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## Higher Tax Rate Proposed To Pay Pension Benefits

### Administration Amend- ments Would Limit On County Levies; House Will Debate Old Age Plan

Raleigh, March 4. — Amendments to remove the limit on the amount of the State social security equalizing fund and to allow county tax rates in excess of ten cents were offered in the House yesterday, as the administration's old age assistance and children's aid bill was set as a special order for debate today.

Received by the House were new bills which would—

Submit to the voters at the next general election a constitutional amendment to prohibit diversion of highway funds and require that such funds be spent only for road-building, maintenance, safety, administration and advertising, by Representative H. L. Joyner of Northampton and others. (A similar bill is on the Senate calendar.)

Allow school teachers one day of sick leave for each month that they work and reduce auto license fees to \$5, by Representative Thomas Cooper of New Hanover.

Appropriate \$25,000 to add a "battleship" to the State's "Navy"—the patrol boat wanted by down-East fishermen to chase out-of-State trawlers, by Representative Fred R. Seely of Currier and Roy Davis of Dare. And—

Require a cash deposit of 2 per cent with bids on State supplies, by Representatives Mercer J. Blankenship and K. L. Mayhew of Mecklenburg.

### Red Cross Chairman Receives Letter

Chairman Wyatt Brown, of the Pitt County Chapter of the Red Cross, reports the receipt of the following letter from Admiral Carey T. Grayson, chairman of the American Red Cross, in which he congratulates the Pitt County citizens for their liberal response to the appeal for flood relief funds:

"In the rush incident to the present emergency, I have been unable now personally to acknowledge the splendid service rendered by your Chapter on behalf of the flood refugees.

"Your quota has been most generously over-subscribed. This is a credit of significance to your community and once again a testimony to the zeal and effectiveness of your organization.

"Please accept for yourself and on behalf of all of your associates, my heartiest appreciation and thanks."

Pitt County total cash contributions to the fund were \$4,959.92, in addition to more than \$2,000 worth of merchandise and supplies, making a total of around \$7,000 sent from the county.

Farmville's contribution to date is \$631.36.

### FORUM TOPICS FOR SELECTION

The topics and speakers for Forum units have been selected for this district, and are in the hands of Superintendent J. H. Moore, who states that any preferences should be indicated and submitted to the Advisory Board, of which he is a member.

The topics and speakers to April 30 are: John Barclay—"The Spanish Rebellion"; Roy Hashinger—"New Frontiers in Citizenship"; "Education and Social Change"; "Industrial Giants and Social Midgets"; Miss Laura W. McMullen—"The Machine-Friend or Enemy"; "The Supreme Court and Its Future"; "Should Women Work"; "More Government Ownership or Less"; "Shall We Encourage Co-operatives?"; "The Protection of the Consumer"; "Lessons in Recovery From Sweden"; David M. Trout—"The Prevention of Mental Disorder"; "Mental Hygiene Program For The Family"; "How Criminals are Made and Unmade"; "Mental Subnormality in America—What Can Be Done About It?"; "The Education of Superior Children"; Charles N. Burrows—"The American Crime Problem"; "Can We Keep Our Boys and Girls Out of Crime?"; "The Future of the American Family"; "Getting The Most Out of Rural Life"; Emil Lengyel—"Can America Stay Out of a World War?"; "Women in Germany and Russia"; "Is Another World War Inevitable?"; "The Battle of Dictators."

### Loan Applications New Being Received

Applications for emergency crop and feed loans for 1937 are now being received at County Agent's Office by Miss Dorothy Dunn of the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Section of the Farm Credit Administration.

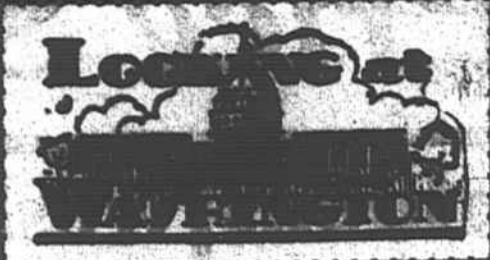
These loans will be made only to farmers who cannot obtain credit from any other source, as provided by regulations issued by the Governor of the Farm Credit Administration. The money loaned will be limited to the farmer's immediate and actual cash needs for growing his 1937 crops or for the purchase of feed for livestock and in no instance may exceed \$400.

