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This Week



By Arthur Brisbane

HOOVER'S HOME ECONOMY—
89 YEARS, 89 MILLION—
KAHN LOSES TITTA RUFFO—
FOCH IS DEAD—

President Hoover, believing that economy should begin at home, will put the Presidential yacht Mayflower out of commission. The President will do his yachting in a rowboat when fishing. The country will save \$300,000 a year, and 148 sailors that have wasted their time on the Mayflower will be assigned to new naval vessels.

The Mayflower has been added to the cost of maintaining a President ever since the days of Theodore Roosevelt, and President Hoover's determination to discontinue a thoroughly undemocratic arrangement will be generally appreciated.

The people would not grudge a good President any comfort or luxury. But a \$300,000 yacht tacked on to a \$75,000 salary seems fantastic.

George F. Baker, dean of American bankers, ruler of the gigantic First National of New York, which is one of his minor possessions, has celebrated his 89th birthday.

For every year that he has lived, Mr. Baker has given at least a million dollars to education and other good purposes.

Everybody wishes him many more years to get and give. Since the people do not yet know enough to develop their own resources and supply what they need, it is fortunate that they have such men as Baker, Rockefeller and others to show them how.

Otto H. Kahn, protector of grand opera, learns that his enemy is the talking moving picture. That must surprise him as much as it surprised the seventy-foot dinosaurs when the rats ate them. Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer have taken Titta Ruffo from Kahn's Metropolitan Opera to sing for the movies, and it was as simple as taking candy from a child. Mr. Ruffo sings ten times before a recording machine and is paid \$350,000, or \$35,000 for each short singing period.

Even the Metropolitan's diamond horseshoe cannot compete with that.

Marshal Foch is dead. Fawcett to a great warrior, a true man. He has gone and taken his wages—a name that will live in history and the eternal gratitude of his countrymen.

In command of all the allied armies, he had 10,000,000 men under his command, by far the greatest army gathered together since men first began wholesale killing.

And his motto, that every man should adopt, was: "The offensive always."

ALLONS, "Let us go," was the last word uttered by Marshall Foch. It is the first word of the French national hymn that he heard so often, the hymn to which the Revolutionary soldiers marched from the south of France into Paris. "Allons enfants de la patrie," etc.

The last words of great men, piously collected, have little value. The great men probably did not know what they were saying. Mehr licht, "more light," were the last words of Goethe.

Frederick the Great's last words are supposed to be *tete d'armee*, "head of the army." He often spoke French in preference to German.

Tantalizer

There are exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield or Johnston County, and to the one deciphering their name and presenting a copy of this paper to the Herald office, we will present a free ticket to the Victory Theatre. Tickets must be called for before the following issue.

Durwood Creech Jespersen has his name last issue.

TODAY'S TANTALIZER
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71st Congress In Extra Session

Farm Relief Will Be Considered; House Agriculture Committee Has Bill Ready To Introduce

The seventy-first Congress assembled in extra session yesterday at the summons of President Hoover. The first day's session was expected to be devoted to routine organization and the President's message will not be sent up until today. The extra session has been called to consider farm relief measures and other matters including tariff revision, reappointment and census legislation, and an effort is being made to have it consider a number of other matters.

Members of the House agricultural committee, according to a United Press dispatch, have completed a farm relief bill for introduction. The bill will be introduced by Chairman Haugen of the committee. It is said to set up the most powerful Federal marketing board ever created in history by any nation and authorizes an appropriation of \$500,000,000 to be used in putting farming on a par with other business.

The United Press dispatch says further in regard to his measure. Chairman Haugen described the bill as written to "foster and encourage marketing and a measure free from political considerations."

"It is a committee product which takes into consideration the platforms of the two political parties, the utterances of President Hoover during his campaign and the testimony of witnesses during hearings," Haugen said.

Broad Powers.
"It sets up a federal farm board of seven members, including the Secretary of Agriculture, and authorizes the President, without any restrictions, to select the membership. The board's powers are broad and far-reaching." The board is to encourage the organization of producers into co-operative associations and urge farmers' aid in promoting the establishment and financing of a farm marketing system of producer-owned and producer-controlled agencies.

At the outset, two members of the board will be appointed for terms of two years, two members for four years and one member for six years. Each succeeding member will be appointed for six years. Each will draw a salary of \$12,000 a year. The term of the chairman of the board will be left to the President and the salary also will be fixed by the President.

