

Robert Lee Humber, World Federation Pioneer, Makes Ninth Annual Report

Robert Lee Humber, founder of the movement for world federation, issued a stirring challenge to the group who heard his annual report in Beaufort Wednesday afternoon at the American Legion hut.

"We must move quickly, or catastrophe may overtake us. Numerous factors are now in our favor and you people have a niche in this great crusade to make of the world a political union."

Mr. Humber warned that a third world war is not inevitable, in fact America's foreign policy at several points is directed toward making victory in the third world war more likely. He did not criticize the nation's foreign policy, rather he approved it, "it is good but it is not good enough."

It must be directed, the speaker continued, toward making war unnecessary.

Objective Not Achieved

Nine years ago, on Dec. 27, 1940, when the World Federalist movement originated on Davis Island off the shore of Carteret county, Europe was at war. Within the next 12 months, the United States entered the conflict. . . . and the objective for which we fought, Mr. Humber pointed out, "has not been achieved!"

Mr. Humber and his family, who were at the meeting Wednesday, recently returned from five months abroad. He reviewed the progress of the World Federalist movement in this country and told of the reaction to the plan as evidenced in France.

Seven states during 1949 approved the World Federalist program, bringing the total to 22. An extensive campaign in Delaware, however, failed to get state legislative approval there.

Mr. Humber went into detail on the Delaware problem to illustrate that opposition stems mainly from misunderstanding of world federation or dogged prejudice and distrust of new ideas.

The leader of one opposing faction in that state said his group was against world government because its primary aim was to suppress war. The only time there would be no war was when Christ again came to earth, this individual stated and added that the second coming was not yet at hand, therefore he was opposed to world federation.

More Opposition

Leader of another faction said that he opposed it because it meant he would then relinquish his American citizenship and Delaware citizenship. When Mr. Humber pointed out that world federation no more meant giving up state or national rights than did the fact that being a citizen of the United States nullified his citizenship in Delaware, the objector continued to vote no.

Gains have been made among

for the first time, initiated a mutual aid alliance.

However, in the political field, there must be more action, he declared.

Everything in United States foreign policy is based on diplomacy with nothing in it to prevent war, Mr. Humber continued, and the time is ripe now for world federation.

French Officials Speak

High officials of France told him during recent weeks that they were in favor of world government, but said United States must lead the way. Paul Reynaud, former prime minister of France, admitted, Mr. Humber reported, that war could not be averted through the newly-organized Council of Europe.

Following Mr. Humber's address, Judge Luther Hamilton expressed his pleasure in attending the meeting. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Humber.

The World Federalist movement has been financed solely by Mr. Humber, although the United World Federalist movement and the Student World Federalist program originated and grew through his efforts.

When the 39 persons were invited by Mr. Humber to his ancestral home on Davis Island Dec. 27, 1940, they did not know that they were being asked there to approve or disapprove an idea which has spread from the Atlantic to the Pacific and beyond the oceans.

Optimism Sought

Mr. Humber says that he wanted to see what his neighbors thought of the plan. "If they thought it was all right, I knew it was worth continuing, but if they, lawyers, farmers, fishermen, successful businessmen, and housewives, disapproved, I would have known something was wrong with it."

19 Volumes Worth

Then the commission made its report, in 19 volumes, to Congress. It was praised by lawmakers for its clarity and revelations. Nevertheless, most of its recommendations were shelved or lost in the legislative mill.

Congress did enact approximately 20 per cent of the commission's recommendations into law. One of these, the Tydings bill for the unification of the Armed Services, will eventually save over one billion dollars a year. The general services bill will retrieve another \$250 million.

Now young men throughout every state in the nation have, as members of local Junior Chambers of Commerce, set out to bring to the public's attention facts about their government and how they, as citizens, can bring about improvements that will save them money as taxpayers.

The Beaufort and Morehead City Jaycee organizations are working jointly to accomplish this goal. Speakers will be supplied to various civic, religious, fraternal organizations to inform the groups of the "Operation Economy" program. In Beaufort speakers will supply their listeners with printed postcards to be signed and mailed to Congressman Graham A. Barden, care of the Beaufort Junior Chamber of Commerce, Beaufort.

