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Senate Approves Economy Measure by Decisive Vote

Passes Bill Giving President Extraordinary Powers to Reduce Federal Expenses

Washington, March 15.—The American Legion's support of President Roosevelt was pledged by Louis A. Johnson, National Commander, in a statement issued tonight immediately after the Senate approved the drastic economy bill cutting benefits to life veterans.

After three days and two nights of furious debate, the Senate tonight voted overwhelming approval of the bill granting President Roosevelt power to reduce veterans' benefits and federal pay to the extent of half a billion dollars.

The vote—62 to 13—sent the bill back to the House for action on a host of Senate amendments. Most of them were unimportant and none would curtail sharply the sweeping economies proposed to cut down the big federal deficit.

If the changes made are acceptable to Mr. Roosevelt, the House will concur. If not, the measure must go to conference.

Even in that event, however, party leaders were confident the bill would be in the Chief Executive's hands by tomorrow night.

The House passed the bill late Saturday by 266 to 138.

Chairman Harrison, of the Senate finance committee, who steered the measure through the Senate, predicted no trouble in getting an agreement with the House over the changes, even though it might go to conference.

Senator Robinson of Arkansas, the Democratic leader, estimated the Senate amendments would cut the proposed savings by a maximum of \$10,000,000, but this still kept the estimate of the total economies around the \$500,000,000 mark.

Only four Democrats and nine Republicans voted against the measure on the final roll call.

Forty-three Democrats and 19 Republicans answered "aye."

One Senator, Hayden (D., Ariz.) asked to be excused from voting "because of pledges I made to my constituents."

Huey Long, Louisiana Democrat, one of the four of his party to oppose it on final passage, replied an emphatic "no sir" when his name was called.

The bill grants sweeping and unusual powers to the President to revise all pensions and compensations accruing to veterans of all wars, except the Civil War, and their dependents.

Pensions of Civil War veterans would be cut a flat 10 per cent. for one year.

The measure also empowers the Executive to slash the pay of Federal civil and military employees on a percentage basis in accordance with the drop in the cost of living using the first six months of 1928 as a basis, but providing no cuts shall exceed 15 per cent.

Senators and Representatives would be cut the maximum 15 per cent.—or from \$10,000 to \$8,500.

The veterans' slashes would be (Continued on page two)

Common Decency Urged By Roper

Tariff Policy of Fair Treatment For Other Nations Advocated

Washington, March 15.—Attacking the present American tariff system, Daniel C. Roper, secretary of commerce last night advocated a tariff policy "of common sense and common decency."

At the same time he predicted a diminishing of the activities of the department of commerce. He asserted activities of doubtful value would be eliminated and that employees of doubtful efficiency would be discharged. It was his first speech as secretary of commerce.

"For too many years," Roper said, "we have, as a nation, been fervent in our protestations of a desire to foster our international trade, while at the same time we have actually been going our best to place in its path almost insurmountable obstacles. There are honest differences of opinion as to tariff policies, but I believe that an overwhelming majority of the American people have unmistakably shown that they are tired of a policy that has antagonized every other nation in the world."

Speaking as well as selling, he said, "that no nation could successfully market its own goods if it persisted in refusing to admit a reasonable volume of the products of other nations."

Woman Freed In Death of Husband

Mrs. Herman Evans Exonerated by Coroner's Jury

Greenville, Mar. 14.—Mrs. Herman Evans, charged with the slaying of her husband here Sunday night, was set free by a coroner's jury here this morning when the jury found that she shot in self-defense as Evans advanced upon her with a chair after painfully choking her.

The inquest was conducted under direction of Coroner A. A. Elhwanger following the death of Evans at the local hospital here last night at 7:30 o'clock. Funeral services were held from Williams Funeral Parlors this afternoon at 3 p. m., and interment was made in Stokes graveyard.

Mrs. Evans was said to have shot her husband through the stomach when he advanced upon her with a chair at the home on Twelfth Street Sunday night. He was carried to the local hospital where little hope was held out for his recovery.

Evans was about thirty years old and had been engaged in the operation of a filling station on the Greenville-Cox Mill road.

He is survived by his widow and a small daughter; his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Hardy C. Evans, and the following brothers and sisters, all of this county: Leslie, Walter, Raymond, Leon, Elmer, Lyman, Willie, Coy, Marvin Evans; Mrs. Rosa Jones, Mrs. Bessie Smith and Mrs. Helen Laughinghouse.

