

CRESWELL

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ainsley and children, of Norfolk spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Ainsley.

H. O. Chesson and Mark Woolard were in Goldsboro Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Woodley and children, of Norfolk, were the week-end guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Woodley.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Reynolds and son, of Norfolk, are spending a few days at their cottage on Lake Phelps.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Shavender, of Ransomville, visited their daughter, Paul Belanga, jr., of Norfolk, Va., spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Belanga.

Miss Matilda Alexander and Mrs. Clyde Smithson attended the funeral of Mrs. Irene Nobles in Richmond Monday.

W. A. Spruill was a business visitor in Washington Monday.

E. O. Arnold, H. O. Chesson and H. W. Pritchett attended an executive meeting of the Southern Albatross Association in Mann's Harbor Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Fisher, of Lake Landing, and Mrs. William E. Hidyette and daughter, Judy, of Hartselle, Ala., were the Thursday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Norman.

Miss Cecelia Willoughby left on Thursday for Florida, where she will be on vacation for ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Clause were the week-end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Davenport.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Worrell, of Norfolk, and Mrs. W. R. Noll, of Williamsburg spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Norman.

Steel Strike In A Soft Market

Now that the nation's steel mills have closed down, there can be little doubt that neither management nor the union looked with any great alarm at the prospect of a prolonged steel strike.

In fact, the steel companies are well aware of the soft market in automobiles and other hard goods and also aware of the fact that large inventories of steel have been built up by some of the major producers in these fields.

On the other hand, the union no doubt sensed this attitude on the part of management, and rather than agree to a long-term contract which fell short of their goals, un-

Power Station at Yorktown Is Said At Halfway Point

Erection of the structural steel for the first unit at the Virginia Electric and Power Company's \$45,000,000 power station near Yorktown is now 50 per cent completed.

Veeco announced plans for the station fifteen months ago and ground was broken at the site last October. The original authorization was for a single 150,000 kilowatt generating unit. Addition of a second unit of like size was approved for the station by Veeco's board of directors in May. Work is proceeding on schedule, according to W. W. Waldrop, Veeco Peninsula district manager.

There are 425 men employed on the job and by the end of 1956, employment will have reached a peak of 900 persons. About 70 people will be employed at the station when it goes into operation.

First steel at the site was set in place in April. The steel framework of the station is being bolted together with high strength bolts rather than riveted or welded.

Concrete for the lower turbine supports and large screen wells has been poured. Workmen have poured 5,000 yards of the 13,000 for the first unit.

Work has been started on a 212-foot steel and reinforced concrete bridge which will span the water intake channel running from the York river to the station screen wells.

Reversing the usual procedure, the bridge is being built on land, then the channel will be cut beneath it.

The intake channel is designed to meet the water requirements of the ultimate capacity of the station.

Condenser cooling water being discharged from the station will enter the river several hundred yards downstream from the intake channel.

Workmen have installed six side-ion leaders preferred to have a strike in a neffort to improve their bargaining position with management.

The steel companies want a five-year, no-strike contract, and are willing to guarantee the union annual raise. The companies are also willing to grant other benefits to the union.

The union, on the other hand, is opposed to a five-year contract, desiring a review more frequently, which would allow union members to take advantage of conditions which might be favorable to labor.

From all indications, as this is written, the steel strike could be a prolonged one. One of the biggest users of steel—the automobile industry—is not in dire need of steel, and, in fact, has a big inventory of 1956 automobiles on hand.



Washington Report

By BILL WHITLEY
Secretary To United States Senator W. Kerr Scott

Trade — Some encouraging news for tobacco growers has just come out of the State Department.

Last week the State Department made public a long list of trade agreements that were made several months ago with some 35 friendly foreign nations. Many of the agreements should have long-range favorable effects on tobacco growers.

Among other things, the United States agreed to reduce tariffs on Oriental leaf tobacco by 15 per cent.

This along with other tariff concessions should, in the opinion of Sen. W. Kerr Scott, help gain more markets for U. S. grown tobacco in the Middle East and certain parts of Europe.

The outer shell of the stack for the power station has been erected and towers 325 feet above its base. A new type of construction with a concrete shell and brick liner is being used.

Double circuit 110,000 volt lines which will tie the station in with the rest of the transmission system have been extended from the station site to Veeco's existing transmission lines running between Richmond and Newport News.

The power station will be built entirely above grade and the initial installation rests on 1,700 concrete piles 35 feet long.

The Yorktown power station is being built adjacent to the American Oil Company refinery now under construction and will use refinery by-products, petroleum coke and refinery gas, for part of its fuel requirements.

The first unit is scheduled for completion in May of 1957 and the second will go into operation the following year.

The items on which tariffs were reduced, he said, are not competitive with American made tobacco products. In many cases, foreign countries have felt that quite a few U. S. duties were unfair.

By reducing some of them, Scott said, it should mean more markets for American tobacco where they are sorely needed.

Pigeon — Here's one for Sherlock Holmes, and if he can solve it, Sen. Scott will be grateful.

Monday morning the Tar Heel Senator walked into his office in the Senate Office Building and found a bright-eyed and bushy-tailed pigeon perched on his desk. Apparently, the pigeon had taken the freedom of making himself (or herself) completely at home during the week-end.

There were very strong indications that the pigeon had used the chandelier as a roost.

It was obvious that the visitor had come through an open window. But what the Senator wants to find out about is the motive behind the visit. Until Sherlock or somebody comes up with a better answer, the Senator is convinced that it must have been a Republican bird.

People — Now that Winter is over and Summer is here—with Spring lost somewhere along the way—more and more North Carolinians are seen in Washington. They come up for visits, to sight see, or on business.

Last week, there was an outstanding statesman from the East, a preacher from the West and a converted Republican from the Piedmont.

Among those calling at Sen. Scott's office were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parker and Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Early of Ahoskie, Herman Clark of Fayetteville, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hester and family of Bladenboro, the Reverend W. Q. Higgins of Sparta and P. C. Burkholder of Charlotte.

Billions More For Air Force

Reports from Washington indicate the Air Force is contemplating asking Congress for seven billion more dollars next year than it is expected to receive this year. That is, the Air Force appropriation next year will be something over \$23,000,000,000, if granted.

This year's Air Force appropriation is something over \$16,000,000,000, and this represents approximately half of the money allotted to the three military services.

There are various indications that the Air Force will need extra funds if it is to keep pace with progress being made by the Russian Air Force. But, until recently it was not suspected that the Air Force might need seven billion dollars more next year than it does this year.

If this is the case, and if the

other services need more money also, then U. S. defense spending could jump by some ten billion dollars and there is little reason to think that Congress will accept such an increase in defense spending. Further, it seems that other costs will have to be reduced if the Air Force appropriation is to be hiked by any such figure.

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