Jaycees Push Economy Drive Into High Gear

Beaufort, Morehead City Groups Jointly Promote Thrift Campaign

By Oliver H. Allen
Economy, a watchword in these days of slackening income and production, will become a Carteret county byword within the next few days when Beaufort and Morehead City Jaycees get down to the serious business of informing local citizens of how they can bring about economy in their government.

Name of the Jaycee program is "Operation Economy." This is a drive sponsored by the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce and its state and local affiliates. Purpose of the drive is to inform the citizenry of findings of the Hoover commission and bring about public action toward seeing that recommendations of this commission are enacted into law.

The Hoover commission was a non-partisan group, headed by ex-President Herbert Hoover, set up at the request of President Truman by the federal government. Its purpose was to investigate practices of the administrative branch of the government and make recommendations concerning improvement of archaic practices or abolition of those practices which had no place in efficient operation.

Six Democrats and six Republicans were chosen to serve on the commission under the leadership of Chairman Hoover and Vice-Chairman Dean Acheson, now secretary of state.

Committeeman Deplores 'Waste by Shrimpers'

BELHAVEN—Seeking to prevent waste accompanying trawling for shrimp, Fred P. Latham, member of the fisheries committee of the State Board of Conservation and Development, has called for suggestions on ways and means to prevent "waste and destruction."

The fisheries committee is expected to meet next month, preceding the meeting of the Board of Conservation and Development in Raleigh Jan. 23.

Shrimp trawlers destroy unknown millions of small food fish," says Mr. Latham. "This waste is tragic, bordering on an economic crime, and it apparently goes on without care or concern for those supposed to seek some solution to the problem. I find that there are practically no regulations now in existence governing this industry."

'49 Chronology To Appear Tuesday

The review of news events in Carteret county during 1949 will appear in Tuesday's NEWS-TIMES complete with pictures.

The chronology, written by F. C. Salisbury, Morehead City, Tuesday columnist for THE NEWS-TIMES, is even more detailed than last year's review of 1948.

In the chronology are recorded not only fires, accidents, review of local governmental action, but also births, deaths, and weddings, those events that Time marks with care on the calendar of human events.

The record of 1949 in Carteret county will prove valuable to school children and to all who wish to own a condensed but complete story of the year just past. Tuesday's NEWS-TIMES will be available at newsstands, or a phone call to either of the NEWS-TIMES offices will bring a newsboy to your home regularly each Tuesday and Friday with the county paper.

These letters and petitions will be flown to Washington and delivered to each Congressman to show the extent of public sentiment on the matter. Gene C. Smith, chairman for Beaufort, and O. H. Allen, chairman for Morehead City, joined today in urging residents of the county to write a letter to their congressman urging adoption of the measures.

NOTICE

Because NEWS-TIMES employees will take a holiday Monday, Jan. 2, Tuesday's paper will be distributed Wednesday morning. The newspaper offices in Beaufort and Morehead City will be closed all day Monday.

'Unloaded' Pistol Painfully Injures Morehead City Youth



'Tom' Served the People

By Fred R. Seeley

In the obituary for Thomas C. Wade the expression "political office" was used in describing part of his activities in adult life. Unfortunately, and I repeat unfortunately, the words "politics," "politician," and "political" bear to many a meaning of stigma when applied to men in public life.

If the President of the United States is filling a "political" office, then Tom Wade's public service was in political office.

Governor Cleveland had the happy faculty of expressing sentiments in short, apt, and understandable language. He once said "A public office is a public trust" and with more than 50 years of somewhat close association with men in public office I have known none that I believed tried harder to fulfill his duties as the law provided, than Tom Wade.

As Clerk of the Superior Court, there was no criticism. Elected sheriff in 1922, he began a series of arrests and prosecutions against violators of the prohibition laws. Most of the jurors and some of the judges were opposed to strict enforcement, and verdicts of non guilty were common even when the weight of evidence seemed conclusive otherwise.

