

Government Closes Nine Months With Deficit of Over \$2,542,299,000.00

Planning For a Billion Dollars of April Financing And Noting What it Considers Tangible Evidences of Business Improvement

Washington, April 3.—The government closed 9 months of the fiscal year today with expenditures of \$4,548,004,000, and a deficit of \$2,542,299,000.

As this was made known the treasury was planning for a billion dollars of April financing and nothing what it considered tangible evidence of business improvement.

Routine operating expenses at the close of March totaled \$1,987,939,000 compared with revenue of \$2,305,704,000.

Emergency outlays of \$2,860,955,000 exceeded the amount of the deficit. Only three months of the fiscal year remained and treasury officials conceded that emergency spending would not reach the \$7,000,000,000 previously estimated for June 30th.

The public debt at the close of March was \$26,157,509,000 as compared with \$21,364,000 a year ago.

The rate of spending again dropped off in March to the lowest figures since November. Total March outlays were \$610,232,937 as compared with \$635,321,856 in February and \$958,579,087 in the peak month of January.

The emergency portion of March spending was \$449,808,000 or slightly more than February's \$477,323,000.

DICKENS-WARD

Miss Lola Ward, of Farmville, daughter of Mrs. J. M. Ward, of Middlesex, and Mr. P. M. Dickens, of Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dickens, of Halifax, were quietly married by Justice of the Peace Owens in Wilson, Friday evening, in the presence of a few members of the families and intimate friends.

The bride was attired in a dark blue suit with harmonizing accessories.

State Will Get PWA Allotments

However, Grant of Only \$23,000 Is Approved for School Bus Bodies

Washington, April 5.—The Public Works Administration today announced new loans and grants totaling \$7,527,950 for 82 new projects, of which four totalling \$186,500 are located in North Carolina. The funds were made available by cancelling 19 previous allotments and reducing 32 others, none in either group being located in North Carolina.

Outstanding in today's list, although not the largest amount of money involved, was a grant of \$23,000 to the State of North Carolina, the first of the public works money the State government has had, to be used in purchasing school bus bodies.

The amount represents a disappointment as the request had been for \$60,000, and it is assumed that the same policy will be followed in another request still pending for \$120,000.

CLUB TO GIVE JOINT RECITAL ON TUESDAY EVENING

A joint recital, with Miss Vivian Case as director and Mrs. Hayward Smith accompanist, will be presented by members of the Four H and High School Glee Clubs in the school auditorium on Tuesday evening, April 10, at 8:00 o'clock, at which time they will render the following numbers which are scheduled for use by the first group in the Pitt county Four H Club contest on Thursday evening, and those of the Glee Club in the State contest on Saturday morning:

Old Folks At Home—Foster, Four H Club; Pleading—Elgar, Ruth Hayes; Tarrying On The Lake—Williams, Mary T. Tyson; I Sing Because I Love—Pinsuti, Glee Club; The Sleep That Plits On Baby's Eyes—Carpenter, Core Lee Patterson; Warrior's Song—Heller, Mary Elizabeth Smith; All Through The Night—Welch Folk Song, Four H Club.

The Glee Club, heard recently in a broadcast program over station WEDD, Greenville, had a part in the recent Educational Meet program at E. C. T. C.

Names List Takers For Pitt County

Tax Supervisor Coward Makes Known Names of Listers in All Parts of County

Greenville, April 5.—J. C. Coward auditor and tax supervisor of Pitt County, completed selection of list takers for Pitt county during the first of the week and made their names public today.

The list takers have taken their places in each township of the county and will be on hand from now on to list property for 1934.

Owing to the congested condition of the court house at this time the list taker will not be on duty here until tomorrow. Every available nook has been utilized by various government agencies during the last several weeks and the congestion has been so great that it will be impossible to provide a suitable place for the list taker before tomorrow, Supervisor Coward said.

The supervisor and his list takers conferred yesterday afternoon relative to the general work for this year and attempted to establish a uniform valuation on personal property. The national automobile code was adopted for determining the value of used cars. This is expected to expedite the handling of this phase of list taking.

The Machinery Act was discussed at considerable length and each of the list takers was fully acquainted with the various phases of his work. D. S. Spain, Sr., is list taker for Pitt county.