Farmers are not eligible for these loans if they can borrow from an individual, production credit association, bank, or other concern. Emergency crop and feed loans will not be made by the Farm Credit Administration to standard rehabilitation clients of the Resettlement Administration whose current needs are provided for by Resettlement.

As in the past, the security for these loans will consist of a first lien on the crop financed if the loan is for the production of crops, and if for the purchase of feed for livestock, then a first lien on the livestock to be fed. Handlords, or others having an interest in the crops or the livestock to be fed, will be required to waive their claims in favor of the lien to the Governor of the Farm Credit Administration until the loan is repaid.

Checks in payment of the approved loans will be issued by the Regional Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Office at Columbia, South Carolina.

Postmen who have cut the quality of feed supplied their laying hens due to higher prices for feed materials have found that the birds are



WHEAT OF NAVY?  
BRITAIN TO BUILD  
BATTLESHIPS VINDICATED.  
OUR RESPONSIBILITIES.  
THE COURT FIGHT.  
SOUTH-WEST ALLIANCE.  
THE NEUTRALITY TANGLE.  
WAGES AND HOURS AGAIN.  
GOLD STOCKS GO UP.

By Hugo Sims, Washington Correspondent.

One of the questions soon to come before the people of the United States will require a decision in regard to the Navy. The world situation has been greatly changed by the steady growth of the Italian, French, German, Italian and Russian fleets and the recent announcement of the British plan to resume the construction of battleships on a stupendous peace-time scale brings the problem to the United States.

While the Administration promptly ordered the construction of the two battleships authorized by Congress last year, when it was known that the British planned to build two new dreadnaughts, the news now is that the British will start work on not less than five battleships in 1937 and that before concluding its present program there will be not less than ten mammoth floating fortresses to show the world again that Britannia rules the waves.

In facing this situation, the American people will first of all have to decide whether the much-prolonged insistence upon parity with Great Britain, now fully established as an agreement between the two powers, is worth the cost of new construction necessary to make it something besides a paper program. Generally speaking there is hardly any suspicion that the British government has the United States in mind in its new program and, in fact, most British writers insist that a decision from this country to build an equal fleet would be hailed as a factor for world peace, particularly in the Pacific.

The British decision to build a huge fleet means that in a few years that nation will have 25 battleships instead of 15 and a fleet composed, for the most part, of modern cruisers, destroyers and submarines. Plainly the battleship will be the backbone of the British plan, which means, after all, that the insistence of American admirals that this country maintain its faith in battleships has been vindicated by the action of the British admiralty. The Italian fiasco of a few months ago has thrown quite a scare into the British, who feel that, to be secure, they must be able to handle any situation in that area, and, at the same time, maintain vigilant guard around the North Sea and a fighting force in the far East, based upon Singapore.

This writer has little idea what the final decision of the United States will be in this regard but the President is a strong navy man. His course up to this time has indicated very positively a determination to build a fleet equal to that of the British. Our decision is influenced by the fact that Japan broke the recent naval limitation pact and seems determined to build a greater fleet. Whether the United States wishes to permit the Far Easterners to out-build this country is a question that the voters of the nation will some day have to answer.

Personally, the writer strongly believes in a powerful navy, the equal of any, in order to protect our rights and territory against nations which in some future years may become aggressive. The strength of the hungry nations—Italy, Germany and Japan—as well as their willingness to use force to accomplish international aims and seize territory for their own purposes when possible advises us to be strong enough to protect not only the United States but also South America, as well, unless we wish to invite these nations to make an excursion in this hemisphere and set up trouble for us in other years.

