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## BUILDING RECORD AHEAD OF 1924

FIRST TEN MONTHS OF THIS  
YEAR EXCEED WHOLE OF  
LAST YEAR.

Chicago.—Building construction for the first ten months of 1925 has exceeded the total for 1924 and broken records in most sections of the country, but there is still scarcity of suitable housing for persons of average means.

The statement was made in the semi-annual report of the American Construction Council, issued through its president, Franklin D. Roosevelt.

"The large volume of residential construction has not yet met the country's real housing need," the report said. "City residential construction has been largely of higher priced apartment hotels and apartments of a speculative nature and, while suburban home developments of the colony type have been very active, they have too frequently been high in price or very inferior in quality. Farm homes, where the owner's individual taste prevails, show a tendency toward modern home improvements and home utilities in an increasing degree."

Proper planning, sounder financing and better construction of homes is a need today, and the public must learn the essentials of right construction and insist that they be put into practice, the report said. Aside from residential work, public improvements and utilities and commercial buildings and institutional structures have been going up in increasing numbers.

"Work contracted for and contemplated for winter schedule," the report said, "is much greater than usual this time of the year, showing the growing belief of the public in winter work when it is properly conducted."

"Labor productivity has increased and thus helped to reduce actual costs and the stabilizing influence of this condition, if maintained, will be very helpful for the future. Material prices have also continued relatively stable as a whole. Money for building purposes has been readily available in most localities."

**Tax on Incomes Larger in 1924.**  
Washington.—Despite a reduction in rates, treasury receipts from taxation on personal incomes for 1924 are greater than for the previous year.

The total personal tax payments for 1924 are \$689,134,185, or a gain of 1.7 percent over taxes received on the 1923 incomes. The growth in the total receipts occurred, notwithstanding a decrease of nearly 400,000 in the number of returns filed which, to September 30 last, was 7,289,481.

Statistics of the 1924 income, made public by the internal revenue bureau as the ways and means committee neared completion of its work on a new tax law, showed aggregate personal net income of \$25,023,210,893. That amount, the bureau calculated, was about three-fourths of 1 per cent greater than the net incomes of 1923.

Thousands of individuals found themselves aligned in new classes of incomes and subject to different rates of tax as a result of the changed exemption, personal credits and rates made effective by the present law, although the number of persons reporting incomes of \$1,000,000 and over numbered 71, in each of the years 1923 and 1924. This class in 1924 included three with incomes above \$5,000,000, three between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000, four between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000, 15 between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000, 13 from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000, and 36 from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000.

Deductions for losses in prior years amounted to \$45,000,000 for losses in 1923, \$34,000,000 in 1923, and only \$15,759,000 in 1924.

**One-Eighth of Income Paid in Taxes.**  
New York.—Twelve and a half cents of every dollar of the combined income of the American people during the past year went into taxes, according to a study in taxation made by the national industrial conference board. The total burden of federal, state and local taxes has nearly doubled in proportion to national income since 1913, the board says, rising from 6.9 per cent in 1913 to 12.5 in 1924.

"While the increase of taxation in proportion to national income in 1924 in part was due to increased state and local tax levies, it was in part, however, also due to a decrease in national income during that year," the board points out.

## 33 Years Ago —IN— Washington County

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Cotton, 8 to 9c.

Business flourishing

Corn, per bushel, 50c.

Eggs, per dozen, 20c.

Please settle your subscription before the New Year—we need it.

Bishop Watson will hold confirmation services here on Sunday.

Miss Gertie Mizelle of Long Ridge, has entered Plymouth High School.

According to the latest returns the Democratic majority in North Carolina is a little over forty thousand.

On Tuesday night Mrs. A. Manning gave her three daughters, Misses Pearl, Fannie and Adel, a pleasant reception at her home on upper Washington Street.

### NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of authority contained in a mortgage deed executed on the 28th day of Feb. 1918 by Viola Riddick and Leary Jenkins to J. S. Sugar same being recorded in book 67 page 456 in the Registers office of Washington County the undersigned assignee will on Monday the 14th day of December, sell to the highest bid of cash the following described property in Plymouth Township:

"Bounded on the West by The Roanoke Railroad Road & Lumber Co., on the North by the Roanoke River, east by the Norfolk & Southern Railroad Road Co. and on the south by the Roanoke Lumber Company, containing Thirteen 13 Acres more or less."