The list takers for the various townships follow:

J. B. Joyner, Farmville, Farmville township; J. Taylor Barnhill, Stokes, Carolina township; Coy Forbes, Stokes, Pactious township; J. R. Cox, Winterville, Winterville township; D. S. Spain, Sr., Greenville, Greenville township; O. M. McLawhorn, Greenville, R. F. D., Beaver Dam township; P. S. Moore, Ayden, R. F. D., Swift Creek township; A. R. Canon, Ayden, Ayden township; E. L. Mayo, Bethel, Bethel township; H. C. Smith, Falkland, Falkland township; C. M. Smith, Fountain, Fountain township; Mrs. C. L. Parker, Greenville, R. F. D., Belvoir township; J. J. Elks, Grimesland, Chicod township.

HIGHSMITH-ROSS

A marriage of interest throughout the State took place here Thursday morning, April 5, at 11 o'clock, when Miss Kathleen Ross and Mrs. James Harvey Highsmith, both of Robersonville, were married in a quiet but impressive ceremony at the Christian parsonage.

The nuptial service was performed by Rev. C. B. Mashburn, pastor of the local Christian church and a former pastor of the bride, in the presence of a group of close friends and the immediate families.

Mrs. Highsmith is the daughter of Mrs. Veve Ross. She was graduated from Robersonville high school and attended East Carolina Teachers College, in Greenville.

Mr. Highsmith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Highsmith, received his education at State College, and is associated with his father in the Trio Theatre, in Robersonville.

After a motor trip through the Shenandoah Valley and a visit to Washington, D. C., Mr. and Mrs. Highsmith will be at home in Robersonville.

Out of town relatives and friends attending the marriage were; Mrs. Neva S. Ross, Mrs. A. R. Johnson, Mrs. C. L. Vick, Miss Johnnie Sparks, Miss Hilda Ross, Miss Mary Roebuck, Miss Ellen Everette; Miss Della Roberson, Miss Alice Norman, Dr. J. E. L. Thomas, Ronald Ross Johnson, Herbert Highsmith and Otis Woolard.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

At the request of J. O. Harris and assistant keepers of the Pitt County Home, together with those of the inmates, we wish to take this opportunity to express their highest appreciation for the Easter feast basket consisting of a crate of fresh eggs and a package of fruit, taken to the Home Saturday afternoon by Rev. C. B. Mashburn and Watt Parker.

Again thanking each and every one of the contributors.

WATT PARKER.

Pitt Praised By Farm Head

County Commended at Washington For Fine Service in the Tobacco Campaign

Greenville, April 5.—Pitt County has been highly commended by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration at Washington for the fine way it came across in the recent tobacco reduction campaign, it was made known here yesterday afternoon.

The information was divulged by John T. Thorne, of Farmville, member of the state advisory committee of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, who conferred with representatives of the Farm Department yesterday.

Mr. Thorne, who recently returned from a conference at Washington dealing with the tobacco situation, said officials of the administration declared that Pitt county had turned in the best batch of tobacco papers received in Washington during the entire reduction campaign.

Commenting on the recognition today, E. F. Arnold, director of the local Farm Department, and who directed the tobacco sign-up through his office, said the success of the sign-up here was due largely to the fine work of committee men and the general office force.

Mr. Arnold expressed gratification over the commendation from Washington and said his office, realizing the necessity for complete information on the tobacco industry here, had done its best to render the highest type of service. The praise, he said, is especially gratifying in view of the fact that Pitt is the largest tobacco producing county in the world and had more contracts to handle than any other county.

School Presents Splendid Exhibit

The splendid exhibition of the work being done by the seventh grade and high school pupils on Friday afternoon of this week won well merited praise and commendation from the hundreds of patrons and friends in attendance.

The specimens exhibited, neat and finished in every detail, reflected the various phases of work being done by the students this year and the event proved to be one of much value to students and visitors alike.

SPANISH-AMERICAN AUXILIARY

An enjoyable meeting of the Spanish-American Auxiliary was held at the home of Mrs. J. I. Baker on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Pearl Johnston presided and conducted the program, which related to the early life and career of John Paul Jones. S. M. Pollard, recently installed as commander of the James Thomas Smith Camp, Spanish-American Veterans, was present and made a brief talk.

The hostess served a delectable salad course during the social hour which followed the program. Mrs. Sue Collins was an especial guest at this time.

Growers To Pay Close Attention To Tobacco Cultivation This Year

Farmers, who are producing the exceptionally thin. Then, the pre-bent type of cigarette tobacco, pay particular attention to the number of plants per acre, fertilization, and the topping of the crop. They gauge the number of plants per acre by the natural fertility of the soil, the kind and amount of fertilizer which is applied, and the type of tobacco which they wish to produce.