Thirty-five Chatham County farmers are planting new pastures this spring.

Oratorio Society To Give Concert Friday March 24

Many Delightful Voices To Be Heard; Concert Will Be Presented At Perkins' Hall.

The second concert of the Farmville Oratorio Society to be given at 8:00 Friday evening, March 24, in Perkins Hall, is being anticipated with much pleasure by the entire community. Its recent concert was most successful and won for its director, F. R. Hufty of Wilson much praise and commendation.

The program, in contrast to the first, will be of a secular nature with several popular numbers included. Tickets may be obtained for the reasonable price of 25c.

Included in the program are the following numbers:

- Piano solo—Miss Mae Joyner.
- Chorus—"Pale Moon"—Logan.
- Reading—Mrs. A. C. Hodges.
- Solo—"The Road To Mandalay"—Oley Speaks, Elbert Holmes.
- Duet—"Pagan Love Song"—Mrs. John Dwight Holmes, Elbert Holmes.
- Chorus—"Trees"—Rasbach.
- Trio—"Indian Dawn"—Zamecruik, Mrs. M. V. Jones, Mrs. J. W. Joyner, Mrs. A. W. Bobbitt.
- Reading—Mrs. A. C. Hodges.
- Piano Solo—Miss Mae Joyner.
- Quartet—"Crossing the Bar"—John Holmes, Elbert Holmes, Rev. L. E. Ennis, Chas. F. Baucom.
- Vocal Solo—Mrs. M. V. Jones.
- Vocal Solo—John Dwight Holmes.
- Chorus—"Go Down Moses"—Noble Cain.

