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## Looking at WASHINGTON

FEDERAL DEFICITS  
THE FUTURE OUTLOOK  
DEPRESSION VANISHING  
DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM  
LABOR VARIATIONS

By Hugo Sims, Washington Correspondent.

The first Federal deficit of the depression era was recorded in the fiscal year 1931 and each year since that time has seen the Government spending more than its income. Altogether the deficit has amounted to almost \$18,000,000,000. At first, as the depression made itself felt, an effort was made to cut down expenses but this proved impossible as income dwindled. In 1932, the Government went to the rescue of banks, drafting heavily on its credit and the following years have seen the trend continue, with the payment of the bonus this year, the deficit is estimated at 5.4 billion dollars. Beginning in 1931, with \$462,000,000, the figure jumped to 2.7 billions in 1932, 2.6 in 1933, 3.6 in 1934, 3.0 in 1935 and 5.4 for the year just ended.

Previous to these annual deficits, the Federal Government expended around four and a half billion dollars but as the nation suffered in the grip of a world-wide stagnation, Federal income dropped to around two billion dollars in 1933. In 1934 receipts were around three billions and in 1935 the Government's income was nearly four billions. For the year 1936 the income was about four billion dollars and this year the Treasury expects its income to be more than five billion dollars. However, expenditures continue to rise as the Government assumes larger social responsibilities.

The outlook for the future envisages a record-breaking surge of revenue if there is continued business recovery and the prospect of achieving a balanced budget if the business recovery takes off the Government a great part of the burden of relief. Of course, the budget can be balanced by a rigorous purge of expenditures. The Democratic platform speaks of a "balanced budget" at "the earliest possible moment" and ties the declaration with advancing income and declining relief expenditures. The Republican platform pledges a balanced budget "not by increasing taxes, but by cutting expenditures, drastically and immediately."

Cooperative associations to buy and sell for members are a major factor in the economic life of Great Britain, Sweden, Czechoslovakia and France. Accordingly the President has dispatched three investigators to these countries, and others, to survey their work with a special study of the relationship of these organizations to government.

There are those who hold that the depression is vanishing and they point to signs that have weight. For four months the number of new jobs has increased, aggregating 88,000 in May according to the Labor Department. In a year the total gain has been 650,000, which does not include all occupations. Work relief rolls, it is noted, have been reduced a fourth in the past four months so that now the government's work program employs 700,000 less persons than in January. In addition, profits earned by business are running well ahead of last year according to reports from business and corporate sources.

The Democratic platform, as adopted, is an emphatic endorsement of the New Deal with a straight declaration that if legislation cannot be framed within the Constitution to adequately regulate commerce, protect public health and safety and safeguard economic security a clarifying amendment will be sought. The argument is that 48 States, with their legislatures and machinery, cannot handle problems arising from droughts, dust storms, wages and hours, monopolistic practices, etc.

On currency the party seeks a sound currency stabilized to prevent wide fluctuations, declares the dollar the soundest coin in the world, government credit higher than in years, deflation stopped and values restored. In foreign affairs the Democrats preach the "good neighbor" policy, oppose war, favor neutrality, a strong defense and taking the profit out of war.

The farm plank boasts of what has been done in taking the farmer off the road to ruin, mentions soil conservation, the fight against erosion, rural electrification, and promises continued farm bounties and financial aid to improve the condition of farm tenantry. Production will

be encouraged as much as the home and foreign markets will absorb, plus enough reserve to insure a fair price to consumers. Other items; commodity loans on surpluses, a production balanced with demand at a fair profit, encouragement of farm cooperatives and a plan to purchase and retire submarginal land.

Labor is told of shorter hours, increased pay, the end of "sweated toil of women and children," organization without "employer interference," and Federal authority to settle disputes. There are a few contrasts in the platforms of the parties on this subject.

While the Democrats promised bargaining without interference from employers, as provided in the National Labor Relations Act, the Republicans declared that workers should be free from interference "from any source." This last clause was recommended for insertion in the National Labor Relations Act by the National Association of Manufacturers and it not looked on with favor by labor leaders.

