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## New Deal Wages Triple Attack On Money Front

### President Expects Solution of Revenue Problems Within Week

Washington, Feb. 11.—President Roosevelt said today the New Deal is waging a triple-edged attack on problems which have thrown his earlier budget estimates out of line and call for Federal expenditures involving the National debt and the rising deficit.

He declared he expected to have the solution ready within a week. Meanwhile the White House is getting daily reports from various bureaus and conferences are being held with heads of Federal lending and spending agencies to rearrange the New Deal's financial house.

The conference, Mr. Roosevelt added, has centered about:

1. How much money appropriated or authorized for Federal bureaus and unused can be cancelled.
2. How much money could be saved by trimming present authorizations or appropriations.
3. Re-examination of appropriations which affect the budget or the deficit.

The first move in the program came last week when the President cancelled loan authorizations to lending agencies totaling nearly \$1,000,000. These authorizations, however, did not affect either the budget or the deficit. In cancelling the authorizations, Mr. Roosevelt said it was not a tightening of the government's purse strings.

The President today did not indicate to newspapermen whether he had a definite financial goal in prospect or how much money he intended to save. Earlier, he was represented by Representative Adolph Sabath, (D-Ill) after a White House conference, as eager to avoid higher taxes now and insisted that Congress limit future appropriations to necessary expenditures.

Sabath and members of the House Democratic steering committee which he heads reviewed the legislative situation with Mr. Roosevelt and assured him that every effort would be made to expedite the Administration's program and send Congress home early. To this observation, Sabath said, the President said: "That's fine."

The Illinois Congressman asserted that the Chief Executive is working on a special report bringing the financial condition of the various government departments up to date in connection with his estimate of relief needs for the coming fiscal year. The report, Sabath said, probably would be submitted to Congress in some form within two or three weeks.

President Roosevelt did not include the amount he would seek for relief during the 1937 fiscal year in his budget to Congress. Secretary of Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., subsequently fixed this figure at \$2,000,000,000 when he appeared before the Senate Finance Committee to estimate the effect of immediate payment of the soldier bonus on government finances.

The White House officially has never commented on the \$2,000,000,000 figure. Since presentation of the budget, Supreme Court invalidation of AAA and its action in refunding more than \$200,000,000 to processors has scrambled original estimates. In addition, Congress passed the \$2,237,000,000 bonus over Mr. Roosevelt's veto, further throwing the budget out of line.

The committee, Sabath said, was chiefly concerned over reports that CCC activities would be sharply curtailed or that new taxes would be called for to finance this project. Declaring that Mr. Roosevelt had assured the group that work started by the CCC would be pushed to completion, Sabath said:

"The President referred to the CCC as 'my baby,' and said nothing was going to happen to it."

Sabath then added:

"Mr. Roosevelt said he was anxious to avoid higher taxes and to the end is going to insist that appropriations be kept within bounds. He wants the deficiency bills to be kept as low as possible."

### MRS. WILLIS HOSTESS

A lovely midwinter social event here was the bridge party, given by Mrs. W. M. Willis on Friday evening. Mrs. Willis, the guest of honor, presided over the occasion, and the bridge party was a colorful setting for the tables, which bore Valentine appointments.

Mrs. Bert McCullum won the first prize, a potted plant, with the second, a flower bowl, going to Mrs. M. V. Hester. The consolation prize was awarded to Mrs. Harry Long.

### Gives Final Figures On Benefit Payments

#### Pitt County Farmers Received \$751,302.03; Greene, \$375,957.86

A final tabulation of AAA benefit payments shows that North Carolina farmers received a total of \$17,589,400.46 in 1935 for cooperating in the crop adjustment programs.

The money was distributed as rentals on land retired from the cultivation of basic crops and as adjustment payments to the farmers who limited the production of these crops.

The payments in this State for 1935, according to figures announced by Dean I. O. Schaub, of State College, were divided among the growers of various crops as follows:

Tobacco growers \$9,359,220.81, cotton growers \$6,717,981.05, peanut growers \$818,904.11, corn-hog producers \$634,489.68, and wheat growers \$63,804.81.