The fight on the President's proposal to enlarge the membership of the Supreme Court, under certain conditions, will be settled in the Senate, where an imposing array of both sides appear confident of the necessary votes. Meanwhile public opinion, which at first registered itself against the suggestion, has veered toward a more even keel, although so far no predominant surge has come for the President's side. However, as pointed out in other struggles the supporters of the Administration are not as audible as those arrayed against him and the best bet, in our judgment, is that before the battle is over the Chief Executive will have the substance of what he wants, re-  
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## Parkway Assured Doughton Says

### Senator Reynolds and Governor Hoey Praise Project at Dinner

Raleigh, March 4. — President Roosevelt will provide funds to complete the \$25,000,000 Blue Ridge Parkway and when it is finished, it will "advertise itself," Representative Robert L. Doughton of the Ninth Congressional District assured a dinner audience here on Tuesday night.

"It pays to advertise," followed-up United States Senator Robert R. Reynolds, also a speaker. "Since I kissed Jean Harlow, I've never kissed so many women in my life." Both speakers, with Governor Hoey, extolled the scenic wonders of the parkway.

Representative Doughton, called the originator of the parkway, and Senator Reynolds, who has supported it vigorously, were invited here to address a banquet given by citizens interested in the parkway. Representative D. F. Giles of McDowell announced.

Both vied with each other in describing the wonders of the project. "If Ponce de Leon, seeking the fountain of youth, had been told of the Mountains of Youth in Western North Carolina, he wouldn't have died in disappointment," declared Representative Doughton.

"If 400 years ago, Ponce de Leon had wended his way to the fine liquid inspiration the mountains later provided, I know he'd have lived longer than he did," joked Senator Reynolds. He compared the parkway to the Capetown-Johannesburg highway, the French Alps, and the Sydney-Melbourne highway now under construction—said it was superior to all of them.

### Victory Dinner Here Thursday

Farmville Democrats will join those of other communities in Pitt and loyal friends of the party throughout the country in a Victory celebration dinner tonight, Thursday, at the American Legion Hall, the dinner being supplemented with an interesting program of music and speech making, featured with an address by Dr. R. C. Deal, a member of the E. C. T. C., Greenville, and with Dr. P. E. Jones, Democratic chairman of the township, presiding.

Arrangements will be made in the Legion Hall for the reception of President Roosevelt's address, which he will deliver over a nation-wide radio hook-up.

All loyal Democrats, men and women, are being urged to attend the dinner. Tickets were sold by workers who canvassed the town. Two thirds of the proceeds will be sent to headquarters to reduce the late campaign debt.

Dr. Paul E. Jones is chairman of the committee in charge. Other members include Mrs. Sallie K. Horton, Mrs. J. L. Shackelford, Mayor John B. Lewis, J. W. Joyner, J. W. Holmes, W. J. Rasberry, B. O. Turnage and R. E. Belcher.

### KILLS HOLD-UP MAN

Atlanta—Twisting loose after being tied to a chair by two hold-up men after being robbed of \$700, C. J. Harleiger, drug store manager, seized a pistol and shot one of the men. He was F. E. Schooley, a former convict. The other man escaped, but the loot was recovered from the dead man's pockets.

## Farmers Call on Bailey To Carry Out Promises

Raleigh, March 4.—Farm leaders of the State yesterday called on United States Senator J. W. Bailey to carry out his campaign promises.

Criticizing the senior Senator for his opposition to President Roosevelt's judicial reform plan, the directors of the State Farm Bureau Federation, meeting here yesterday, adopted resolutions voicing unanimous support of the President's program and praising The News and Observer for its defense of it.

E. F. Arnold, Farm Bureau secretary, in announcing that the action was unanimous, commented, "they thought we were being a little easy on Senator Bailey, as it was."

The resolution cited the senior North Carolina Senator's campaign statements "that he was supporting the measures and policies of the President" and having told farm leaders, "at a meeting in his office" prior to his re-election, "that he was supporting President Roosevelt's farm program."

"If he and the entrenched interests who are opposing the President should be successful, the farmers not only of North Carolina but of the nation as well, would be brought face to face with 1932 conditions," Senator Bailey was requested to "carry out the pledges he made to

## Barden Requests Fund For Harbor

### Army Engineer Recom- mends \$40,000 Main- tenance at Morehead City

Washington, March 3.—Brig-Gen. G. B. Pillsburg of the Army Engineers told the House Rivers and Harbors Committee today there was no immediate need for spending \$475,000 for construction of jetties at the Morehead City, N. C., harbor.