In many cases where convictions resulted or prisoners pleaded guilty, they were turned loose with small fines. Friends told him it was bad politics to continue these activities, but he answered that he didn't like the law himself but as long as it was the law he was going to carry out his sworn duty.

The people re-elected him by good majorities in 1924 and 1926.

In the spending '20s the county went heavily into debt. To justify this, assessed values were raised 50 to 100 per cent. Wade, as sheriff, was tax collector. He opposed the spending and the raises. He did not believe "everything was just going to be all right" and said the tax collector's job would be an impossible one when things went sour.

He refused to be a candidate in 1928. He probably would not have been opposed in the primaries and might have been re-elected even in the "Hoover landslide" which carried all Democrats except L. W. Hassell, Clerk of Superior Court, out of office.

For the past eleven years, Mr. Wade was a member of the county board of elections. In 1944, as chairman, was tied up most of the year with contract work. Mr. Wade did much of the work of chairman. The late, lovable "Lum" Gardner was the Republican member of our board. Men and women in the armed services were allowed to vote without previous registration.

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Mickey Woolard, Hospitalized, Recovers from Wounds

Raymond "Mickey" Woolard, Morehead City high school student and son of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Woolard of Morehead City, received painful injuries Tuesday night when an "unloaded" .410 gauge pistol was accidentally discharged into his left forearm and stomach.

Young Woolard was visiting at the home of a friend, Booker Cunningham, Tuesday night. Cunningham was displaying one of his Christmas gifts, a .410 pistol, to Woolard and several other friends.

Cunningham said he did not know the pistol was loaded and when he pulled the trigger it discharged into Woolard's arm and stomach from a distance of about two feet. Fortunately the boy's arm was lying across his stomach and the arm absorbed the major portion of shot from the pistol.

Only a few shot entered his stomach. The rest struck Woolard's left forearm, tearing away a great deal of flesh. He was taken immediately to the Morehead City hospital where emergency treatment was administered and he was hospitalized.

The youth's physician stated yesterday that he was resting well and did not appear in any immediate danger. He said that though there were painful wounds in the arm it did not appear that there would be maiming after-effects. Stomach wounds were slight, he reported.

Government Index Shows Living Cost Remains Steady

Retail Clothing Prices Drop, Rents, Food Rise Slightly in November

WASHINGTON (AP)—A new government living cost index today showed clothing prices having reached their lowest level in more than two years.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics, which prepares the index, said average retail prices for apparel reached their lowest level in mid-November since August, 1947.

Apparel prices began rising after August, 1947, to a peak in October, 1948. They are now 7 1/2 per cent below October, 1948.

A further decline in average prices for men's, women's and children's clothing and furnishings may be in progress now—due to post-holiday sales.

Rents Rise

The new living cost index—showing a new gradual rise in rents—remained virtually unchanged from October to November. The index rose only one-tenth of one per cent, a very normal change.

The index for November stood at 168.6 per cent of the base period, which is the five-year span 1935-39. The index is 2 per cent lower than a year ago, but 71 per cent higher than the August, 1939 price level.

Rents rose four-tenths of one per cent from October to November, continuing a steady rise. For the three-month period ending in November, the bureau said, the largest rent increases were 11 per cent at Houston, Texas, and 10.7 per cent at Milwaukee.

Coffee Price Jumps

Food prices rose fractionally in November. Many food items were down a bit. But coffee retail prices jumped 24 per cent during the month, and prices for fresh fruits and vegetables rose 5 per cent.

The fuel, electricity and refrigeration group rose one-half of one per cent, mainly due to higher prices for anthracite, bituminous coal and coke.

The index called the consumers price index, is considered as the government's official measurement of living costs. It averages out the retail prices of goods and services bought by city families with moderate incomes.