The board, under the measure, will invite the co-operative associations handling any agriculture commodity to establish an advisory committee of seven members to represent that commodity before the board. These advisory committees are authorized, when conditions require, to set up stabilization corporations for marketing the surplus of any commodity, but under restrictions set up by the bill. This is the principal formula provided for meeting surplus marketing demands, and is the heart of the bill. These corporations will be charged with marketing farm produce at a profit for the farmers, but without forcing the price to consumers to undue levels.

"From the \$500,000,000 revolving fund the board will direct an educational campaign on the advantages of organization and keep farmers advised on the market demands, crop prices, and over-production conditions. It will also conduct research work into methods of developing new uses for farm commodities.

"The board is authorized to make loans to cooperative organizations from the fund for the storing, handling, or marketing of commodities, and for educational work devised to increase the membership of the associations.

"A new insurance plan in the bill permits the board to issue insurance policies to cooperatives against loss through price declines."

W. M. S. CIRCLES TO MEET.
The circles of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist church will meet on Thursday afternoon at three-thirty o'clock at the following places: Judson Circle with Mrs. H. P. Hawell; Lottie Moon, with Mrs. M. A. Wallace; Yates, with Mrs. O. E. Matthews.

The Grace McBryde will meet on Thursday night after the church service with Miss Lallah Rookh Stephenson. All members are asked to be present.

ASSISTING IN REVIVAL MEETING HERE



Dr. W. L. Ball, pastor First Baptist Church, Spartanburg, S. C. Dr. Ball is assisting Rev. S. L. Morgan in a series of revival meetings now in progress at the Smithfield Baptist Church.

Fathers And Sons Bill Wiggs Awaits Revival Begins At Baptist Church

Smithfield Goes "Over the Top" in Raising Quota For Scout Work Under Leadership L. E. Watson, Jr.; Col. Bain Makes Fine Address

The first fathers and sons banquet to be staged in Smithfield was held Thursday evening in the recreation room of the Methodist church, when twenty-five Boy Scouts and their dads and a few other interested men gathered around the banquet board. The occasion for the banquet was the presentation of a silver loving cup which the Smithfield troop had won in a contest with the other troops of the Tuscarora Council. Col. E. H. Bain, of Goldsboro, made the presentation speech to which L. E. Watson, Jr., scoutmaster of the winning troop, Mr. and Mrs. Beasley, who were appropriately responded. The evening's program culminated in the scattering of the \$250 quota for Smithfield's participation in this national organization.

The program was impressive from start to finish. At the appointed time, the fathers entered the recreation room, which had been made attractive with daisies and wisteria, and stood in a group, as Edwin Broadhurst, senior patrol leader, brought in the troop. The leader called for reports which were given by the following: Paul Johnston, leader of Buffalo Patrol; Elmer Wellons, Jr., leader of the Pine Tree Patrol; Ben Grimes, leader of the Wolf Patrol; and Cullen Hooks, leader of the Crow Patrol. Scribner Donald Ward took down the reports. The scoutmaster then assigned the seats at the banquet table, each scout sitting by his father. Grace was said in scout fashion, and then the first course was served.

After the first course, Scoutmaster Watson, who acted as toastmaster, called upon each Scout to tell in his own words what scouting had meant to him. Without exception, the scouts responded in an admirable manner.

The second course was served, and then the toastmaster called upon Mr. T. C. Young to state briefly what scouting had meant to him.

Jack Beasley Is Shot Though Not Seriously At His Home in Cleveland Township

As the result of a shooting affair which took place Sunday night in Cleveland township, Bill Wiggs is in jail here charged with assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill. The arrest of Wiggs was accomplished yesterday morning by Deputies Claude Carroll, J. O. Hinton and E. A. Johnson.

According to information which the officers obtained, the shooting occurred Sunday night about nine o'clock at the home of Mr. Jack Beasley. A shot rang out; a window pane was shattered; and a lead of shot took effect under the hand of a man whose two children, Mr. and Mrs. Beasley, who were in another room, heard the shot and went to the door. Another shot was fired, and two shots said to be about number six, took effect in the chest of Mr. Beasley. He was not hurt seriously.

Officers were notified and yesterday Bill Wiggs, the man whom Beasley stated had done the shooting, was placed under arrest. He failed to give bond and is now in jail awaiting trial.

It is said that there had been some difference between the two men which probably prompted the shooting.

Dr. W. L. Ball of Spartanburg, S. C., Who Is Doing the Preaching, Is An Outstanding Minister of the Baptist Denomination

A series of revival meetings began at the Baptist church here Sunday which will last through next night. Dr. Ball is being assisted by S. L. Morgan in the pastorate of Dr. W. L. Ball of Spartanburg, S. C. Dr. Ball was not here Sunday, but the pastor preached sermons in keeping with the beginning of a series of meetings, the subject of his morning discourse being, "The Revival Spirit," and that of the evening message being "The Revival Plan."