Time of Sale: 12 o'clock M.  
TERMS OF SALE: CASH.  
Van B. Martin  
Assignee.

### Mode of the Moment



Particularly interesting at this season of the year is the ensemble costume. The very smart model pictured is fashioned of green suede-finished cloth, and is trimmed with squirrel. The lining of the same material of which the frock is developed, is of flowered crepe de chine.

## Judge Admonishes Convict Guards.

In the regular session of the Recorder's Court here Tuesday morning Judge Zeb Vance Norman had a serious talk with guards of convicts of the county which are engaged in building and repairing county roads. He explained that it had come to his attention that some prisoners were allowed almost unlimited freedom when work was not in progress. He also explained to the guards that he was being criticised for allowing such privileges to be accorded, as it is the general opinion of the public that when a person is sent to the roads that it was for punishment of a crime committed; and that in the future, if the practice continues, he will remain all drawing sentences to the county jail instead of the roads to be certain the punishment intended will be actually administered.

## TO OPEN PEE DEE BRIDGE DEC. 16

MORRISON, PAGE AND OTHERS TO  
BE AMONG NOTED SPEAKERS.

Rockingham.—The magnificent new \$300,000 concrete bridge spanning the Pee Dee river, 6 miles west of Rockingham, will be thrown open to the public on Wednesday, December 16th, with a big celebration and barbecue.

Committees from Anson and Richmond counties met at Wadesboro and completed final arrangements for staging this big event. The Masters of Ceremony will be J. P. Gibbons, for Richmond, and R. S. Prueitt, for Anson. W. L. Parsons will receive the bridge on behalf of Richmond county, and T. L. Caudle, for Anson.

The principal speaker will be ex-Governor Cameron Morrison, a native son of Richmond county whom the adjoining counties are always happy to honor. Messrs. Page, Wilkinson, Pridgen and state officials are expected, and plans are in process for a whole of a celebration. Everything will be free. The exercises will take place on the Richmond side of the river. In charge of the barbecue will be Carl Shores, of this county, and Robert Little, of Anson, and these two are to spare neither expense nor effort to insure an abundance of the best barbecue and Brunswick stew that human culinary skill can produce. And they are to plan for 10,000 and upwards of folks.

**Baptist Met Next at Wilmington.**  
Charlotte.—North Carolina Baptists here pledged themselves anew to strict enforcement of the national prohibition law and adopted a resolution severely criticizing public officials who throw their sympathy to the side of the "wets," as one of the final acts of the 95th annual meeting of the Baptist state convention.

The convention re-elected Dr. L. M. Mercer, pastor of the First Baptist church of Wilson, as president for the ensuing year, accepted Wilmington's invitation to meet there in 1926 and came to a close after a night session featuring Baptist Young Peoples' work.

An important decision by the convention was acceptance of a program for raising \$1,000,000 in the state during 1926 for church causes exclusive of funds for the Baptist orphanage at Thomasville. The convention also heard a report outlining plans for raising \$150,000 in the Thanksgiving offering next Thursday for the orphanage. Rev. J. A. Ellis, of Raleigh, was chosen to deliver the convention sermon next year.

**Davidson Farmer Gored By Bull.**  
Lexington.—Julian P. Zimmerman, leading farmer of Arcadia Township, about ten miles from Lexington, is now expected to recover from injuries at first feared fatal when he was badly gored by a bull in his barn lot several days ago. At last reports he was not entirely out of danger but was improving satisfactorily.

## Killed by Accident

A regrettable accident occurred near here early Thursday morning when Edmund Nixon, colored was instantly killed when thrown from a truck driven by Mr. L. B. Ward.

Mr. Ward is working for the F. J. McGuire Construction Co., hauling material for the concrete road being built from Roper here and Nixon asked him for a ride to the scene of the work where he had accepted a job. The accident occurred about six o'clock when Mr. Ward suddenly swerved his truck to pass a similar vehicle which had broken down and was being repaired.

The dead man was brought to the undertaking establishment of Mr. W. T. Nutney here, where an inquest was held by coroner S. J. Barco and a jury of six men. A verdict of death resulting from an unavoidable accident was returned by the jury.