Although this includes all the checks distributed during the year, Dean Schaub stated, it does not include all the money due the growers for their part in the 1935 AAA programs, as some of the payments are still due.

Henry A. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, and other high government officials announced shortly after the Supreme Court voided the AAA, that some way would be found to complete all payments due farmers under crop adjustment contracts.

The total payments for all crops last year, divided by counties, shows that farmers in Pitt County received \$751,302.03, and Greene County \$375,957.86.

Union County farmers who tried cotton of extra staple length during the past season are returning to the old established Mexican Big Boll with its medium staple of one inch to one and one-sixteenth inch.

### Revival Services To Begin Baptist Church Feb. 18

#### Dr. Johnson To Preach; Special Music Will Be Rendered By The Church Choir; Public Cordially Invited

A series of meetings will begin in the local Baptist Church Tuesday evening, February 18, with Dr. Walt N. Johnson, noted Baptist minister of Durham, as the preacher.

Dr. Johnson, who is working in cooperation with the General Board of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, is an expert in political and social economy, a pioneer in 20th Century Christian Stewardship, who is endeavoring to reinact a Christian Communism, comparable to that practiced by the Apostolic Church.

"All who hear him will note something distinctly new in his message as well as recognize a flaming soul of spiritual fervor and passion," said the local pastor, Rev. L. R. Ennis, in speaking of his friend.

Special music will be rendered by the church choir under the direction of the pastor, at each evening service period. Rev. Ennis states that he covets a faithful hearing of this distinguished minister on the part of the people of Farmville.

The public is cordially invited to attend the services, to be held twice daily, at 10:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., through Sunday, February 23.

### ONE MORE SNOW, SAYS AUGUST FOG STUDENT

Tarboro, Feb. 11.—You can take the word of W. F. Whitfield for it that there won't be but one more snow this winter.

Any winter, says Mr. Whitfield, who is renowned hereabouts as an amateur weather prophet, has just as many snows as there were foggy mornings in the preceding August. Last August had several foggy mornings, by actual count, he says. The present snow is the sixth. Therefore, there will be one more snow and only one more.

### Large Crowd Expected To Attend Concert February 19th

#### Senator Norris Attacks Court's Decision On AAA

#### Declares Congress Can Remedy Situation "If It Has the Courage To Do It"

Washington, Feb. 12.—Defending the administration farm bill, Senator Norris (R-Neb) today attacked the Supreme Court for its AAA decision and said Congress could "remedy the situation if it has the courage to do it."

The 74-year-old independent in a floor speech declared the tribunal's 6-8 ruling "cannot stand if our country is to live and prosper." He asserted Congress has power to curb the court's jurisdiction.

Aside from adopting clarifying committee amendments, the Senate took no action on the pending AAA replacement measure. A vote is hoped for Friday when debate will be limited.

The administration bill would authorize federal subsidies, administered directed to farmers or to states, for curtailing major crop production through soil improvement programs.

Norris declared the court, "for all practical purposes, is a continuous constitutional convention." He added:

"The people can change the Congress, but only God can change the Supreme Court."

Norris referred to Abraham Lincoln's criticism of the Dred Scott decision and likened his own attitude on the AAA ruling to Lincoln's observation of the celebrated slavery case—that efforts would be made to overrule the court along constitutional lines.

Critics of the court may be ridiculed and run out of polite society," said Norris. "That may happen to me, but I am at least traveling in mighty good company."

Although not speaking on the farm bill, Senator Barkley (D-Ky) previously had referred to a statement he attributed to Lincoln that the court had no right to attempt to settle political issues in the Scott case and the people had a right as "ultimate sovereigns" to work for reversal of the ruling.

Just before it recessed, the Senate adopted a conference report and sent to the White House the Smith bill authorizing \$50,000,000 for 1936 seed and feed loans. The House had taken like action earlier in the day. This figure was a compromise between the Senate's \$60,000,000 and the \$40,000,000 voted by the House.