On wages and hours the Republicans mention safeguarding the working conditions of women and children but make no mention of men and advocate accomplishment through State laws and interstate compacts. To this should be added the declaration of Gov. Landon that he favored Constitutional amendment if necessary to reach the end in view.

The Democrats, in their wording, did not limit their provisions to women and children but listed wages and hours as one of the problems before the country, stating that they cannot be solved "exclusively by 48 separate State legislatures, 48 separate State administrations and 48 separate State Courts" and, if they cannot be within the Constitution, pledging an amendment to give the States and the Federal government the power to take action. To the worker, as a consumer, the Democrats promised protection in the "production and consumption of all commodities, including coal and water power and other natural resource products."

### Will Stress Recreation At Farm - Home Week

The serious phases of Farm and Home Week at State College, July 27-31, will be well balanced with an extensive program of recreation and entertainment.

Every effort will be made to give the visiting farmers and farm women a good time, said John W. Goodman, of State College, who is secretary of the week.

In the afternoons there will be sight-seeing tours over the capital city and to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Duke University.

Group singings and plays will feature the evening entertainment program. An hour of recreation under the direction of A. R. Morrow, Iredell County farm agent, will conclude the program each night.

A number of home demonstration clubs over the State have been practicing "rhythmic stepping to music" in preparation for the group recreation in Riddick Stadium, reported Dr. Jane S. McKimmon, state home agent.

In addition to the 20-minute periods of group singing under the direction of J. F. Criswell, who led the singing in 1934, a number of choruses also will entertain the Farm and Home Week visitors.

The milking contest is expected to create a great deal of interest, with cash prizes for the winners. Men from different counties will compete with one another through two preliminary and a final contest.

One of the most enjoyable things about the week, according to men and women who attended in previous years, is the opportunity afforded for men and women from different parts of the State to get together for informal chats in which they talk over their experiences, swap ideas, and discuss current topics of interest in agriculture and other fields.

## Young Peoples' Revival To Begin Sunday Night

A Cordial Invitation To The Meeting Is Extended To Everyone

A young peoples' revival will begin at the Methodist church on Sunday night, July 12. Every young person in Farmville and vicinity is urged to attend these services, which will begin at 7:30 o'clock each evening. A cordial invitation to the meeting is extended to everyone, irrespective of age and denomination, although the meeting is being planned, and designed for the young people.

The meeting will be conducted by two young ministers, Rev. R. Leon Crossno, of Bells, Tennessee, and Rev. Phil Harold Grice, of Rolling Fork, Mississippi. Mr. Crossno, who is now pastor of the Walstonburg and Arthur churches, will do the preaching. The music will be under the direction of Mr. Grice, tenor soloist of the Duke Chapel Choir, who is serving as assistant to Dr. Wooten and Mr. Crossno during the summer months.

Plans have been made for the organization of two choirs and an orchestra to provide music for the meeting. Young people who play instruments are asked to bring them to church on Sunday evening. After the service a meeting will be held to organize the orchestra. In addition to the two choirs and orchestra, there will be special music at each service. Make your plans now to attend these services regularly.

Dr. J. C. Wooten, pastor, announces that the regular Sunday morning service will be conducted by Mr. Crossno.

## Farmers Urged To Grow More Food, Feed Crops

The AAA is seeking to aid in the further production of food and feed crops on farms hard hit by the drought, according to an announcement by Dean I. C. Schaub, of State College.

On farms where dry weather has cut the production of these crops below normal, he said, growers may plant more food and feed crops without affecting their payments, provided they comply with other requirements of the new farm program.

However, their plantings of crops other than annual grasses, small grains, and sorghums must not make their total acreage of general soil-depleting crops equal or exceed their base acreage of general soil-depleting crops.

They may plant all the annual grasses, small grains, and sorghums necessary to bring production up to normal.

The program originally provided that deductions would be made from a grower's payments if his acreage of soil-depleting crops exceeded his base acreage of these crops.

