of all these ac-  
tivities is the Post Office Department  
in the City of Washington. There are  
approximately 1,400 employees in the  
Post Office Department proper, in-  
cluding the executive officials. I dare-  
say that there is not a business or-  
ganization in these United States or  
in any country in the World that di-  
rects a business of such tremendous  
proportions, involving hundreds of  
millions of dollars and handling bil-  
lions of pieces of mail matter annual-  
ly, with such a small head office per-  
sonnel. This condition is due to ef-  
fective organization and coordina-  
tion in the department, and intelligent  
and wholehearted cooperation of post-  
masters and postal employees.

The post office service is yours.  
There is scarcely a home in the en-  
tire country that our contacts do not  
reach. It carries the joys as well as  
the sorrows of the world. It reaches  
into the ambitious hopes of human  
beings everywhere. We are proud of  
the record and achievement of the  
Department, and we trust that this  
new building in Rockingham will be  
of benefit to all of you in improved  
efficiency in the transaction of your  
postal business.

At this opportunity, I wish to say  
that it is my sincere belief that our  
body of postmasters and postal em-  
ployees in the State of North Caro-  
lina are a most splendid lot of men  
and women, loyal and representative  
public servants who are endeavoring  
to do their very best for efficient ser-  
vice to the people.

The Postmaster General appreciates  
to the highest degree the hearty co-  
operation and valuable assistance giv-  
en his administration of the Postal es-  
tablishment by the postmasters and  
postal employees throughout the  
land. Today, we have an efficient ser-  
vice without any waste or extrava-  
gance.

It is the fundamental duty of every  
official—municipal, county, state, and  
national—to see that the public  
funds are efficiently and economi-  
cally expended. It is our duty to ever  
be on the alert to eliminate any waste  
or extravagance and to enable the  
Department to continue to operate  
within its revenues, avoiding any  
deficit which must be made up from  
the general revenues of the Govern-  
ment, or deficits have to be paid by  
the taxpayers of the country and it  
accordingly behooves us as servants  
of the people to see that we get a  
full measure of value for each dollar  
of public money expended.

We who may be employed in the  
postal service, regardless of position,  
must always bear in mind that we  
are in the executive branch of the  
Government, and are the servants of  
the people. The people of the country

are represented by the Congress of  
the United States, which makes the  
laws and appropriates the money for  
the operation of the Government, and  
it is the duty of each and every one  
of us in the postal establishments to  
strive to do our utmost to render an  
efficient and economical service.

It is generally regarded that the  
increase or decrease in business in  
this country is reflected in the in-  
crease or decrease in the postal busi-  
ness. Postal receipts are considered a  
very accurate barometer of business  
conditions. I am very happy to say  
that I feel all of you are glad to  
know that there has been a gradual  
increase in the postal revenue from  
month to month for more than two  
years, and the indications are that  
they will continue to increase.

It seems that the business men and  
those who earn their living by the  
sweat of their brows are cooperating  
more fully than for sometime past.  
There seems to be a greater under-  
standing by all that each and every-  
one has a duty to perform and to per-  
form it well, and to be "a good  
neighbor."

Our President is devoting his en-  
tire energy, heart, and soul to the  
end that all the people of this coun-  
try may be happy and have a good  
living. Mr. Farley stands shoulder to  
shoulder with him with this end in  
view.

It has not been many months since  
the clouds were dark and the roads  
were rough and heavy. There was dis-  
tress and suffering almost every-  
where. In only a comparatively short  
time there has been a very material  
improvement throughout the land.

The farmer is getting good prices  
for his products; the factories are  
resuming operations and many of  
them have gone on full time; the  
banking situation is better than it has  
been for many years past.

Our people are more contented now;  
there is cooperation between employ-  
er and employee in such degree that  
general good feeling prevails.

All of these accomplishments and  
many more, which time does not per-  
mit me to mention, have been under  
the able and farsighted leadership of  
that great American whose heart  
beats in sympathy with the heart of  
every man, woman, and child in this  
land, regardless of creed, position in  
life or political affiliation, and to  
him we should give the best that is  
in us; to our great President Frank-  
lin D. Roosevelt.