#### Wm. M. Perkins Certifying Agent For Pitt County

#### To Aid Welfare Superintendent Families Eligible For Work on WPA Program

Greenville, Feb. 11.—With the establishment of Certifying services in all but four or five counties, according to an announcement made today by Mrs. W. T. Bost, State Commissioner of Public Welfare, the certification of relief clients to WPA was set in motion this week as the field representative of the Public Welfare Department contacted, county by county, the County Superintendents of Public Welfare and their certifying agent and advised them as to eligibility regulations.

Wm. M. Perkins has been appointed certifying agent for Pitt County to aid Welfare Superintendent, K. T. Futrell, in certifying those families who are eligible for the WPA program.

Although the impression is quite general that with the opening of these certifying agencies in the county welfare departments, all unemployed persons can be certified and immediately assigned to work, the real facts are that only those persons who were actually receiving direct or work relief between May 1st and November 1st, are eligible for certification to the WPA and other Federal programs. This means that the county welfare departments will be able to certify only a few of those now without work.

Families who received surplus commodities only between May 1st and November 1st, are not eligible for certification. To date, no change has been made in this ruling. Families on rural rehabilitation between the two dates, who have been released by Rural Re-Settlement are eligible for certification to WPA.

According to instructions issued there will be no CCC referrals until further notice.

Eastern Carolina is returning to the holding of swine feeding demonstrations to determine best methods of fattening hogs for market.

### School to Open Monday Feb. 17

#### According To Present Plans Work Will Be Resumed On the 17th; Parents Are Urged To Cooperate with Trucks

With new blizzards sweeping the country and another cold wave predicted, Supt. J. H. Moore, was reluctant to say positively that the local High School would open Monday, 17th, but stated that present plans call for the reopening on that date, and unless further notice was forthcoming work would be resumed then.

Parents are urged to either take their children to school or to the highway in cases where the trucks find it impossible to traverse the regular routes.

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## Establishment Of Branch Of Farm Bureau Expected

### Over \$1,000,000 Allotted To WPA

#### Beach Project Assured By Grant; Several Armories May Be Built

Raleigh, Feb. 13.—An additional allotment of \$1,440,000 to the State Works Progress Administration, making a total of \$9,700,000 received in North Carolina, was announced yesterday by Administrator George W. Coan, Jr.

With the funds so far made available, work can be provided until April 1 for three-fourths of the average number of security wage workers employed by the program, said Mr. Coan. Only one-fourth can be supported until June 1.

However, said Mr. Coan, President Roosevelt has indicated that additional funds will be procured for the WPA program. Steps will be taken to insure North Carolina its proper share of the money, he added.

Receipt of the new allotment of \$1,440,000 guarantees the transient labor-bech erosion control project planned for the North Carolina coast and may make possible the construction of several National Guard armories.

Included in the new allotment is \$300,000 earmarked for the beach project, scheduled to get underway by the middle of March.

Administrator Coan has notified district directors of the WPA to select possible sites for armories where sufficient skilled labor is available or where local agencies will provide sufficient supplementary funds to secure adequate skilled labor outside of relief rolls. Final decisions on armory sites will be made by the State office in cooperation with Adjutant General J. Van B. Metts.

A large portion of the new allotment will be set up as credits to the various districts which have transferred funds from one project to another to avoid delays, said Mr. Coan.

### Pitt County Project Given WPA Approval

#### State Office Allots \$50,000 to Project to Drain Swift Creek Area

Raleigh, Feb. 13.—A major undertaking to drain a large malaria-breeding area along Swift Creek in close proximity to Ayden and Grifton in Pitt County has been approved by the State Works Progress Administration.

The WPA has allotted \$50,000 to the project, with the understanding that the drainage district will furnish \$50,000 to be made available immediately by the Pitt County board of commissioners, said Administrator George W. Coan, Jr.

Work on the project will be commenced as soon as the weather clears and machinery can be moved into the bogged area.