Free Garden Seed Distributed In Pitt

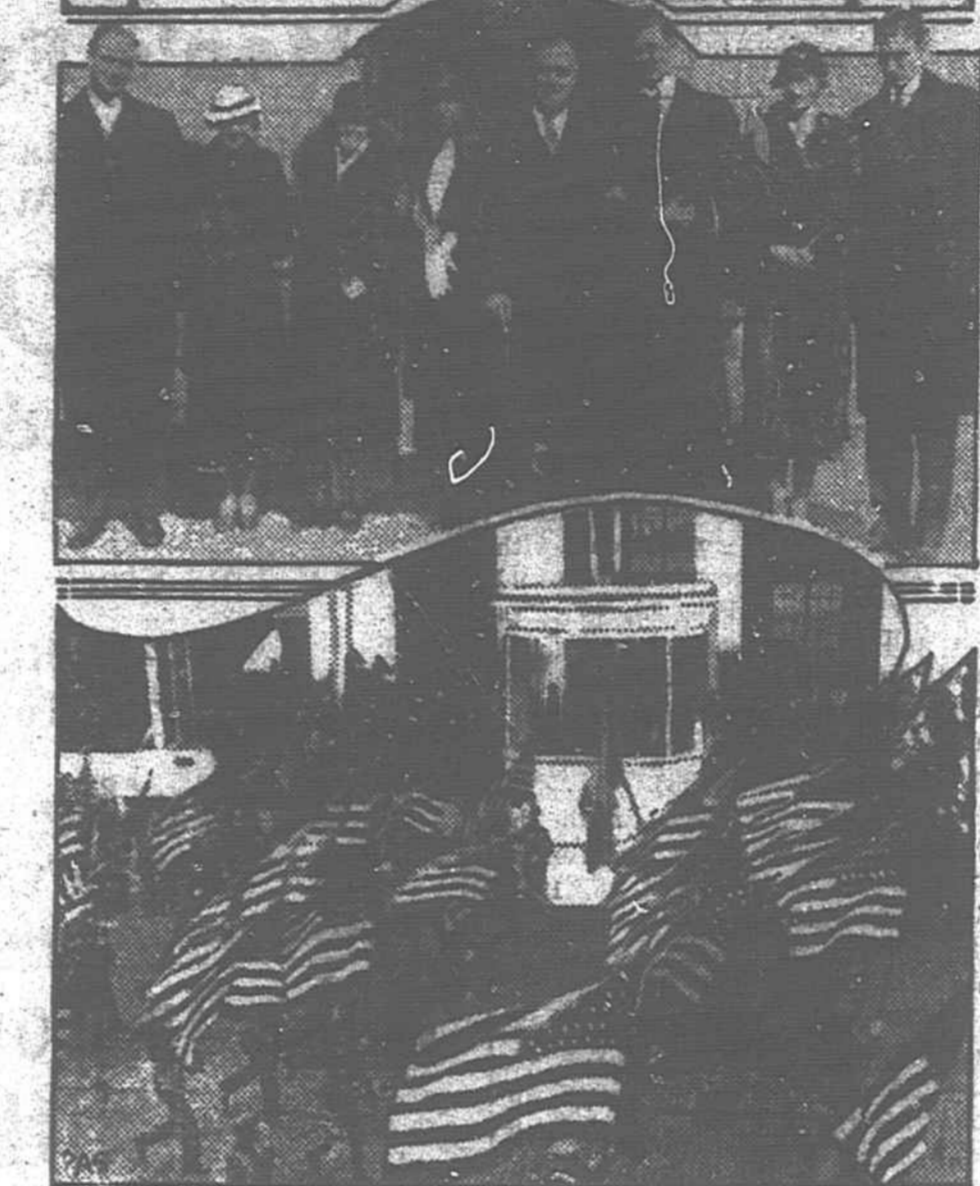
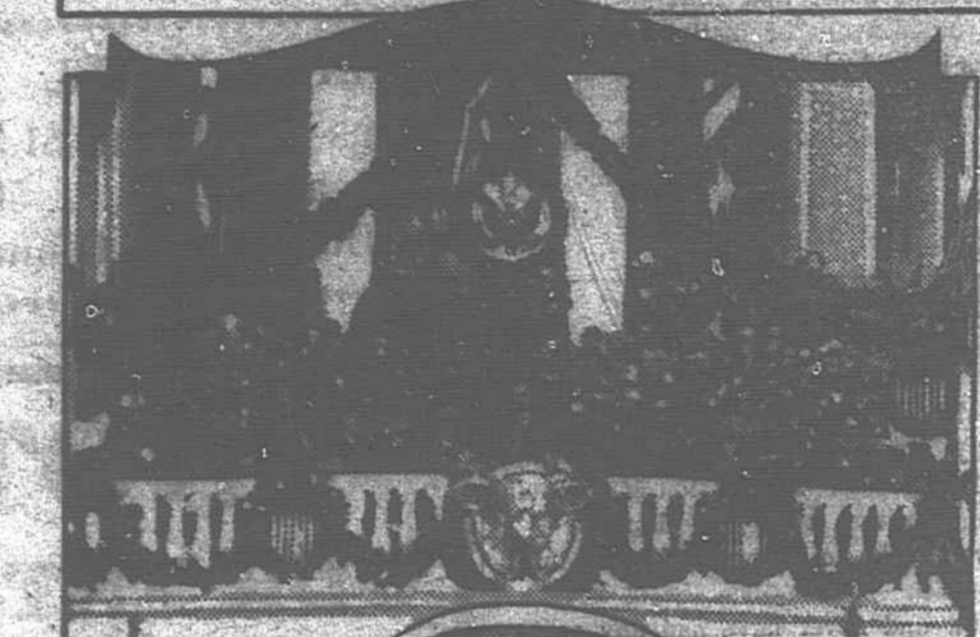
Greenville, March 15.—Sixteen hundred packages of garden seed to be used in the relief garden program throughout this county were being distributed today through the welfare department in charge of general county relief activities. The seed will be distributed among people who have been receiving aid through the Reconstruction Corporation fund, and each will be required to plant a garden to help support his family during the coming spring and summer.

K. T. Futrell, director of the welfare department, said this morning that people who took advantage of the Federal seed loans would not be entitled to the free seed which are being distributed through county funds. He also made it known that people who refuse to plant gardens will not be entitled to the free seed which are being distributed through county funds.

A mutual exchange for Vance County farmers was recently organized at Henderson by the county agent.

The Bank of Farmville Opens Without Restriction

With the Nation at Attention



Upper, A moment crowded with history making as President Roosevelt delivered his inaugural address, immediately after taking the oath of office. Center, the Roosevelt family at the White House, left to right, Mr. and Mrs. James Roosevelt, Mrs. James Delano Roosevelt (the President's mother), Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt (first lady), President Roosevelt, John Roosevelt, son, Mrs. Curtis Dall, daughter, and Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr. Lower, President Roosevelt saluting the passing colors from behind the bullet-proof glass in the Court of Honor.

