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Roosevelt Urges Business To Help With Relief Job

Declares Responsibility of Increasing Employment Rests Upon Industry; Billion and Half for Relief Sought

Washington, March 18.—President Roosevelt today appealed directly to business to increase employment, declaring that upon it rested the responsibility as to whether the new \$1,500,000,000 relief fund he asked of Congress would be adequate.

In a special message asking that a lump sum deposit of a billion and a half be placed to the credit of WPA for the 1937 fiscal year—a request that brought promise of a major battle in Congress—the Chief Executive placed special emphasis upon a call to industry to "organize a common effort" to provide more jobs.

"Only if industry fails to reduce substantially the number of those now out of work will another appropriation and further plans and policies be necessary," he said.

Declaring that about \$1,600,000,000 would be available to add to the \$1,500,000,000 he requested, Mr. Roosevelt presented this picture of the present relief situation: A total of 5,300,000 families and unattached persons are in need of public assistance (3,800,000 on the work program and 1,500,000 on local and state rolls).

Even as his message was read in the Senate and House, however, signals were hoisted that a fight would be made to earmark the new fund for specific purposes.

Speaker Byrnes was one who foresaw a battle over earmarking. Senator Clark, (D-Mo.), asserted he was "tired of signing blank checks." Senator McNary, (R-Ore.), minority leader, said no appropriation should be made "without a bill of particulars."

Representative Snell, of New York, the Republican leader, termed the request, "a last grab at the treasury before the election," and asserted "the demoralization of the federal relief work by spoils politics, incompetence, waste and futile boondoggling cannot be ignored longer by the Congress."

From other Republican sectors came cries of "politics" and "fraud." Some Democrats said they thought the amount was too large, but generally they pledged their support to push it through Congress.

Soon after the message was read, Senator Holt, (D-W. Va.), rose in the Senate and demanded a "thorough and searching investigation of the Works Progress Administration."

He reiterated charges that "politics" control the WPA administration in West Virginia and asserted that if Harry L. Hopkins, WPA administrator, "is as honest as he says he is and has any respect for the integrity" of the federal government, he could not oppose a senatorial inquiry.

In his long-awaited message, President Roosevelt asserted that at least 5,000,000 more persons were at work last December than in March, 1933. He added:

"The trend of unemployment is upward. But this trend, at its present rate of progress, is inadequate. I propose, therefore, that we ask private business to extend its operations to absorb an increasing number of unemployed."

"Frankly, there is little evidence that large and small employers by individual and uncoordinated action can absorb large numbers of new employees. A vigorous effort on a national scale is necessary by voluntary, concerted action of private industry."

Saying the federal government must continue providing work for those who cannot be taken care of by state and local funds, Mr. Roosevelt reported that actual relief expenditures during this fiscal year would amount to about \$3,500,000,000.

In the 1937 fiscal year, he said, more than \$1,000,000,000 would be spent from prior appropriations which are already allocated. In addition, he provided in his January budget message for \$600,000,000 to carry on the Civilian Conservation Corps and complete large public works projects started this year, making a total of about \$1,600,000,000 to be added to the \$1,500,000,000.

The President said that if his tax program were approved by Congress as requested, the \$1,500,000,000 appropriation would be within budget limits and "would in effect provide for the third successive year a reduction in the deficit."

Many members of Congress have urged the President not to use the CCC enrollment from 1935 to 1936, but Mr. Roosevelt said he would not do this.

Congress Speeds Tobacco Compact

Passage of the Original Kerr-Smith Bill To Be Sought In Senate Today

Washington, March 19.—The tobacco compact bill stopped inching along today and advanced by real strides in both the House and the Senate. Consideration on the floor of both bodies within the next two weeks now seems more than probable.

While the announcement of plans under the soil conservation act, which is to be made tomorrow, will carry considerably less than the \$50,000,000 goal for tobacco, the North Carolina delegation was pleased to learn today that tobacco, cotton, and sugar are to be treated separately.

Payments for cotton will be on the basis of five cents a pound and those for flue-cured tobacco are expected to equal or pass that figure. The Senate committee on agriculture this morning gave a unanimous favorable report to the original Kerr-Smith bill, which merely authorizes a compact among the flue-cured tobacco states.

Senators Josiah W. Bailey and Ellison D. Smith, of South Carolina, are hoping to get the measure before the Senate tomorrow and secure its passage in that body.