Dr. Ball arrived yesterday and preached his first sermon last night. Dr. Ball is regarded as one of the leading ministers of the Baptist denomination in the south. He was pastor of one of the leading churches in Richmond for about ten years before going to the pastorate of the First Baptist church of Spartanburg, S. C., where he has been for some years. He has just gone through a great revival in his own church, in which more than 100 were added to the membership.

He will preach the sermon in May before the Southern Baptist Convention in Memphis. A number of Smithfield people who know him and his ability as a preacher regard his coming as an event of importance to all the community, and it is hoped that the people of all the churches will give cordial service to the meetings, and will derive much benefit from them. Services will begin every evening at 7:45. Day services will be announced. Singers from all the churches are asked to assist the choir in leading the song services.

FIRE IN CLEVELAND SECTION LAST WEEK
News reached here last week of a fire in Cleveland township which took place Wednesday night at the home of Mrs. J. E. Martin. The barn and all feedstuffs were burned. A new Ford automobile and several chickens were also destroyed by the blaze. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Miss Frances White Writes From London

Gives Interesting Account of Visit to Westminster Abbey, London Tower, and Other Historic Places

Miss Corn Belle Ives has received an interesting letter from Miss Frances White, who is touring Europe with the Westminster Choir of Dayton, Ohio. Miss White formerly taught public school music in the local school and the following excerpts from her letter will be of interest to many in this section:

"So this is London" was the first thought that came to my mind when we rolled into the station here. London is the largest city in the world, but it surely can't hold a light to New York. But then again, it is beautiful.

We have found the interesting places to see, and have been seeing them since Tuesday when we arrived. On Wednesday afternoon several of us went out to see what luck we would have finding the different places of interest. We first went to Westminster Abbey. That is all you have ever heard about it and more, too. It is an immense place, and perfectly marvelous in structure. Of course it is old, dating back to 1066 when William the Conqueror reigned. It has been called the Coronation church since that time. We had a guide, and went all through.

"First the Parliament room. We had to put on rubber and felt slippers over our shoes to protect the beautiful mosaic floor. The members of Parliament sat around in that room and discussed the matters of state. The whipping post was in the center. Then we went into the different rooms where the members of royal families were buried and saw their tombs and royal regalia as they wore it. Then into the wax rooms where the kings and queens were represented by wax figures—appearing just as they were when they died. Then on into the service held in the Coronation chapel and saw the coronation chair, etc. I can tell you about all of this better than I can write it.

Today we went up to Buckingham Palace (King's palace) and saw them change guards. They do this every morning at eleven o'clock. Of course the king isn't at the palace now, but Prince of Wales is acting in his place. The guards and soldiers were wonderful—so many, and such costumes and head gear. It was so thrilling to stand on the outside and look through the iron bars at them. The body guard of the king and they were handsome looking men. They have to be six feet tall to be in the service. There are about 800 in the regiment but only a very few in the king's body guard.

We waited outside the palace for Prince of Wales to come out, since he was due to come out at the hour between eleven and twelve, but he never came while we were there. There were such crowds of people. I took the kodak along and took a few pictures. I hope they will be good.

This afternoon we went to the London Tower. The London Tower is not a tower as you would imagine from its name, but was a fortress. It served as a fortress for the royal families and as a palace, because the king lived there, and third as a place of punishment—sort of a political prison. It is only used now for sight-seers and relics. It has several towers in it. The jewel tower is where all

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AN ENGINEER BALKS AT MOVIE THRILLS

Allene Ray, the world-famous Pathe star, was asked to do a new stunt in "The Yellow Cameo," a mystery story of the great southwest. The script called for the leading lady to race a hand-car before a train.

But the engineer of the locomotive decided otherwise and nothing could induce him to drive his locomotive steadily behind the hand-car. So far as he was concerned, the engineer didn't care a hoot whether "The Yellow Cameo" had a thrill in it or not.

Spencer Bennet, veteran director of serials, found a way to get around this difficulty and he brought about an even more thrilling scene than was intended.

J. D. UNDERWOOD



Named Again as Mayor by Town Convention Held Last Night

Farm Convention Program Planned

Annual State Farmers' Convention Week July 22 to 26 Will Feature Gov. Gardner's Farm Program

RALEIGH, April 15.—Developing the farm program advocated by Governor O. Max Gardner will be the central theme of the annual State Farmers' Convention to be held at State College for the week of July 22 to 26 according to plans made for the convention at a meeting held in Raleigh last week.

