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## What Congressmen Run Into

To some Washington observers, the reluctance of Congress to initiate economy measures is the most serious legislative development in years. With a \$1.8 billion deficit in 1949 and an estimated \$873 million deficit for 1950, it will be considered most serious, we think.

This Congressional reluctance has manifested itself in the recent proposal to let the President cut all appropriations 10 percent after they have been passed by Congress. A "Let Harry do it, it's too hot for me," attitude. Money matters are the responsibility of Congress, and far-reaching and most unfavorable results may be forthcoming if the Congress passes the buck of this unpleasant task to the Executive branch of the government.

A Congressman is in a pretty tough spot, however, when you come to think about it. First, he is a politician by necessity, or he wouldn't be in Congress. As a politician he has to get a share of the government gravy — jobs, construction projects, etc., for his district or he will not be a successful politician and won't stay in Congress.

Now the second point is that to get these things for his district he's got to vote for the same things for the other Congressman's district and so on, round and round with no stopping. The Member who wants a cotton support price for his constituents has got to support the bill for the government to pay a high price for potatoes and then give them away, or that Congressman won't support the cotton bill. It's a known fact that a man who spends more money than he makes goes broke eventually, so what's a Congressman to do?

Should he say, "Cut spending, do without a few things and live on our income"? Or should he say, "My great district must have so and so. If there's any cutting to be done let Harry do it"?

The answer lies with the people, us, that is. All of us, most of whom have one interest in our government, what we can get out of it. The first course would be termed political suicide by any politician, and it probably would be just that. That mere fact is a damning indictment of the American people, other words for saying that we are fools and wastrels who will soon go broke if we don't change our ways.

So, that's what we want and that's what we are getting from our Congress. It's what we will get until we, individually, say to our Congressman, "Cut government expense even if it hurts, yes, even if it hurts ME!"

## PERSONALS

Mrs. Lois Jey left by bus for Costa Mesa, California, Monday morning to join her husband. She took the Southern route and will stop en route to visit an uncle in Baton Rouge, La.

Mrs. Elizabeth Winburne, who is now staying with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bethune, spent the past week end with her daughter at Stem.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Davis of High Point were week end guests of Miss Louise Blue. They came to attend the Blue reunion at Lake View Sunday.

Mrs. W. L. Poole visited her sisters near Liberty the past week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Furman Clark have as their guest for some time Mrs. Clark's sister, Miss Mary Batchelor of Columbus, Georgia. Mrs. Clark's mother, Mrs. William P. Batchelor, and her sister, Miss Pat Batchelor, also of Columbus, were also guests in the Clark home last week. They were en route to Washington, D. C. for a visit with Mrs. Batchelor's husband, Colonel Batchelor.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Baucom have as their guests this week their granddaughter, Deborah Ann Baucom and their daughter-in-law's sister, Miss Mable Pearce of New York. Deborah and Miss Pearce came down to stay while Dr. and Mrs. Howard Baucom of Goldsboro are attending a Lion's Convention at New York.

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Miss Elizabeth Trawick of Rowland was the guest of Mrs. Lee Bethune for several days the first of the week.

Miss Reba Roberts is spending a while in Marietta, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lentz visited relatives near Montgomery, Alabama last week end. They were accompanied en route back to Raeford as far as Strother, S. C. by an aunt of Mr. Lentz's, Mrs. Mamie McCormick, and as far as Wadesboro, by another aunt, Mrs. Jean McSwain.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley Willis and daughter, Jean, and Miss Lizzie Niven spent yesterday at Wilmington and Wrightsville Beach.

James C. Lentz spent last Thursday and Friday in Elberton, Ga. at the granite quarries.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur D. Gore and Mrs. Carl Freeman attended the funeral of G. B. Wilkins at Linden on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Freeman and Mrs. Wilkins are cousins. Dr. R. B. Wilkins, brother of the deceased Mr. Wilkins, practiced medicine in Raeford about 20 or 25 years ago.

Mrs. A. B. McFadyen, Mrs. Chandler Roberts and children are visiting Mrs. McFadyen's son, Doug McFadyen, at Long Island, New York.

Mrs. Harry W. Collins and sons, William Ray and Robert Green of Wilmington spent the week end with Mrs. Collins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Ray. They came especially to be with Mrs. Collins' parents on their 35th wedding anniversary.

Heywood Faircloth spent the week end at Roseboro with home folks.

Mrs. W. T. Covington is away from home for the most of the summer. She will spend most of her time with her sister, Miss Lila McLean and at Montreat.