The action of the Senate committee was taken about one hour before the Department of Agriculture sent up to both the Senate and House committees on agriculture its proposed substitute providing for the use of Federal machinery and statistics compiled under the old AAA in enforcement of the compact and broadening the permission of Congress so as to include all types of tobacco.

Farmers Take Advantage Of Short Term Loans

A substantial increase in the number of farmers of Pitt and Greene counties are availing themselves of the credit service offered by the Greenville Production Credit Association, it is reported by J. C. Galloway, secretary-treasurer of the association.

The Greenville Production Credit Association serves the counties of Pitt and Greene, and the volume of loans made so far this year is considerably ahead of the corresponding period for last year and the previous year, Mr. Galloway said. The indications, he said, are that the total volume will be much ahead of the two previous years as more and more farmers learn of the credit service which the association offers.

The Greenville Production Credit Association makes short term loans to farmers to finance the production, harvesting and marketing of crops; and for general agricultural purposes.

The farmer borrower pays 5 per cent interest for the money but only pays for the time he actually has the money and interest is not required in advance. The association operates solely for the benefit of its farmer-borrowers.

Mr. Galloway says that many farmers who have not availed themselves of the credit service offered by the association heretofore are making applications this year.

Jack Spain To Run For Judge

Jack Spain, Greenville attorney, who has served for the past four years as county solicitor, announces his candidacy for judge of the Pitt County Court, subject to the action of the forthcoming Democratic primary election.

Mr. Spain is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and has been a member of the Pitt County bar since he received his license to practice law. He is a native of Pitt county, and has lived in Greenville for several years.

Although quite a young man, 36 years of age, Mr. Spain has taken an active part in politics in his home county for several years. At the election two years ago he was opposed for solicitor.

Yankee County farmers purchase approximately 100,000 pounds of fertilizer each year.

State Treasury Shows Balance

Heavy Income Tax Receipts Expected To Insure Surplus for Year

Raleigh, March 19.—With a small cash balance on hand at the end of February—in contrast to the customary deficit for the period, and with receipts from the income tax just received expected to reach \$8,000,000, the State of North Carolina stands an excellent chance of ending the fiscal year in June with a general fund surplus, the combined statement of State Auditor Baxter Durham and State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson for February indicated yesterday.

The balance in the highway fund, however, dropped more than \$4,000,000 during the month and is expected to sink still lower this month as repairs to roads damaged by the severe winter are made.

The general fund received \$2,885,359 during the period and this sum, together with the cash balance of \$1,124,752 on hand February 1, took care of warrant disbursements of \$3,507,366.

The collections brought the total receipts for the first eight months of the fiscal year up to \$24,517,396. Of this sum, \$22,204,163 has been disbursed for 1935-36 obligations and \$2,310,497 used to meet a cash overdraft carried over on July 1, leaving a balance of \$2,745.

The balance in the highway fund at the close of February was approximately \$240,000 under the balance of \$16,864,248 carried over at the beginning of the fiscal year. Receipts for the first eight months aggregated \$40,730,323 and expenditures totaled \$40,968,527.

Cash in the treasury totaled \$19,008,283 at the end of February, of which \$16,626,244 was reserved for the highway and other special funds and \$2,382,039 for disbursing accounts.

The funded debt of the State at the end of the month was \$167,789,000. General fund bonds outstanding totaled \$58,283,000; highway bonds, \$91,771,000; and special school building bonds, \$12,710,000.

William J. Bundy Seeks Position Of County Legislator

William J. ("Dick") Bundy has announced his candidacy for the State House of Representatives.

Born in Farmville in 1900, Mr. Bundy received his education at the Farmville graded schools and Trinity College, now Duke University. He started practicing law in 1926 and has been engaged in this profession since.

He is married to the former Miss Ruth Carson, daughter of the late S. T. Carson of Bethel. The couple has one child, a nine-year-old daughter.

Mr. Bundy served as mayor of Bethel 1927-29. He was appointed by the county commissioners to serve as solicitor of recorder's court in 1932 to fill the unexpired term of W. S. Tyson.

Mr. Bundy ran for the House of Representatives in 1930 and received enough votes to demand a second primary, but declined to call the second vote.

Blanks Available For Applications Of Cash to Buy Seed

Greenville, March 19.—Application for seed loans have received at the offices of County Agent E. F. Arnold and may be secured by any farmer wishing to apply for federal funds to purchase his seed for this year.

A limit of \$500 to any one farmer has been set by the federal agency and several requirements are necessary before a grower may secure any funds.