The body was prepared for burial and taken to his old home near Edenton for interment.

## CAPTAIN FOLEY IS EXONERATED

FREED BY NAVAL COURT OF  
CHARGE OF ATTEMPTING TO  
SWAY TESTIMONY.

Washington.—The Shenandoah naval court of inquiry exonerated Captain Paul Foley of the charge made by Mrs. Margaret Ross Lansdowne that he had sought to sway her testimony before that tribunal last month.

Immediately after dismissing the former judge advocate's case, the court resumed the general Shenandoah inquiry, hearing another of the defense witnesses who testified before the Mitchell court martial—Captain Charles P. Clark of the army air service.

In holding that Captain Foley was not guilty either of seeking to cause false testimony to be offered or of seeking by "improper means to influence" the widow of the Shenandoah's commander, the court finally disposed of the case, as the judgment is not subject to review by higher authority.

Rear Admiral Hillary P. Jones, president, read the opinion of the court which was as follows:

"It appearing to the court after a careful consideration of all evidence adduced and of record in that connection that the defendant, Captain Paul Foley, U. S. Navy, late judge advocate of this court, is not guilty of seeking and endeavoring to cause false testimony to be offered before this court and is not guilty of seeking and endeavoring by improper means to influence a witness about to testify before the court, and it further being a matter of judicial notice of this court that it was an obligation imposed by lawful regulation upon Captain Paul Foley as judge advocate to make a preliminary examination of witnesses to be examined before this court, and it further appearing to this court upon consideration as aforesaid that the said Captain Foley has in no wise been guilty of improper or unethical conduct as such judge advocate and all of the evidence known to the court having been adduced before it and made a part of its record.

"It is hereby adjudged and ordered that the said defendant, Captain Paul Foley, United States Navy, is not guilty of the matters and things alleged against him.

"Said defendant is hereby discharged and released from further attendance upon this court."

**Two Miners Are Blast Victims.**  
Madison, Ky.—Two men were killed and three were entombed in a shaft mine of the Finley Coal Company by an explosion in the mine. Mine officials said the explosion was believed to have been caused by a "windy shot." Two men escaped.

The dead are Rolla Vaughn, 32, and his brother, Harold, sixteen.

## W. H. Turner.

The death of Mr. W. H. Turner which occurred at his home near here on Tuesday, November 24th has occasioned a great deal of sorrow throughout this section. He had been ill for several months and his death did not come quite as a surprise.

He was a prosperous and thrifty farmer, enjoying the full respect and esteem of the people who knew him, and his death coming in the prime of life, fifty three years, takes from this county a most valuable citizen.

He leaves a devoted wife and two brothers, Messrs. Alton and Whit Turner both splendid farmers living near the neighborhood of their deceased brother.

The funeral service was held in the burial plot of the John Bowen home place, being conducted by Rev. N. H. Harrison, at two-thirty on Wednesday afternoon.

## COOLIDGE TALKS TO BUSINESS MEN

PRESIDENT IN NEW YORK ADDRESS GIVES REASSURANCE TO BUSINESS.

New York.—President Coolidge held out a promise to business that it need fear no interference from his administration so long as it confines itself to legitimate activities.

Addressing one thousand New York business executives at the 157th annual banquet of the state chamber of commerce, he emphasized the desirability of the "largest possible independence between government and business"; declared that business should be "unhampered and free"; admitted that "proper regulation and control" of business are "disagreeable and expensive," and expressed the belief that, judged by its conduct during the last few years, business can be trusted to keep its own house in order.

Carrying out his thought that government and business "each ought to be sovereign in its own sphere," the President said:

"When government comes unduly under the influence of business, the tendency is to develop an administration which closes the door of opportunity, becomes narrow and selfish in its outlook, and results in oligarchy.

"When government enters the field of business with its great resources, it has a tendency to extravagance and inefficiency, but, having the power to crush all competitors, likewise closes the door of opportunity and results in monopoly."

Repeatedly during his address, the President was applauded, his audience giving approval to his expressed attitude toward business; to his appeal for continued government economy and efficiency; to his appeal for American adherence to the world court.

"I can think of no more assured action," said Mr. Coolidge, "than the declaration of America that it will wholeheartedly join with others in the support of the tribunal for the administration of international justice which they have created."