Idle Hour Party, Midnight Shows Slated for Dec. 31

New Year's Eve festivities in Carteret county will include a big party, dance and favors, all free, at the Idle Hour Amusement center, Atlantic Beach, a midnight show at both the City theatre and Beaufort theatre, and parties at the Scout hut, Beaufort and the Carteret Recreation center, Morehead City.

Showing at midnight Saturday at the City will be "The Lady Takes a Sailor" with Dennis Morgan and Jane Wyman, and at Beaufort, "Dear Wife" with William Holden and Joan Caulfield. This is a pre-release picture and doors will open at 11 p.m.

Teen-agers will attend a special New Year's eve party at the Scout hut in Beaufort and the public is invited to the party, 8 p. m., at the Carteret recreation center.

Street Signs Painted

Re-painting of Beaufort's street signs on the curb are expected to be completed this week. Sam Darling is doing the work. Christmas decorations are expected to be taken down Monday, Jan. 2. William Hattell, town clerk reported.

People Favor Inspection Law, But Are Doubtful As to Type

Car Overtakes On Beach Road

Some type of periodic automobile inspection law for North Carolina should be enacted, according to opinions of residents polled in Beaufort and Morehead City.

Only one individual does not believe there should be an inspection law. All others expressed a desire for compulsory motor vehicle inspection similar to that abolished by the 1949 legislature or a modified version.

Several feel that the old inspection program was too stringent. They said a new law should be devised that would have inspections less frequently and at more convenience to the motorist.

The question asked was, "Are you in favor of return of the automobile inspection program if a new method is devised whereby the inspection can be obtained?" Answers are below.

Odell Merrill, Beaufort: We ought to have some sort of program, though not as strict as the previous one. I've noticed how bad night driving has become since the old inspection law went out of effect. A new law would cure a lot of these bright headlights.

J. G. Bennett, Morehead City: The old inspection law was too far-fetched. Six months was too often to have your car inspected. I believe a modified system would do a lot of good.

Leslie Davis, Jr., Beaufort: Cars should be inspected every six months. The former inspection system cut the toll of accidents tremendously and if it were rein-

stated long enough, it would really do a good job.

Clyde Carr, Morehead City: I would like to see some form of inspection, either old or new. It's a cheap form of insurance.

Ulys Lee, Beaufort: I think maybe the brakes and lights ought to be checked but not everything the way they did under the old law. I'm not for an inspection law if it's going to be like that.

Mrs. Graydon Willis, Morehead City: There are so many cars on the road now that something should be done to check them. I don't believe they should be inspected as often as before but there should be some kind of inspection.

Jarvis Herring, Beaufort: I'm not in favor of any inspection. However, if there is going to be one, we should profit by the experiences of other states which have had inspection laws for years, rather than instituting a program like the old one which wasn't workable.

Carl Nelson, Morehead City: We should enact an inspection law. The rules on the new one should be more practical than our old inspection, though. I think cars should be inspected at least once a year and perhaps twice.

Gene C. Smith, Beaufort: The old law suited me. There has been an increase in fatalities due to automobile accidents since it was abolished. We certainly need an inspection law of some sort.

Car Overtakes On Beach Road

Cpl. W. S. Clagen of the state highway patrol reported yesterday morning that damage to the two-door '49 Hudson which overturned early Christmas morning on the Atlantic Beach road, amounts to \$650.

The car was being driven on the south side of the bridge toward Morehead City, by Robert Edward Balbach, a Marine stationed at Cherry Point. Balbach and two passengers, both Marines, were uninjured. The passengers were W. W. Hill and David D. Sullivan.

Balbach has been charged with reckless driving and speeding. Corporal Clagen said the car turned over due to its high rate of speed. The accident occurred at 1:45 a. m. Sunday.

Balbach will be tried in Tuesday's session of recorder's court, Beaufort.

Billy Guthrie Suffers From Broken Left Leg

Billy Guthrie, 1806 Arendell st., is recovering at his home today from a broken leg. Mr. Guthrie was injured Wednesday morning when a car backed into him at Cherry Point as he was going to work. His left leg was broken below the knee.

Mr. Guthrie was treated at the Morehead City hospital and discharged.