He recommended, however, that the committee approve an annual expenditure of \$40,000 for maintenance of the 30-foot harbor developed with \$1,080,000 of Public Works Administration money.

The original program called for construction of jetties, with the cost to come from PWA funds allotted for the purpose. Pillsburg said the harbor could be kept in shape through an annual maintenance allotment.

Representative Graham A. Barden of New Bern, N. C., urged the committee to include the maintenance item in the annual Rivers and Harbors bill.

Barden also urged the committee to include a \$90,000 appropriation for a 10-foot channel in the northwest prong of Bay River at Bayboro, N. C., and a \$60,000 allotment for providing a 12-foot inland waterway branch channel to Swansboro, N. C.

General Pillsburg said both projects had Army Engineers' approval.

## Think Roosevelt to Launch Court Crusade Tonight

### Chorus Sponsorship Meets With Success

The canvassers for the Sponsorship campaign of the Farmville Symphony Chorus, report that the response from individuals, clubs and firms during the past week has been splendid, and that they are hopeful of reaching their goal by the end of the week.

The present list of those, who became sponsors upon paying dues of \$3, or more, follows: Farmville Furniture Co., Bank of Farmville, G. W. Davis, Mrs. G. W. Davis, J. T. Thorne, Mrs. J. T. Thorne, Merry Matrons, Woman's Club, Turnage Co., J. C. Arnold, Mrs. F. M. Davis, Sr., Miss Janie Davis, Alex. Allen, Pollard Auto Co., R. E. Belcher, Rouse Printer, Belk-Tyler, Frank Davis, Jr., J. W. Bass, A. C. Monk, Mrs. A. C. Monk, A. C. Monk, Jr., L. W. Godwin, Pitt Furniture Co., Irvin Morgan, Jr., Pender's, Junior Woman's Club, Modlin's Service Station, Monk's Warehouse, Jake's Place, D. E. Oglesby, R. A. Joyner, City Cafe, Junior Order, Vought Lumber Co., Literary Club, American Legion.

Interested friends, who contributed from \$1 to \$2 to the movement include: Mayor J. B. Lewis, Mrs. J. B. Lewis, Dr. J. M. Mewborn, H. M. Winders, Dr. P. E. Jones, Moore's Service Station, A. Friend, Andy Martin, Wheelers Drug Co., Manly Liles, Herman Joyner, Mrs. Carter Glass.

### DIPHTHERIA VACCINATION

Dr. Ennis, of the Pitt County Health Department, announces that he will be at the Farmville graded school Tuesday morning, March 10, at ten o'clock, for the purpose of vaccinating any one who desires the inoculation for diphtheria, free of charge.

### 4-H CLUB MEMBERS PLAN PARTICIPATE IN HEALTH CONTEST

Miss Ethel Nice, Pitt County Home Demonstration Agent, today announced an annual health elimination contest for 4-H boys and girls to begin on Monday of next week, March 8, and last through Friday, March 12.

Misses Edna McKee and Mary Ann Crockett, nurses of the county health department, will assist with the examinations. The club members making the highest scores will come to Greenville a few weeks later to compete in a county-wide contest of like nature. Of this contest, the most healthy boys and girls will enter a State district contest. The winners of this contest will then compete in a National contest.

Miss Nice states, "This is a part of the 4-H pledge, which demands equal training of the head, hand, heart, and health." She expressed the opinion that the "H" letter was the most important of all.

Farmville contestants will be examined Friday, March 12.

### Flowers Covered By Deep Snow

After a warm, rainy winter, followed by several weeks of spring-like weather which resulted in the bursting forth of flowering shrubs, narcissus, daffodils, and hyacinths, and with pear and peach trees in full bloom, Mother Nature played another prank Saturday night and people in this section arose Sunday morning to find a six inch snow, with a regular blizzard in process, and a temperature reading of 15 degrees.