There is still time to plant sorghums, cowpeas, soybeans, sudan grass, other grasses and legumes, sweet potatoes, and fall vegetables, the dean pointed out.

He also stated that to qualify for payments, growers must grow an acreage of soil-conserving crops equal to 15 per cent of their general soil-depleting base and 20 per cent of their cotton, tobacco and/or peanut base.

Deductions will be made in the payments of growers whose acreages of soil-conserving crops do not equal the amount required.

### C. A. LILLY ACCEPTS POSITION WITH FARMVILLE MOTOR CO.

According to an announcement appearing elsewhere in this issue, C. A. Lilly has accepted a position with the Farmville Motor Co., local Dodge and Plymouth dealers, and entered upon his new duties with this firm the first of this week.

Mr. Lilly needs no introduction to the people of this section of the State as for several years he held a responsible position with the firm of R. L. Davis & Bros.

Mr. Lilly will appreciate a visit from you if and when you are in the market for a new car, or anything handled by the Farmville Motor Co.

### MISS LILLIE B. WATSON PASSES

Funeral services for Miss Lillie B. Watson, 58, who died here after a lingering illness at the home of her sister, Mrs. C. T. Butts, were held from the Butts home on Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, with the Christian minister of Kinston in charge. Interment was made in the Kinston cemetery.

Miss Watson is survived by two sisters, Mrs. C. T. Butts, Farmville, and Mrs. Charles Becton, Kinston.

## Washington Farm News

THE DROUGHT MENACE  
CROP FAILURE THREAT  
WORSE THAN 1934  
DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM

Special Washington Correspondent.

Secretary Wallace, after appointing a special committee to coordinate drought relief, last week made a tour of the affected farming areas, where conditions, unless relieved, will soon be "worse than in 1934."

Earlier in the year a severe drought in the Southwest destroyed much of the Winter wheat crop. Later a prolonged dry spell in the Southeast cut sharply into the vegetable supply and did much damage to cotton prospects.

However, by far the worst situation exists in the Dakotas, Montana and Wyoming, where total crop failures are feared in some sections unless rain arrives in a hurry. Sections in Eastern Oklahoma, Western Arkansas, Northern Tennessee and Southern Kentucky are also suffering.

The conditions in some of the driest sections of Western Dakota, Eastern Montana and Wyoming are extremely serious and it may be necessary to move millions of head of cattle and relieve thousands of farmers.

While the drought is a calamity of the first magnitude it has relieved all fears of surpluses in wheat and corn and other grains for the present year. When the Supreme Court put an end to the AAA farm production control program it seems that Mother Nature took up the job and the present prospect is that prices will move upward much further than anticipated.

In fact, consumers are already being prepared for higher food prices as a direct result of the lack of rain in the farm belt during April, May and June. While the crop of wheat will be short harvesting is already virtually completed in the belt below central Kansas and Missouri with some areas reporting the best harvest in five years.

Space is hardly available here to give anything like a complete summary of the sections of many states affected by the drought. North Dakota had only 2.06 inches of rain in the last three months while in the same period in 1934, there was 3.83 inches of rainfall. South Dakota got 4.31 inches, compared with 4.54 inches in 1934 and Montana 3.17 compared with 4.15 two years ago.

While the government is giving the farmers promise of liberal assistance to help them over the disaster, it is also emphasizing the fight that must be made to prevent much of our farm lands from becoming a desert. A four-fold permanent program to provide for the storage of moisture and prevent the driving by the wind of snow and silt. The work includes the soil conservation drive to check erosion, the shelter belt of trees across the western border of the Great Plains from Canada to Texas, a wide range of irrigation and dam projects and the buying up of submarginal land to be converted into pasture.

Two weeks ago in this column we gave a summary of the Republican party's platform planks, affecting agriculture, and this week we call attention to the Democratic pronouncement.

Boasting that the farmer had been taken off the "road to ruin," the Democrats said they had kept their pledge to use all efforts to raise farm purchasing power to its pre-war level, with references to 15-cent corn, 3-cent hogs, 2 1/2-cent beef, 5-cent wool, 30-cent wheat, 5-cent cotton and 3-cent sugar.