Large Quantity of Old Style Bills and Rare Gold Coins Turned In Opening Day; Deposits Exceeds Withdrawals Beyond Expectation.

The Bank of Farmville, this community's lone but able banking institution reopened Thursday, March 16, for the transaction of unrestricted business under license granted by the State of North Carolina and business was resumed on a normal basis on the day of the opening.

The good-natured tolerance, universal in the nation, was shown here throughout the days of banking suspension with confidence maintained in the early opening of the local bank, which is regarded as one of the State's most substantial and trustworthy institutions.

Several interesting things happened on opening day, the actual cash withdrawals did not exceed \$300, the deposits being more than \$10,000 greater than check clearings. A good amount of gold was turned in, a portion of which was deposited and the other exchanged for currency. Many old style bills were noted among which was a \$20 bill issued in 1888 on the National Bank of New Bern, a rare gold piece, of 25c denomination was also exchanged during the day.

In today's (Friday) report as to the activities of The Bank of Farmville, Cashier D. E. Oglesby states deposits exceeded checks by \$21,000, and that some gold and a large quantity of old style bills were received.

D. A. R. Chapter Made Excellent Showing In 1932

Activity Centered About Education of Citizenship of State of North Carolina.

Rounding out a year of unusual activities along cultural and financial lines, the report of the Major Benjamin May chapter, D. A. R., given at the meeting held on Saturday afternoon with Mrs. P. E. Jones and Miss Annie Perkins as hostesses, was declared the best of the past three years, and outstanding because of the amount of work accomplished during a period of nation wide distress.

Beginning in the Spring of 1932 the chapter worked with other organizations here to further Farmville's 60th Anniversary celebration, for the purpose of stimulating courage in the face of adversity and promoting a spirit of town pride, the regent, Mrs. T. C. Turnage being elected to head the celebration as general chairman and presiding officer.

Conspicuous among the events of the celebration program was the beautiful and original folk play, the unveiling of the Alfred Moyer and Plank Road and the colonial dance, the proceeds from the last named going to the North Carolina University's Emergency Student Loan Fund.

Succeeding this the chapter, together with the Col. McAllister chapter at Snow Hill sponsored a Centennial Ball at White Lake to raise additional funds for this strategic need at the State University.

The Major May chapter has consistently maintained the position that to fail in making North Carolina "SAFE FOR EDUCATION" would be a betrayal of future strength and citizenship and took this as the major objective following the resolution regarding this, which was passed at the state conference in Durham.

The chapter's program of highway tree planting has been continued by a strong committee headed by Miss Tabitha DeViscenzi. The program of study for the year was based on "National Issues and Institutions," the position of the chapter on National Defense being that of adequate armament until the United States can be assured of GUARANTEED PEACE. The T. M. C. T. and R. O. T. C., the chapter heartily indorses feeling; the necessity for having disciplined and able-bodied men at all times.

The subject of study for this meeting was, "Crime, Its Causes and Cures" which was presented in a comprehensive manner by Mrs. E. Bruce Beasley of Fountain, Miss Annie Perkins calling attention to the fact of dangers arising from the overprivileged as well as the underprivileged. The membership deplored the present crime situation, in a candid table discussion. (Continued on Page Two)

Roosevelt Tackles Task Of Putting Idle To Work

Cabinet Pinch-Hitter



A new photo of Homer Cummings of Connecticut who was drafted by President Roosevelt to fill in the vacancy as Attorney General in the Cabinet, brought about by the sudden death of the late Senator Thomas Walsh of Montana.

President Expected To Submit Unemployment Relief Plan Immediately

Washington, March 15.—President Roosevelt tonight was ready to launch his "Back to the Woods" program for 200,000 of the nation's jobless, and at the same time move to aid the farmers hit by hard times and low prices.

This two-point program was summed up by friends of the President simply to mean:

1. The putting of people to work as soon as possible.
2. An effort to increase, without delay, the value of agricultural products.

It was stated that Mr. Roosevelt probably would send his unemployment recommendations to Congress tomorrow in the hope of early action. He was represented as feeling that the two items were in the category of "constructive" legislation, and therefore of first importance.

The details as to the financing of the unemployment relief scheme were worked out during the day in White House conferences, it was reported. No specific information about the two schemes could be learned.