Snow fell until mid-afternoon, reaching a depth of more than seven inches and being heavy enough to weight shrubbery to the ground and to break the limbs of many trees in town. The sun set fair however, and pedestrians and motorists enjoyed the reflection of gold and red on the snow clad trees and lawns.

The sun shown bright and warm on Monday and by Tuesday noon the ice and snow had nearly disappeared. It will be remembered that during the first week in March ten years ago, the heaviest snow ever experienced here fell to a depth of seventeen inches.

Schools were closed here Monday but activities were resumed on Tuesday with a rainy day schedule. The regular schedule went into effect Wednesday.

### SLAPS BABY; CRUSHES SKULL.

New York—When informed that his 3-months old son, whom he had slapped because its crying had awakened him, was about to die in a hospital of a fractured skull, Andrew Coffetti, 20, was excused from court and permitted to visit the baby.

## Advisers Reveal That Judiciary Will Be Topic In 'Victory Dinner' Speech — Revelation Follows White House Parley

Washington, March 3.—Advisers of President Roosevelt intimated tonight that he will make a major blow for reorganization of the Supreme Court in a speech he will deliver tomorrow night.

The President called foremost Congressional advisers to his study late today for a long conference.

One of the conferees said afterward that Mr. Roosevelt would refer to the proposed court reorganization indirectly in his talk tomorrow at a Democratic "Victory Dinner."

Others intimated they had gone over a rough draft of the entire address.

"It will be important," a high administration official advised reporters.

The unheralded Presidential conference was attended by Vice-President Garner, Speaker Bankhead, Senator Robinson and Representative Rayburn, the Democratic floor chief in the House.

"We are going along just as we started," Bankhead said afterward. "There is no change in the program."

The dinner where Mr. Roosevelt will speak will be one of a number throughout the country, designed to help pay Democratic party expenses. Democratic leaders who dine with the President will pay \$100 a plate.

While administration supporters counted on aid from the President's speech, Democratic Senators opposing the court legislation invited a group of prominent citizens to speak out against the plan at the coming hearings before the Senate judiciary committee.

### Acting as a unit after days of in- formal meetings and discussions they asked certain leaders among the farmers, labor, the legal pro- fession and other groups to appear, but pending the receipt of accept- ance, without their names.

At the same time, they received assurances from Senator Ashurst (D-Ariz.), chairman of the judiciary committee, that they may proceed with their witnesses on Monday, March 15, as soon as the top spokesmen for the administration have concluded their presentation.

Beyond that, it became apparent that no effort will be made for the present to limit the length of the hearings, a move that the opposition had been ready to battle to the utmost.

"The hearings will continue as long as any coherent citizen wishes to talk about the bill and can do so coherently," Ashurst, with his customary affability, told Senator Burke (D-Neb.), a leader among the opposition.

While supporters of the bill counted on speeches to be delivered tomorrow and on Tuesday by President Roosevelt to increase their numerical strength, the opposition clung tightly to its contention that it commands a minimum of 43 Senate votes. The full membership is 96.

During the day, the Pennsylvania House delegation began what administration leaders said they hoped would be a "handwagon movement." The delegation held a caucus, after which Rep. Dorsey, secretary of the group, announced it had voted to "support the policy of the administration regarding the Supreme Court."

### WHO KNOWS?

1. How old is Buckingham Palace?
2. When does the present Neutrality Act expire?
3. How much does General Motors spend for detective services in regard to labor problems?
4. How old are the American battleships?
5. How long does it take to amend the Constitution of the United States?
6. Was any president ever impeached?
7. Was the late President Theodore Roosevelt a millionaire?
8. Will the Rural Electrification Administration lend money for the construction of generating plants to serve rural communities?
9. Who called life "a little gleam of time between two eternities?"
10. How many Germans and Italians are aiding Gen Franco's Rebel army?

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Moore, of Maury, on Thursday, February 25, a son, William Terence. Mrs. Moore was formerly Miss Rubelle Vandford, of Greene County.