The party has, by legislation, "reduced the farmers' indebtedness and doubled his net income." Promise is made to recognize and meet new conditions and needs, to continue soil conservation, and the domestic allotment program with payments, to seek lower financing costs, to extend commodity loans, to adjust and balance production with demand "at a fair profit," to encourage sound cooperatives, retire submarginal land and to favor production of all the market at home and abroad will absorb, with a supply sufficient to insure fair prices to consumers. In foreign affairs, the platform will seek the lowering of tariff barriers, etc., raised against agriculture products and protect agriculture against unfair competition and dumping from abroad. Asserting finally that the farmer "has been returned to the road to freedom and prosperity," the Democrats say, "We will keep him on that road."

The people of Pitt County might as well turn their attention to the development of their own resources; if they don't, nobody else will.

## \$3,000,000,000 Loaned to Home Owners in U. S.

The Work of HOLC Has Shifted from "Lending" to "Collecting"

More than \$3,000,000,000 has been loaned to more than a million distressed home owners in the United States since June, 1933 by the Home Owners' Loan Corporation. Of that amount \$31,894,471.12 has been loaned in North Carolina to approximately 12,500 home owners. Of the total amount loaned in North Carolina \$394,717.64 has been loaned to 169 distressed home owners in Pitt county.

Under the Home Loan Act a fifteen year loan at five per cent was granted distressed home owners while the holders of their defaulted mortgages received HOLC bonds backed by the Federal Treasury.

The work of the Home Owners' Loan Corporation has shifted from "lending" to "collecting" and the job is far from being completed, but the State Manager of this Agency reports that there has been no foreclosures out of the 169 loans made in Pitt County. There have been some defaults by home owners in every part of the country and foreclosures have been started. However, officials state that collections have been unusually good over the entire country and that the percentage of delinquent accounts is relatively small. The defaults, they added, are comparatively few and chiefly by "misguided" persons. Only 111 foreclosures have been made on HOLC mortgages in North Carolina as of June 30, 1936.

## Order Woman Held In Jail Pending Trial

Mrs. Sudie Haynes Charged with Burning Half Brother

Wilson, July 8. — Mrs. Sudie Haynes, charged with the fatal burning of her half brother, Howard Godwin, as he slept early yesterday in his home in a remote section of Wilson county, was bound over to the September term of superior court without bail following a hearing held here this morning before magistrate A. J. Hines.

Nicie Sherrod, negro woman, and principal witness for the state at the hearing, testified that a quarrel had taken place between Mrs. Haynes and Godwin on Monday night and that Mrs. Haynes "had poured something out of a can" on the house and "had struck a match to it" after which it glared up. The officers found a gerosene can empty nearby.

The negress further testified that "two or three people told me not to tell nothing about what happened," but she declined to give the names at the hearing.

### LEGIONNAIRES ELECT NEW OFFICERS

The Farmville Post of the American Legion held its monthly meeting on Thursday evening, which was featured by a chicken supper and the election of new officers as follows: J. H. Bynum, commander, C. L. Owens, 1st vice commander, L. T. Lucas, 2nd vice commander, J. H. Paylor, service officers, C. F. Baucom, chaplain and M. L. Eason, sergeant at arms.

Brief talks were made by the retiring commander, Alton W. Bobbitt, the new head of the organization, J. H. Bynum, Dr. W. M. Willis, C. F. Baucom and J. H. Paylor, and plans were made for entertaining the Legion Auxiliary at the August meeting.

J. H. Paylor, Dr. W. M. Willis and A. F. Joyner were elected as representatives from this Post to the state meeting to be held in Asheville, July 26, and Frank Harper, Alton W. Bobbitt and Jack Lang as alternates.