Citing George Washington as a leader who did not hesitate to meet perils, encounter danger or make sacrifices, the President, appealing for support for world court adherence, declared that "we must meet our perils; we must encounter our dangers; we must make our sacrifices; or history will recount that the works of Washington have failed."

### Christmas to See Road Completion.

New Bern.—From the sea to Goldsboro, and possibly to Princeton, state highway route 10 will be hard surfaced by Christmas, it is stated here by highway workers, who say that only two and a half miles between Croatan and Havelock are at present unpaved and this stretch has already been graded. Trent road, rather than Rhem avenue, will be paved on route 30 leading into New Bern from Pollockville, it has been learned here from L. H. Cutler.

## STATE BALANCE INCREASES AGAIN

INCREASE IN OCTOBER, HOWEVER, MUCH LESS THAN IN SEPTEMBER.

Raleigh.—North Carolina's general fund balance increased again during October according to a combined statement of the State Auditor and State Treasurer made public by Governor McLean, at the increase last month was only \$23,484.63 while in September it was over a quarter of a million dollars.

The general fund balance on October 1, 1925, was \$294,241.97. Total receipts for the month were \$1,439,735.92 while warrant disbursements for the month were \$1,374,251.29, leaving a balance as of October 31 of \$320,726.60.

Total receipts during the fiscal year to date have been \$4,470,344.84 while disbursements have totalled \$4,149,618.24.

On October 1, the highway and other special funds had a balance of \$11,744,076.33. That balance has been cut to \$9,596,694.97 during the month with receipts during the period totaling only \$1,025,362.12 and disbursements totaling \$3,172,743.49. The highway and other special fund balance, however, has increased from \$4,665,234.03 on July 1, 1925, the beginning of the fiscal year, to \$9,596,694.97 on October 31.

All outstanding warrants on October 31 totalled \$194,156.02. Of these, warrants amounting to \$191,036.57 were issued during the present year, the balance having been issued prior to July 1.

The combined report of the auditor and treasurer totals the three items—general fund balance, highway and special fund balance, and warrants outstanding—to obtain the treasurer's cash on hand on October 31, the figure being \$10,111,578.49.

The total debt of \$126,739,531 is \$215,000 less than on October 1. The figures—\$23,023,210 current debt, and \$103,616,321 funded debt—are the same as those by the report of September 30, with the exception of the item of highway notes listed in anticipation of bond sales, which is shown by the report as being \$15,002,000 on October 31 as compared with \$15,380,000 on October 1—the difference accounting for the reduction in the figure for the total state indebtedness.

### Weevil Winters in Spanish Moss

That the cotton boll weevil seeks shelter for the winter in Spanish moss growing in the swamps in the western part of the State was definitely determined by entomologists of the State Department of Agriculture who recently completed an examination of several hundred pounds of moss collected in Beaufort and Columbus counties. The moss was gathered near the adjacent to fields in which cotton was grown last season, says State entomologist Dr. R. W. Leaky, and was brought to the laboratory and examined piece by piece for living and dead boll weevils.

At two places in Beaufort County the moss collected showed a population of weevils at the rate of 190 and 332 individuals per acre of moss. In Columbus County the average weevil population was found to be 1233 weevils per ton of moss. The average for the three places is 572 weevils per ton of moss which is regarded as rather high by the entomologists.

### State Leads in Negro Schools.

North Carolina has built one to every other five negro school houses erected in all the Southern States, according to Dr. Francis V. Sheppard, secretary and director of the Rosenwald fund, of Chicago, who came to Raleigh to attend the annual State conference on negro education. While in the State, Dr. Sheppard with S. L. Smith, of Nashville, Tenn., general field agent of the Rosenwald fund, will visit many of the negro schools of the State.

Of the total 3,033 Rosenwald schools which have been built in the South, 315 have been built in North Carolina. More than one-sixth of the total expenditure of thirteen million dollars has been spent in North Carolina, which indicates that this State is erecting the better and larger types of schools.

### Dr. Patterson Resigns as Wiley.

Governor McLean has appointed Dr. J. F. Patterson, of New Bern, as a member of the board of directors of the state hospital for the insane, Raleigh, to succeed John F. Wiley, of Durham, resigned.