A delegation of Pitt County citizens several weeks ago visited the State WPA office in the interest of the project, which is being sponsored by the State Board of Health. Draining of the Swift Creek area was begun by the CWA but was suspended when that program was abandoned nearly two years ago.

A 4-H calf club has been organized at the Mills Home near Thomasville in Davidson County with the members owning 10 beautiful Holsteins.

### FEBRUARY BOASTS FIVE SATURDAYS THIS YEAR

New Bern, Feb. 12.—February will have five Saturdays this year, for the first time in many years. The first of the month came on Saturday, and so will the last day of the month be on Saturday. It is all due to leap year, which brings 29 days to February this year.

Only seven times has this happened since the new-style Gregorian calendar was adopted in America and Great Britain in 1752. The previous occasions were in 1772, 1812, 1840, 1868 and 1903. It will not happen again until 1964 and after that not until 1992.

Carters County, on the coast, is developing a reputation in the production of early vegetable plants along with its early truck crops.

### Committee To Meet In Greenville Monday To Adopt Plan

Greenville, Feb. 11.—Establishment of a North Carolina branch of the American Farm Bureau Federation as generally predicted today following the meeting here yesterday of farmers at which time a resolution was passed instructing a committee to compare the merits of the bureau with other farm organizations existing in various North Carolina counties.

The resolution does not specify what organization to establish, but does call for establishment of some form of union for the farmers.

Edward A. O'Neal, president of the Farm Bureau, was the principal speaker at the meeting yesterday and explained some of the work of his organization. In addition a number of conferences were held throughout the day with leading farmers from the Eastern section of the state.

Those favoring a branch of the Farm Bureau declare they desire to set up temporary state organization and then start work in the various counties. Later a permanent state organization will be established.

The meeting set for Monday at 11 o'clock will be open to any group wishing to explain the merits of any organization. It was generally conceded, however, that the committee would favor the Farm Bureau.

It was pointed out that those favoring the Bureau were not fighting any other farm organization, but wished to establish a branch of the Bureau in North Carolina to join other organized states in fighting for farm legislation and in other work.

### Quality Tobacco Starts In Seed Bed

A well constructed seed bed will protect young tobacco plants from disease and enable them to develop into hardy, thrifty specimens that will grow in the field.

Dr. Luther Shaw, extension plant pathologist at State College, gives the following suggestions for tobacco plant beds:

Locate the bed in a warm, sunny place with a southern or southwestern exposure. The soil should be loamy and well drained. Do not place the bed on a site where a bed has been within the past four years.

Box the bed with planks extending six inches above the surface of the soil. Stretch wire across the bed, or place forked sticks in the ground, to keep the canvas from touching the earth.

Or the bed may be covered with a thin layer of oat or wheat straw, with the canvas resting on the straw. When the weather will permit, roll back the cover for awhile during the day to give the plants fresh air and sunlight.

It is better to have several small beds than one large bed, as this lessens the possibility of all plants becoming infected with disease. A hundred square yards of bed will produce 10,000 to 15,000 plants. One ounce of seed will sow 300 square yards of bed.

Two hundred pounds of a 4-8-3 fertilizer mixture is enough for each 100 yards of bed. Thoroughly mix it with the upper three or four inches of soil.

Be especially careful to keep the beds free from blue mold or tobacco mosaic infections. This is important.

### LOCAL LEGIONNAIRES ENTERTAIN SONS

At a dinner marked by wit and fun, and an address, relative to Youth, by Hon. John Hill Paylor, local legionnaires entertained their sons on Friday evening, in the Legion Home, with Post Commander, A. W. Bobbitt, acting as toastmaster of the occasion.

The prize, offered the Legionnaire bringing the largest number of sons, was presented to Dr. W. M. Willis, who introduced his three boys, Billy, Tommie and Jackie, and prizes for speech making among the boys, went to Marvin Horton, Bob Rouse, Frank Baucum and Bobbie Smith.

In a short period, devoted to business, the membership committee reported a total of sixty-four names on the roster for this year, and bonus applications were delivered to veterans, who had not filed their papers.