In order to be eligible for such a loan, a farmer must have first applied to the Production Credit for funds and have been refused. He also is not eligible for a loan if he has borrowed money through the Registration Administration.

Mr. Arnold explained that the idea of the federal seed loan is to provide some means for a farmer to get money to make the purchase of seed when he has exhausted every other possibility.

To Use New Dial System Next Week

Mr. Baker, who is in charge of the installation of the dial system of the telephone company here, announces that he expects to begin using the new system of dialing by next week.

Schaub Gives Details Of New Farm Program

Grants of 15 or 20 Million Dollars Probably Will Be Paid to North Carolina Farmers

Soil conservation grants of 15 or 20 million dollars probably will be paid North Carolina farmers this year under the new farm program.

The exact amount, said Dean I. O. Schaub, of State College, will depend largely upon the number of farmers entering the program and the amount of land on which grants are to be paid.

Although no contracts will be signed, as under the old AAA, farmers will be paid for devoting part of their land to soil-building or soil-conserving crops, he explained.

The three major objectives of the soil conservation and domestic allotment act are: Conservation of the soil through wise use of the land. This will also check the overproduction of soil-depleting cash crops.

Re-establishment and maintenance of farm income at a "fair level."

Protection of consumers by assuring adequate supplies of food, feed, and other farm commodities now and in the future.

With these objectives, said the dean, the new program will have a broader significance than the old AAA, although it may not limit cash crops as effectively as was done before.

Farmers who qualify for payments this year will be required to have an acreage of soil-conserving crops, or land devoted to some other conservation practice, equal to at least 20 per cent of the acres in soil-depleting crops.

And he must not have an acreage of depleting crops this year greater than his base acreage for these crops. The bases and normal average yields for cotton, tobacco, and peanuts will be the same as established for 1936 under the old AAA.

Bases for other depleting crops will be worked out on a fair and equitable basis by the Secretary of Agriculture, Dean Schaub said.

Cotton, tobacco, corn, wheat, peanuts, truck, and the like are classified as soil-depleting crops. Soil-conserving crops include forest trees, legumes, hay, and pasture grasses.

Part of the soil conservation grant to each farm will be a moderate soil-maintenance payment, probably 75 cents an acre, on land planted to soil-building or conserving crops.

Fields already in these crops, and on which the crops are maintained in 1936; will qualify for these payments as well as fields where these crops are planted this year for the first time in several years.

The other part of the grant will be a diversion payment on land shifted from depleting crops to soil-building or conserving crops.

A diversion payment of six cents a pound on the average production of land thus taken out of cotton has been recommended.

The recommended tobacco payment is at least five cents a pound, but in no event less than the rate per pound on cotton.

For peanuts the recommended rate is 1 1/4 cents a pound, but in no case less than 25 per cent of the rate for cotton.

Diversion payments on other soil-depleting crops will be fixed later, Dean Schaub stated.

The maximum amount of cotton land on which diversion payments will be made for shifting to soil-building or conserving crops is 40 per cent of the base acreage.

The maximum diversion on which tobacco payments will be made is 30 per cent of the base, and the maximum for peanuts is 20 per cent of the base, the dean pointed out.

No diversion payment will be made on food and feed crops if the farmer, in diverting land in these crops to soil improvement, reduces his food and feed production below the amount needed on his farm.

Judge Dink James Seeks Re-Election

Judge Dink James announces his candidacy to succeed himself as Judge of the County Court of Pitt County.

Judge James is a native of Pitt County and has been practicing law in Greenville for the past eleven years. He was educated in the Greenville high school and in the University of North Carolina, where he completed both his academic and law courses.

He is active in political and civic affairs and has been one of the organizers of the Citizens Club.

Negro Convicted Of Pitt Slaying

Willie Tate to Die In Gas Chamber For Murder of Alexander Warren

Greenville, March 19.—A Pitt County jury deliberated only 12 minutes today before convicting Willie Tate, 20-year-old Georgia-born Negro, of murder in the first degree for slaying Alexander Warren on the night of February 28 and attacking his companion, Miss Helen Phelps, in an attempt to commit assault. Judge J. Paul Friselle sentenced him to die in the lethal gas chamber at Raleigh on April 24.

Tate was heavily guarded by State highway patrolmen and city and county officers from Pitt and adjoining counties when he was brought into the crowded courtroom shortly before the trial got under way at 10 o'clock.

The most damaging evidence against Tate was given by T. F. Baughman, ballistic expert of the Department of Justice at Washington, who testified that a pistol identified by the State as belonging to the defendant was the one used to kill Warren.