## Grains of Sand

One reason highway laws are not  
obeyed is because the law itself does  
not obey them. Attorney Duncan Mat-  
thews said at this week's Kiwanis  
Club meeting. He cited instances of  
violations by the lawmakers them-  
selves, of the State itself setting up  
warning and stop signs which do  
not comply with the State laws. It  
is almost impossible to be prosecut-  
ed for violating a highway law be-  
cause there are so many loopholes, he  
said.

"Do you know that according to  
law, a mule is a vehicle?" The ques-  
tion was put by Mr. Matthews, who  
continued:

"But further along the statutes say  
it is against the law to have a vehicle  
on a public highway without two  
lights in front and a tail light."

He said we fought for and finally  
acquired a State Highway Patrol of  
65 men, but that in so doing we prac-  
tically dismissed 3,000 officers, sher-  
iffs, deputies, village policemen, etc.  
from the duty of intercepting viola-  
tors of the road laws. "The highway  
patrol—now some 120 strong—is fine,  
but it can't cover 100 counties and  
assume the duties of 3,000. Only co-  
operation of the motoring public and  
respect for law and order will curb  
our accident toll," he said.

After the meeting his fellow Ki-  
wanians had the laugh on Lawyer  
Matthews. They discovered he was  
driving a car with no license plates  
on it.

Two well known Southern Pines  
residents enjoyed one of their rare  
birthdays last Saturday. It was H.  
E. Thrower's 12th anniversary cele-  
bration, despite the fact that he was  
born in the eighties, and Jackson H.  
Boyd's 10th, though he was 44.



# Notice of County Convention

Notice is hereby given that a convention will be held in Carthage at two o'clock P. M., on Tuesday, March 10th, 1936, of all Republicans in Moore County for the purpose of selecting delegates to the State Convention, which is called for 10:30 Tuesday morning, March 24th, 1936, at the Memorial Auditorium in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Suggestions for a County ticket and other business which may properly come before said Convention will be transacted at this time.

It is a patriotic duty that we owe our County and State to be present and take an active part in seeing that the administration of governmental affairs is lawfully and properly conducted.

## Moore County Republican Executive Committee

H. F. SEAWELL, JR., Chairman  
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BACON	CREAM CHEESE	PORK CHOPS
Wilson's or Armour's	SPECIAL	Lb.—23c
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STEAKS — STEAKS	Small T-Bone Steaks, Special,
We should eat more steak	lb. .... 24c
Round Steak, (top), lb. .... 29c	
Round Steak, (bottom), lb. .... 24c	

MARKET SPECIALS	Soda Crackers, 1 lb. box ..... 9c
Franks (hot dogs), lb. .... 19c	Log Cabin Syrup ..... 24c
Small Sausage, lb. .... 19c	(Pint Can or Glass)
Veal Chops, lb. .... 21c	1—Pancake Flour FREE
Hamburger Steak, lb. .... 14c	Grits, 3 lbs. .... 9c
Bologna, lb. .... 14c	Tuna Fish, 2 for ..... 25c
Pig Liver, lb. .... 15c	Campbells Pork and Beans ..... 5c
Oysters, pt. .... 19c	Sun Brite Cleansers, 2 for ..... 9c
Stew Beef, lb. .... 9c	Snow Boy Washing Powder, 10 for ..... 19c
Delmar, Oleo, Butter, 2 lbs. for ..... 35c	Good Laundry Soap, 4—5c bars ..... 14c
	Fat Backs, lb. .... 11c
	Pure Lard, lb. .... 14c

Small Rib Roast, lb. .... 23c	Salt, 10c pound packages, special, 3 for ..... 20c
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Brookfield Butter, lb. .... 39c	FLOUR
Legs-O-Lamb, lb. .... 24c	(Every Bag Guaranteed)
Croaker Fish, lb. .... 9c	12 lbs. .... 39c
	24 lbs. .... 77c

Pot Roast, lb. .... 14c	Good Corn Meal, 10 lb. Bag ..... 19c
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