### MATINEE PARTY

Mrs. A. Q. Roebuck and Mrs. D. R. Morgan entertained at a matinee party on Tuesday, in compliment to Mrs. R. F. Watson, of Tuskegee, Ala., who is visiting her sister, Mrs. John B. Joyner. After the show the party, composed of the hostesses, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Joyner, Mrs. S. A. Roebuck and Miss Bettie Joyner enjoyed refreshments at the home of Mrs. A. Q. Roebuck.

## Formal Opening Of Golf Course Postponed

DISTRICT MEETING OF MASONS TO BE HELD AT GRIFFTON, JULY 15

The Masons of the Fifth Masonic District, which comprises all of the lodges in Pitt County, will hold their annual district meeting in Griffon, Monday, July 13 at 7:00 P. M., in the Community Building. Preceding the district meeting, there will be an Officers' Conference at 5:00 P. M., for all officers of the various Masonic lodges in the district, which will be conducted and presided over by John H. Anderson, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

Griffon Lodge is host to the district meeting, and supper will be served to all Masons at 7:00 P. M. At 8:00 P. M., the district meeting, presided over by W. J. Budy, of Greenville, District Deputy Grand Master, will convene.

An address will be delivered by J. Giles Hudson, of Salisbury, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. A silver loving cup will be awarded the lodge having the largest percentage of its members present. District Deputy Grand Master Bundy states that a large attendance is expected and urges all Masons to be present.

### Says Present Tax System Too Rigid

Are farmers of North Carolina paying more than their share of the tax burden?

In a series of broadcasts, heard every other Wednesday, Dr. G. W. Forster, agricultural economist for the North Carolina Experiment Station, is attempting to explain both sides of the tax question as it relates to farmers. The next in this series will be heard July 15.

Dr. Forster maintains that the present tax system is too rigid. It is not flexible enough to meet sudden changes in incomes, and the incomes of farmers vary quite often to a marked degree. When the farm income is low, growers probably pay more than a fair share of the tax load, but when incomes advance sharply, such as they did during AAA days, farmers probably expend less for taxes than is fair.

Dr. Forster believes that a more flexible tax system can be enacted. In his radio talk for July 15, he will discuss a plan for making the system less rigid.

The Home Demonstration Department at State College believes that farm women will find a talk on "Canning Tomatoes" by Mrs. Cornelia C. Morris, extension economist in food conservation and marketing, interesting and helpful. This discussion will be presented July 16.

### MRS. HOLLOWAN LAID TO REST

Last rites were held for Mrs. Letha Belle Flanagan Holloman, 31 on Monday morning at ten o'clock from the Christian Church, with the pastor, Rev. C. B. Mashburn, in charge, and interment was made beneath a blanket of flowers in Forest Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Holloman, daughter of J. T. Flanagan and the late Mrs. Flanagan, and foster daughter of Watt Parker and the late Mrs. Parker, died in a Greenville hospital Saturday afternoon, following a major operation.

In paying a tribute of high esteem to Mrs. Holloman's life, Rev. Mr. Mashburn spoke of her chief characteristics as faith, unselfishness and mother love, which she exemplified throughout the short span of her earthly existence. Her favorite chapter, John 14, was read and her beloved hymns were rendered by the choir of the Christian Church, of which church she had been a member since childhood.

Surviving are five children: Alfred, Loretta, Hildred, Jimmie and Janet; her father, J. T. Flanagan; two sisters, Mrs. Floyd A. Andrews, Mt. Olive, and Mrs. W. A. Pollard, Jr.; and a brother, W. A. Flanagan, of Norfolk, Va.

The following members of her Sunday School class served as active pall bearers; B. O. Taylor, C. A. Lilly, Howard Moyer, C. B. Mashburn, Jr., Johnnie Arnold and R. D. Rouse. Honorary; R. G. Barrett, Dr. H. B. Smith, M. V. Jones, E. L. Barrett, W. J. Rasberry, J. T. Bynum, J. W. Bass, R. O. Lang, J. C. Gibbs, W. N. Spruill, C. S. Shackelford, LeRoy Rollins, J. O. Pollard, Willie Carraway, Milton Eason, Joe Moyer, D. E. Oglesby, J. M. Stansill, F. A. Darden, J. L. Walker, Mack Pollard, J. H. Paylor, R. A. Joyner, L. E. Flowers, Z. M. Whitehurst, Dr. W. M. Willis, J. B. Briley, Jack Lewis, Sam Flanagan, Jessie Moyer, Clinton Rollins, Ray E. Braxton, J. Y. Monk, Frank and J. G. Holloman.