That the program may receive full attention, the first two days will be consumed in general matters and feature addresses during which time the convention will hear Governor Gardner as principal speaker of the week. The last two days, and all of the sectional meetings for men, will be concerned entirely with ways and means of putting the program into actual operation. The college plans to invite the chairman of the county boards of agriculture and the county councils of farm women to attend the convention, bringing with them suggestions from their home counties and carrying back the ideas developed at the convention.

It was decided also to invite the Honorable Arthur M. Hyde, Secretary of Agriculture, to address the convention. Other noted speakers will be Dr. E. C. Brooks, President of State College, and W. A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture. Both of these are members of Governor Gardner's advisory board and will likely speak along the lines of the state program.

A feature of the convention will be the women attending will be the annual short course at which over 600 farm women were present last year. Awards will be made to three or more outstanding farm women. They are being selected by the home demonstration workers at this time.

Secretary James M. Gray is now at work building the program for the annual convention. With definite plans ahead, the meeting this summer should be a turning point in the agricultural development of North Carolina, says the secretary.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR CEMETERY DUES?

For some years now, the Woman's club of Smithfield has looked after the upkeep of the cemetery. The club has asked plot owners to cooperate by the payment of \$2.00 per year each, which together with a small appropriation by the town constitutes the fund for this purpose. "The amount is not sufficient to employ a keeper for his full time, but the cemetery can be kept in pretty good shape if the plot owners will pay promptly their dues," states Mrs. S. T. Honecutt, the treasurer of this fund. The keeper is now at work and the ladies in charge of the cemetery are anxious that enough funds be forthcoming to keep him there a sufficient length of time to have the entire cemetery looking trim and neat. It is hoped that this notice will be a reminder to plot owners who have overlooked this matter. This cooperative plan is much less expensive than for individuals to keep the weeds cut and grass mowed.

Name Underwood Again For Mayor

Two New Members of Board of Commissioners From the Fourth Ward; Large Crowd at Convention

In spite of the very irremediable weather, the courthouse was crowded last night to nominate a mayor and board of aldermen for the town of Smithfield. Until yesterday, there had been little interest manifested in the convention, and for a time it looked as if the mayor might be nominated by acclamation. At the last, however, the present incumbent, J. D. Underwood, was opposed by George Y. Ragsdale, but when the vote was taken Mr. Underwood was nominated, the vote being: Underwood 216; Ragsdale, 121.

The convention did not convene until after the church service at the Baptist church, but promptly at the appointed hour, Mayor Underwood called W. H. Lyon to the chair, who in turn named N. C. Sheppard and Mrs. T. J. Lassiter as secretaries. These were made permanent officers of the convention, and nominations were then declared in order. E. S. Edmundson placed in nomination J. D. Underwood as mayor, and Rev. Chester Alexander placed in nomination George Y. Ragsdale. The voting was done by ballot.

After a mayor was nominated the convention divided according to wards and seven commissioners were named. In the first three wards, the present commissioners were re-nominated. In the first ward, which has only one commissioner, W. H. Lassiter was re-nominated again. In the second ward, R. F. Holdings and W. E. Grimes were re-named by acclamation. In the third, only two named were presented: W. D. Hood and H. L. Skinner.

In the fourth ward, the voting took on more interest. E. S. Edmundson, former commissioner, having removed from the ward, was therefore not a candidate for re-election. Dr. W. J. B. Orr, who is filling out the unexpired term of W. M. Sanders, also declined re-nomination. This made it necessary to name two new commissioners from the fourth ward, which is by far the largest ward in town. Four names were placed in nomination: Willis Glass, W. T. Holland, J. P. Rogers and J. H. Wiggs. The vote by ballot resulted as follows: Glass, 70; Holland, 64; Rogers, 59; and Wiggs, 43. A motion having been carried that the two receiving the highest vote be the nominees, Willis Glass and W. T. Holland were representing the fourth ward in the coming election.

A CARD OF THANKS

To all the friends whose sympathy and services were so kindly tendered in our time of bereavement, we desire to extend our sincere thanks.

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Then One Did.

A certain girl cried piteously after her young man had proposed.

"Why are you crying, dear?" asked the young man solicitously.

"No, I offended you?"

"Have I, answered the girl.

"That's not it. I am crying for pure joy. Mother always said I was such an idiot that not even a donkey would propose to me, and now one has."

Some people are so honest they won't even take a hint.

Aunt Roxie Opines

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