Mr. Roosevelt, it was understood, leaned to the proposal that unexpended Treasury balances be drawn upon to help put the plan into operation. These funds would supplement the \$500,000,000 bond issue that he will ask for in his message.

Meanwhile, Senator Robert F. Wagner, Democrat, New York, and one of the leaders in the fight for Federal aid for the jobless, was of the opinion that a two billion and a half bond issue was necessary if the administration was to make real headway in its efforts to relieve distress and start its people back along the road to recovery.

Mr. Roosevelt's plan calls for the recruiting of unemployed in all parts of the country and putting them to work on reforestation in the government preserves. They would live in camps and clear acreage now overgrown with scrub so that healthy timber would have a chance to mature. He believes that the initial cost would some day be returned to the taxpayers through the sale of that timber.

Only those persons now receiving state and municipal aid would be taken into the camps, according to the terms of the plan.

Whether states would contribute to the cost, or whether the entire burden would be borne by the Federal government, was not stated.

As to relief for the farmer, the President was said to be of the opinion that it should come at least by April, or its advantages for this year would be lost. He was reported to be anxious that it be made available in time for the spring planting.

While advisers of Mr. Roosevelt were reticent concerning the full details of the agricultural relief plan, it was asserted in authoritative quarters to embrace proposals for abandonment of marginal or unproductive farm land, and a sizeable reduction in tillable acreage.

Five Hundred Ask Seed Loan

Rush For Federal Crop Funds Continues With Renewed Impetus

Greenville, March 15.—Five hundred applications for Federal seed loans have been filed by Pitt County farmers since the filing period began over a week ago, and today they were still pouring into the farm department where the work is being conducted.

E. F. Arnold, director of the farm department, said this morning that over sixty applications had been filed "all here with over two hundred persons being present each day to await their turn at the filing tables."

One day last week as high as five hundred people were here, but when they found that the rush was so great many of them returned home to await a more auspicious moment.

The personnel of the farm department has been increased considerably to take care of the rush for loans, and Mr. Arnold is being assisted by E. F. Lane, Federal seed inspector for this community. Individual growers may obtain as much as \$300, but farms can borrow as much as \$1,200.

The loans are being made conditionally, each grower being required to reduce his tobacco, cotton and peanut crops this year. There will be a complete check-up of acreage from time to time to see that the borrowers are living up to conditions.

Swimming Pool Discussed By Farmville Rotary Club

Constructive Steps Taken Toward Securing Pool For City

At its regular meeting on March 14, 1933, the Farmville Rotary Club held an open forum discussion of the possibilities of the construction of a swimming pool within the corporate limits of the city of Farmville.

During the course of the discussion the members of the Club advanced some excellent ideas relative to the financing, location, source of water supply, and construction of the proposed pool. Much interest was apparent and evidently many of the members had been thinking along the lines of securing a pool for the people of our community, for the ideas which were advanced were quite sound and practical.

Ambassador at Press Table Given Legislative Ovation

Will Leave Shortly To Take Over Diplomatic In Mexico City

Raleigh, March 15.—The House of Representatives broke its record against applause yesterday to accord an ovation to a "reporter" at the press table.

As is his custom when important matters are under consideration, Josephus Daniels was at the press table with the regular House reporters when the Revenue Machinery Bill came up at the morning session. He had arrived from Washington, where he conferred with President Roosevelt only a few hours before, and entered the Hall of the House unostentatiously. He was spotted almost immediately by Representative R. O. Everett, of Durham, who moved that the courtesy of the floor be extended to him.

The chair takes pleasure in extending the courtesy of the floor to the Honorable Josephus Daniels, American Ambassador to the Republic of Mexico," boomed Speaker Harris, and "Reporter" Daniels was forced to launch his note-taking to bow in acknowledgment of the applause. His editorial activities were arrested.

PROGRESSIVE BRIDGE CLUB

An enjoyable affair of the week was the meeting of the Progressive Bridge Club held on Thursday afternoon with Miss Tabitha DeViscenzi as hostess. Lovely spring flowers from her own garden graced the living room, where the tables were arranged for the games. Miss Addy Bynum was winner of the high score award, companion wall plaques. A fruit gelatine topped with cream and served with cake brought the pleasures of the afternoon to a close. Mrs. Z. M. Whitcraft, Jr., and Mrs. W. A. Pollock, Jr., were special guests of the hostess.