James Albert Wilson, who has been visiting in the home of his mother, Mrs. J. A. Wilson, for the past three weeks, left for his home in Taft, California, last Friday. This was the first time Mr. Wilson had been here in 10 years, and while he was here all the members of the Wilson family came to see him.

Mrs. H. A. Cameron and Don Cameron took Miss Marie Cameron to Wilson Monday where she entered summer school at Atlantic Christian college.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Gatlin, Jr. and Leon and Bennie McLeod returned home Sunday after a stay at the beach. While there Mr. and Mrs. Laurie McEachern and daughter of Raleigh were their guests for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. William Gullede and son of Kansas City, Mo. arrived over the week end for a visit with Mrs. W. B. Gullede and other relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bethune and three children who spent the past two weeks at the Austin cottage at Topsail returned to their home in Concord Sunday.

Robert Currie spent Sunday in Charlotte.

Miss Sarah Stephens is spending this week at Havana, Florida, in the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Stephens. She accompanied Sgt. and Mrs. C. J. Augustoni, who were en route to Albany, Georgia, where Sgt. Augustoni will be stationed at Turner Field.

Miss Elizabeth Hoyl and Mrs. Jimmy Thomas left Monday for Ocean City, N. J. to spend some time after spending the past two weeks here in the home of their sister, Mrs. Tommie Upchurch.

Mrs. Keith A. Tovey left Saturday for her home in Chicago, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Davis and baby of Columbia, S. C. are spending this week with Mr. Davis's mother, Mrs. Christian Davis.

Mrs. H. C. Trexler and Mrs. Jimmy Shelton of Salisbury arrived Monday to spend several days in the home of Mrs. W. E. Blue.

## CELEBRATES 64TH ANNIVERSARY



Mr. and Mrs. Silas P. Trawick of the Arabia Community celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary on Saturday, July 16. Mrs. Trawick was the former Miss Elizabeth Covington. They were married on July 16, 1885 at Little Rock, S. C. Mr. Trawick was born July 11, 1861 and Mrs. Trawick on October 25, 1870. They were honored from 5 o'clock till seven on Saturday when the Ladies Aid Society (its original name when Mrs. Trawick organized it years ago) of the Sandy Grove Methodist Church and the Arabia Home Demonstration Club were "at home" to their relatives and many friends. The living room was attractively decorated with summer flowers. Mrs. J. A. Jones greeted

Trawick of the Arabia community. They have a number of grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Maxwell and daughter, Pat. Miss Marion Maxwell and Miss Grace Maxwell of Lumberton spent the first of the week at Carolina Beach.

Miss Mary Ann Rhyne of Washington, D. C. spent the past week end with Miss Phyllis Baker. Miss Rhyne and Phyllis were roommates at Coker last year.

The Supreme Forest Woodman Circle met Tuesday night at the Woodman Hall at 8 o'clock. The jackpot was won by Mrs. Thomas Macko. All members are urged to come to the next meeting to help make plans for the district meeting which is to be held in Raeford. The Woodman Circle meets the first and third Tuesday nights at 8 o'clock.

Miss Joan Johnson returned last week from a month's visit to school friends in Cuba. She reports a wonderful trip.

Ed McNeill and Bobby Carter spent several days the first of the week at Santee-Cooper on a fishing trip.

Mrs. Richard Burkhardt and daughter left over the week end for their home in Seymour, Indiana, after spending the past three weeks in the home of Mrs. Burkhardt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McNeill.

Mrs. Julian Johnson is a patient at Highsmith hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Hinton McPhaul and son, Danny, are spending this week at Marion, Indiana, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Farnsworth. Mrs. McPhaul's mother, Mrs. Alice Mooneyhan, Miss Billie Mooneyhan and Alice Ann Hampton, all of West Palm Beach, Florida, who have been visiting in the McPhaul home, are spending the week in Baltimore with relatives while Mr. and Mrs. McPhaul are away. They will all return to Raeford next week.

Misses Alice Longenecker, Lydia McKeithan, Mary Peele and Bobby Murray and John McLaughlin are at the Raeford Cottage at Montreat this week.

Mrs. Adeline Roberts Johnson was hostess to the senior bridge club at her home on Puppy Creek last Friday afternoon. Mrs. A. L. O'Brian and Mrs. Lewis Upchurch were guests other than club members. Mrs. O'Brian made the highest score and received the prize. Mrs. Johnson, assisted by her daughter, Joan, served a most tempting and refreshing salad plate.

Mrs. Neill A. McDonald spent several days in Goldsboro last week. Her mother, Mrs. Nash, returned with her for a visit in Raeford.

Mrs. Paul Dickson, Jr. and daughter returned from Highsmith hospital Friday.

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