Many growers are practicing closer spacing this year in an effort to produce ideal cigarette tobacco as to color. But they should be sure that the crop receives sufficient potash to give the leaf proper grain, texture and finish. Closely spaced tobacco without sufficient potash generally produces leaf which is thin like tissue paper and lacking in proper body. Even though the color is good, this type of tobacco does not sell well and does not weigh out.

If you are using less than 8 percent potash in your fertilizer at planting, you can top-dress with 100 lbs. of sulphate of potash per acre at the first working. It should not be applied late in the season, as it may cause the crop to "make second growth."

Good bright tobacco with proper texture commands high prices any year. During the last three years buyers have been paying a premium for leaf "on the bright side." If we have considerable rain this year, the crop, as a whole, may run bright and

Thousands Pay Tribute to Pou

Dean of House of Representatives Laid To Rest on Bluff Above River; Own Epitaph Read at Service at The Grave

Smithfield, April 4.—Edward William Pou, whom the Fourth Congressional District elected 17 consecutive times to represent it in Washington, rested last night in the peace of a flower-blanketed-grave on a bluff above the River Neuse.

Form simple, white-clapboarded St. Paul's Episcopal Church the body of the Congressional dean was followed on the short journey to Riverside Cemetery—barely more than a stone's throw from the Pou home—by the nation's great and Johnston community of sorrow.

Negroes, old and young; farmers and laborers in grimy overalls, children who knew only that "Mister Ed" was dead, rubbed shoulders with silk-hatted, frock-coated Henry T. Rainey, white-headed Speaker of the House of Representatives; with great-bushy-browed Joseph Byrnes, of Tennessee, Democratic leader in the House; with returned Bertrand Snell, of New York, leader of the minority; with Senators and Congressmen, with Governor Ehringhaus and high state officials.

The Rev. Thaddeus A. Cheatham, of Pinehurst, former rector of the Pou family, officiated at the simple burial service, quoting the epitaph written by Mr. Pou only a few weeks ago.

"I know not what record may await me in the world to come, but this I do know: I was never mean enough to despise a man because he was poor, because he was ignorant, or because he was black."

"This sentence speaks better than any words of mine the record of this servant of the people," declared the minister, who was assisted by the Rev. Thomas S. Clarkson, present rector of St. Paul's.

In striking contrast to the services Monday in the grandeur of the Hall of the House of Representatives was the simplicity here.

GIBBS-CRANDALL

Of interest to friends in East Carolina was the marriage of Miss Mildred Crandall, of Stokes, to Mr. Bryan B. Gibbs, of Farmville, which occurred here on Easter Sunday morning at 8:30 o'clock.

The marriage vows were spoken before Rev. C. B. Mashburn, pastor of the Christian church, at his home, the ring ceremony being used and witnessed by a few relatives and intimate friends.

The bride wore a tan going away suit with brown accessories. Mrs. Gibbs is the daughter of Mrs. Lizzie Crandall, of Stokes. She received her education at Louisburg College.

Mr. Gibbs, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gibbs, is connected with Corbett's Garage here.

After the ceremony the couple left by motor for points in Virginia. They will be at home in Farmville upon their return.

Senate Rejects War-Time Taxes

La Follette Schedule Raising Normal and Surtax Rates Loses by 11 Votes

Washington, April 5.—By a margin of 11 votes, the Senate today retained in the revenue bill the more moderate income and surtax schedules proposed by its finance committee instead of a proposal that would have restored war-time levies to help pay for economic recovery.

The high tax advocates mustered 36 votes for a substitute schedule by Senator La Follette, Republican, Wisconsin, calling for an increase in the normal income tax from four to six per cent and surtaxes ranging from six to 71 per cent. There were 47 votes to keep in the bill the committee rates that were tentatively approved yesterday.

This settled the chief controversy over the bill and leaders expected its passage before the week-end recess.

The committee rates provide a flat normal tax of four per cent on all net income instead of the present four per cent on the first \$4,000 and eight per cent on all over that. They also fixed the surtaxes at five percent on that portion of the income between \$4,000 and \$6,000 and graduate them upward through 29 brackets to 59 per cent on all over \$1,000,000.