Tate was not placed on the stand, but S. O. Worthington, who was appointed by the court to defend the Negro, contended in his speech to the jury that the evidence was insufficient to warrant a first-degree verdict.

The crowd, composed largely of friends of Warren and Miss Phelps, was orderly throughout the day, and at the conclusion of the trial Solicitor D. M. Clark thanked the spectators for the way in which they had conducted themselves. Feeling has been high in the county ever since the crime was committed.

Immediately after the verdict was rendered and Tate was sentenced to die, he was rushed to State Prison at Raleigh. A crowd gathered outside the courthouse to see him carried away but made no demonstration.

J. Knott Proctor To Make Race For Office of Sheriff

J. Knott Proctor of Greenville announces his candidacy for the office of sheriff of Pitt county, subject to the Democratic primary.

Mr. Proctor is a native of Pitt county, having been born in Grimesland 40 years ago. He received his education at the University of North Carolina. He is married to the former Miss Ada Gray Dixon of Farmville, daughter of J. T. Dixon and Mrs. Lula Dixon.

A World War veteran, Mr. Proctor served in France. Mr. Proctor is the son of the late W. E. Proctor, a prominent business man and farmer of Grimesland, who was on the board of county commissioners at the time the present court house was constructed.

President Defers Fishing Pilgrimage on Account Floods

Washington, March 19.—President Roosevelt deferred his Southern fishing trip for at least 24 hours from scheduled departure this afternoon to permit attention to the Eastern flood disaster.

Mr. Roosevelt summoned to the White House for a conference this morning the emergency flood committee, headed by Secretary Dern, which was named yesterday.

The President had planned to leave the Capital this afternoon at 3 o'clock for his annual fishing trip off the Florida coast.

MRS. A. BLANCHE BRAKE

Rocky Mount.—Mrs. A. Blanche Brake, 59, died at her home in Edgecombe county Wednesday night after being seriously ill for several months. She was a native of Farmville, and was the widow of the late Henry L. Brake.

Funeral services will be held from the home Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with Elder A. B. Denison of the Primitive Baptist Church of which she was a member, officiating. Burial will follow in the family cemetery.

She is survived by five daughters: Beulah Brake of Benson; Mary Brake of Danville, Va.; Agnes and Blanche Lewis of Rocky Mount; four sons, Joe L. William, Henry Louis, and Ralph Wilson of Rocky Mount; one sister, Miss Mary Lewis of Farmville; and two brothers, S. T. Lewis, and J. R. Lewis, both of Farmville.

A vigorous hot vaccination campaign has been conducted in Bertie County to overcome outbreaks of hog cholera.

Four Great Rivers Swamp Large Areas Of The Eastern States

Students Marooned In School Buildings Of Western Carolina

Worst Snow Storm In Many Years for Section Reported

Charlotte, March 18.—Western North Carolina was buried today under the worst snow storm in many years and all highways were blocked with little hope of opening them for another 24 hours.

Between 300 and 400 school children, unable to return home in yesterday's blizzard, were marooned in school buildings and private homes.

Highway workers struggled to open traffic lanes covered at some points by drifts of 10 feet, but could make little headway with their equipment, designed to move snow of no more than eight inches.

The blizzard, which struck the western half of the state yesterday, moved eastward and the coastal section was getting snow and rain this morning. Raleigh, Goldsboro and Fayetteville reported a heavy snow but it melted as it came down.

Advisory warnings a heavy flood was in prospect in the Roanoke river with overflows in the Tar, Neuse, Cape Fear rivers were issued by the weather bureau at Raleigh.

"Heavy rains in most of North Carolina and Virginia will send the streams out of their banks in their upper portions tonight," Lee Adenson, in charge of the Raleigh bureau, said. "The stage the Roanoke will reach will be forecast later, but the flood will be heaviest in that stream."

Arnold to Attend State Conference Of County Agents

County Agent, E. F. Arnold, has been advised to attend a State Conference of County Agents, relative to the New Soil Conservation Program, in Raleigh, March 24. At this time, he will receive instructions in detail as to putting on a campaign for Pitt County, in connection with the new soil conservation program.

The State Office has also scheduled a meeting of growers at 2:00 p. m., Saturday, March 28, at the Court House in Greenville. Every contract signer in the County will be invited to attend this meeting. B. Troy Ferguson, District Agent, has been scheduled to address farmers at this time. Every farmer will be given an opportunity to sign up in the new soil conservation program. Immediately following this meeting, community meetings will be scheduled throughout the County, at which time farmers will be given further opportunity to study the soil conservation program and sign, indicating whether or not they intend to take advantage of the new program.