A number of friends from Greenville, Wilson, Snow Hill, Mt. Olive, Alabama and Georgia were in attendance at the funeral.

## Wet Weather Retarded Preparations; Dinner And Opening Exercises Scheduled for Wednesday, July 15

Excessive rains during the past week resulted in the postponement of the formal opening of the Farmville golf course from July 8 to Wednesday, July 15, at which time WPA officials will be honor guests of stockholders, their families and other members of the Country Club, at a barbecue dinner in the outdoor dining room at the swimming pool.

Preparations for the opening are being completed at this time and the occasion promises to be an auspicious one.

At a called meeting on Friday evening, members adopted by-laws, rules and regulations relative to the course, whereby every citizen of Farmville will have the privilege of the links at a minimum cost. An outline of these was given in last week's issue.

Mr. Holmes has been secured as pro and manager of the course, and an invitation to have the honor of driving the first ball after the official opening has been extended to B. O. Taylor, chairman of the board of directors and supervisor of the construction of the course.

The president of the club, George W. Davis, wishes to emphasize the approved ruling that no dues will be charged until August 1, (initiation fees only), and urges prospective players to join the club at once so they may be eligible to attend the opening and barbecue dinner.

### OPENS RESETTLEMENT OFFICE IN GREENVILLE

A. D. Ennett, Raleigh, has been transferred by the State Regional Resettlement Office of Raleigh as full time Resettlement Representative for Pitt County, with headquarters in Greenville.

Mr. Ennett has had considerable experience in this type of government work, having supervised an Industrial and Educational Survey for the National Resources Board and later was connected with the Land Utilization Division of the Resettlement Administration. He comes to Pitt County as Supervisor of Rural Resettlement.

The work of Mr. Ennett's office is to finance or make loans to the type of farmer who has so little security that he can obtain money through no other financial agency. Another function of the office is to arrange loans for co-operative enterprises.

Mr. Ennett's office will carry a secretary and a full time Home Supervisor. This set up, according to Mr. Ennett, will insure Pitt County full participation in all governmental benefits available under the Rural Resettlement Administration.

When asked his impression of Pitt County, Mr. Ennett replied, "Your farms are among the very best and your citizens are progressive and courteous. I feel it a privilege to work in Pitt County."

Mr. Ennett's office is over the Dickerson Avenue Branch of the Guaranty Bank and Trust Company.

### MAKE SUCCESSFUL CANVASS FOR PLAYGROUND FUND

The goal of \$200 has almost been reached by canvassers here this week who have received contributions for playground equipment in connection with the WPA project to begin as soon as equipment is installed.

Mayor J. B. Lewis states that the equipment will be as varied as possible in order that a greater number of children may take part in the program, and will include soft balls, bats, sand piles, beach balls, seesaws, swings, etc.

The WPA will finance supervisors for the different groups with Farmville furnishing a general supervisor.

### NEW ROTARY PRESIDENT TAKES GAVEL

Reviewing briefly the accomplishments of the local Rotary Club during the past year, in which six members have been added to the list, the retiring president, Mayor John B. Lewis discussed the ideals of Rotary as applicable to the life of business activities in Farmville, and turned the gavel over to Manly Liles, the newly elected head, who made a brief acceptance speech.

Speaking principally to Rotarians added recently to the roster of this group — Arch Flanagan, Herbert Kemp and Jack Lewis, Ed Nash Warren outlined the obligations of members and Irvin Morgan, Jr., depicted the structure of Rotary International. Other newly elected officers assuming their duties at this time were Irvin Morgan, Jr., vice president, and J. B. Lewis, secretary and treasurer.