The rates approved by the House and a flat normal tax of four per cent and surtaxes ranging from 4 to 59 per cent. The differences in the surtax schedule will thus have to be threshed out in conference.

Twenty-four Democrats, 11 Republicans and the Farmer-Laborite, Shipstead, voted for the La Follette schedule. Twenty-nine Democrats and 18 Republicans answered "No."

The committee schedule would allow the same exemption for surtax income as now are authorized for normal tax purposes. The effect of this would be to start the surtax at about \$6,500 for married men and \$5,000 for single men because of the \$2,500 and \$1,000 exemptions.

The schedule increases the surtaxes in the higher brackets to make up for lost revenue due to eliminating the present eight per cent normal levy on all over \$4,000. A credit of ten per cent would be allowed for earned income up to \$20,000 in payment of the normal tax.

Senator La Follette had contended his rate schedule was necessary to finance the recovery program and that Secretary Morgenthau, while not passing on its merits, had estimated it would raise another \$185,000,000 as against only \$30,000,000 under the committee rates.

Senators Harrison And Long In Verbal Combat

Washington, April 5.—Antagonism between Huey Long and administration leadership burst forth in the senate today with Pat Harrison, of Mississippi, saying "the opinion of the senator from Louisiana is less respected by the membership of this body as a whole and the country than any other senator here."

The two outspoken legislators had been in several lesser disputes a while before at a senate finance committee hearing on the confirmation of D. D. Moore, as internal revenue collector in Louisiana, opposed by Long.

Edward Rightor, Moore's attorney was invited by Long to "go outside" after Rightor had said of Jefferson race track in Louisiana "that's your track Senator." Long called that statement an "infamous falsehood."

The exchanges between the Louisiana senator and Harrison who heads the finance committee pertained to conduct of the hearing.

C. M. Brickhouse, Lenoir county agent, has been helping farmers order pasture seed co-operatively.

NOTICE TO DOG OWNERS

Whereas, the dog owners of Farmville have failed to heed the law prohibiting dogs from running at large and have failed to heed the warnings of officials; and because of the prevalence of hydrophobia, the Board of Commissioners at their last meeting passing an ordinance providing that all dog running at large be killed and authorizing every citizen to kill any dog running at large on his premises, the policemen have been instructed to enforce this ordinance by killing all dogs found running at large after April 15, 1934.

W. J. JOHN B. LEWIS.

Senate Proves It Can Act With Dispatch in Approving Legislation

Teachers Will Be Paid as Contracted Says Governor

Governor Asserts That Teachers Will Be Paid For Eight Months As Contracted

Raleigh, April 5.—Governor Ehringhaus today asserted "teachers salaries will be paid for eight months as contracted" and at the same time that a general curtailment of expenditures by state officers and constitution was ordered by the budget bureau.

The governor, asked about the report that funds might not be available to pay the teachers their full salaries for the last month of the eight months term said "you can say the teachers will be paid their full salaries."

Neither the governor nor Frank Dunlap, assistant director of the budget, would reveal the extent of the curtailment of the expenditures from the general fund.

"I do not think that it amounts to any great amount," the governor said.

AMERICAN CITIES STUDIED BY LITERARY CLUB

"The Distinctive Personalities of American Cities," was the topic of a paper by Miss Tabitha DeVisconti, and a talk by Mrs. J. W. Joyner, member of the Literary Club, at the regular meeting of that group held at the home of Mrs. J. I. Morgan on Wednesday afternoon, with Philidelphia chosen by the former for its historic treasures, and Charleston, typifying the romance and charm of Southern cities of the Atlantic coast; with San Antonio, her ancient landmarks and customs, being selected as described by Mrs. Joyner, a recent visitor, as a city of contrasts. San Francisco, her Golden Gate harbor and outstanding marks of her industrial and commercial life, were outlined by Miss Edna Robinson, and the charm and beauty of Washington, D. C., on Easter Sunday were depicted by Mrs. J. L. Shackelford, a visitor there at that time.

A variety of flowers, daffodils, Japanese quince, forsythia and flower-almond, made a lovely setting for the meeting.

Miss Annie Perkins presided and appointed committees to build programs around five subjects, chosen as studies for the next year, as follows: Art—Mrs. J. I. Morgan, Miss Edna Robinson; Music—Mrs. G. S. Vought, Mrs. J. L. Shackelford; Citizenship—Mrs. W. C. Askew, Mrs. J. W. Joyner; Literature—Mrs. J. B. Joyner, Mrs. R. E. Boyd; Home Decoration—Mrs. J. H. Harris, Mrs. J. H. Darden. The Club voted at this time to contribute to the Perkins Hall fund.