Farmers who comply with the requirements of the new act, will be paid, not less than 5c per pound for the average poundage contained in their contract, for the number of acres retired from production. This means that farmers in Pitt County will be paid from \$35 to \$45 per acre for retiring tobacco. Every farmer in the County will be urged to take advantage of the full thirty per cent reduction from 1936 base.

In cotton, farmers will be paid 5c per pound for the average poundage in their cotton contracts retired from cultivation and will be permitted to retire as much as forty per cent of the 1936 base acreage. This means that farmers will be paid from \$10 to \$12.50 per acre for cotton acreage retired. They will also be permitted to reduce their peanut acreage by twenty per cent and will receive a payment of not less than one and one-fourth cents per pound for the average poundage in their contract.

In addition to the above mentioned payments, it is anticipated that farmers will be paid two dollars per acre for each acre shifted from cash crops to soil building crops. Each and every farmer in the County is urged by the County Agent to attend these meetings and get full information as to what is required.

The program as heretofore, will be handled through the local Committees and it is hoped that the farmers will respond promptly in order that the expense of the program will be as small as possible.

More Than Hundred Known Dead and Property Loss Reaches Hundreds of Millions of Dollars

Raleigh, March 20.—Down four rivers—the Ohio, Potomac, Susquehanna and Connecticut—boiling flood waters raged Thursday night to ravage new areas.

Behind the surging sweep of this "big four," and of other rivers now receding slowly, great sections of a dozen states—the industrial heart of the nation—were swamped.

Known deaths numbered 133; many probably are yet to be counted. Property damage amounted to the hundreds of millions. Refugees were more than 200,000, by Red Cross calculation.

Pillaging, disease, food and water shortages; crippled communication lines and disrupted traffic facilities were aftermaths of the watery disaster.

Looting was a particularly serious situation at Vandergrift, Pa., and at Springfield, Mass. In the little Pennsylvania city northeast of Pittsburgh the National Guard commander reported the situation out of hand and sent for additional troops. In Springfield, uniformed sailors assisted National Guardsmen and police to halt robbers in boats plundering along miles of inundated streets.

Disease was rife in many areas where residents were without shelter and water supplies were contaminated. Jamestown and Sunbury, Pa., faced epidemics, and stringent disinfection measures were taken in Binghamton, N. Y.

But the waters rolled on to spread new perils.

OTTOGENARIAN DIES NEAR FARMVILLE

MRS. DELPHIA TYSON PARKER

Mrs. Delphia Tyson Parker, widow of the late Richard B. Parker, a highly esteemed and one of the oldest residents of the county of Pitt, died Thursday morning at four o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Watt S. Newton, near Fountain.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Newton home at two o'clock Friday, and interment will follow at the old Parker homestead, six miles from Farmville. J. C. Parker resides at the old home.

A faithful member of the Primitive Baptist church since early girlhood, Mrs. Parker prided herself at the age of eighty-five on having attended associational meetings of that group for the past thirty years. She was a gentlewoman of the old school, very active and had enjoyed excellent health until six months ago, when she began suffering from the infirmities of age, being stricken recently with pneumonia, from which attack she failed to recover. She was the last member of her immediate family of seven brothers and sisters.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. W. A. Hearn, of near Tarboro, and Mrs. Watt S. Newton, Fountain; and four sons, J. C. and R. A., Farmville, J. F., Falkland, and W. H. Parker, of Bolton.

J. Ficklen Arthur Is Candidate For State Lower House

J. Ficklen Arthur, of Greenville, announces his candidacy to the State House of Representatives.

Mr. Arthur has been living in Greenville since 1898. He was graduated from the Greenville high school and attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He served in the navy during the World War.

He is the son of Mrs. L. C. Arthur and the late E. C. Arthur, who served for 30 years on the Pitt County Board of Education. Mr. Arthur is a member of the Methodist Church, he is married and is a member of the American Legion and Kiwanis Club.

He has been active in politics for years, but this is the first time he ever has sought public office. He is secretary of the Greenville township Democratic executive committee.

NOTICE TO JUNIORS

The Junior Woman's Club will hold its regular meeting on Saturday, March 21, at the home of Mrs. G. M. Holden, with Mrs. John M. Mewborn as hostess. Each member is urged to be present and to bring a book for the Book Shower for the Farmville Library.