Delicious refreshments were served after adjournment. Especial guests of the hostess included; Mrs. B. S. Smith, Mrs. T. E. Joyner, Mrs. G. M. Holden, Mrs. F. M. Davis, Mrs. Harry Lang, Mrs. C. T. Dixon and Mrs. Robert Lee Smith.

Increases Seed Loans To \$750

Greenville, April 5.—T. O. Edens, manager of the federal seed loan office here, announced today that he had just received information from Washington of liberalization of loans to growers. Mr. Edens said the previous limit of \$500 for individual farms had been increased to \$750. No change was made in the \$250 loan to individual growers.

The manager said that checks had been received for 75-odd applications mailed from his office the latter part of last week.

Sales of New Cars Tripled In Year

Raleigh, April 5.—Sales of new passenger automobiles and trucks in North Carolina in March, 1933, tripled the sales during March, 1932, the State Motor Vehicle Bureau reported yesterday.

Last month 2,980 passenger cars were sold, compared with 907 in March last year, while 682 trucks were sold, as compared with 199 in March, 1933.

The first three months of this year saw 8,642 new cars and 2,194 new trucks sold in the State. Last year sales for the period were 3,608 cars and 681 trucks.

House Accepts Norris-Ranking Resolution For Investigation Of Public Utilities Rates by Federal Power Commission

Washington, April 4.—The senate proved today it can act with dispatch when it has a mind giving staccato approval to a series of committee amendments that have raised the house income tax strengthening bill to \$330,000,000.

The house of representatives mean while accepted the Norris-Ranking resolution for investigation of public utilities rates by the federal power commission.

One tax clause winning senate sanction to levy a big sur tax on "improperly accumulated" surpluses of corporations. The additional tax would be 25 per cent on adjusted net income under \$100,000 and 35 per cent on that in excess of \$100,000.

The first test won was upon a vote to retain a provision subjecting to taxation the anticipated income from annuities. The proposal would require annuitants as soon as payment begins to them, to report as income an amount equal to 3 percent of the aggregate premium paid on the annuity.

The house after approving a number of lesser private bills got down to real work in the revised Jones-Costigan sugar control bill with a view to vote before long under procedure that required a two-thirds majority for approval.

Bills having to do with money continued to pile up, Senator Connally, Democrat, Texas, putting in one to require the redemption of all outstanding currency within 2 years in order to force hoarded money into circulation.

Robbed of Large Cigarette Cargo

Bowling Green, Va., April 5.—Two men found handcuffed to a tree near here this morning said they were victims of a hi-jack gang which had taken a truck loaded with \$25,000 worth of cigarettes from them. The pair identified themselves as I. H. Paxson of Norfolk, Va., and Sam H. Young of Winston-Salem, N. C.

They said six or seven men, armed with machine guns, trapped them on a road between Norlina and Weldon, North Carolina, at 3:30 a. m. today as they were en route from Winston-Salem to Norfolk.

The gang unloaded the cigarettes and placed the two truckmen in the empty van. Hours later they were handcuffed to a tree, their eyes bound with adhesive tape and abandoned.

The two men were released after their shouts had attracted the attention of a Negro worker who notified John Pitts and Robert Upshur, who lived near by. Pitts and Upshur sawed the links of the handcuffs and brought the two drivers to Bowling Green, where they reported this theft.

Obtains Concession For Small Borrowers

Washington, April 5.—Representative Frank Hancock was today instrumental in obtaining from the Farm Credit Administration a new regulation permitting applicants for loans not to exceed \$150 to obtain them from the \$40,000,000 appropriation voted by this session of Congress without having to first apply to the new farm loan agencies set up throughout the country, which require stock subscriptions in the amount of five per cent of the loan.

There have been many complaints from small borrowers in North Carolina.

Put Credit Embargo On Debtor Nations

Washington, April 5.—A credit embargo was voted by Congress Wednesday for foreign nations that have defaulted on their obligations to this government and its nationals.

By an almost unanimous vote, the House passed the Senate-approved Johnson bill barring Americans from engaging in financial transactions with foreign countries that fail to pay their debts owed this nation or investors.

It was sent to the White House, where President Roosevelt is expected to sign it. He has signified his support of the measure.