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PRESIDENT URGES STRONGER NATIONAL DEFENSE

Washington, D. C.—A stronger national defense financed by new taxes, a continuation of New Deal policies, and a national unity reinforced by "calmness, tolerance and cooperative wisdom," were urged upon Congress today by President Roosevelt, in a message delivered personally to the newly-convened session.

These things, backed by an extension of the administration's authority to reduce tariffs by agreement with other countries, should be sufficient, he said, to protect the nation against any tendency toward dictatorship at home and "world-wide forces of disintegration" as well.

For the rest, Mr. Roosevelt pledged anew his determination to keep the United States out of the war abroad, and let it be known, to the ironical cheers of the Republican membership, that the budget to be submitted tomorrow would include a reduction in all important items except that of national defense.

APARTMENT HOTEL FIRE CLAIMS 18 LIVES

Minneapolis—A cigarette tossed down a garbage chute was blamed today for fire that claimed at least 18 lives at the Marlborough Apartment Hotel in the worst disaster in this city's history.

Only 12 victims had been identified as firemen prodded about in the wreckage of the three-story, 45-year-old building, seeking the bodies of additional victims.

Red Cross workers said there were 114 persons in the building when the fire broke out. Of these, 18 were known dead, 53 had registered with the Red Cross as either uninjured or slightly injured, and 19 were unaccounted for.

BORAH AVOIDS "DANGEROUS" ROOSEVELT INFLUENCE

Washington — Senator Borah (R-Ida) stayed away from the joint session of Congress today because he did not want to fall under the spell of the Roosevelt voice.

"It's dangerous to listen to Roosevelt because he could relate an example in algebra and make it interesting," Borah told reporters with a smile. "When I want to know what he said, I have to sit down and read it. Be assured that I will read his speech."

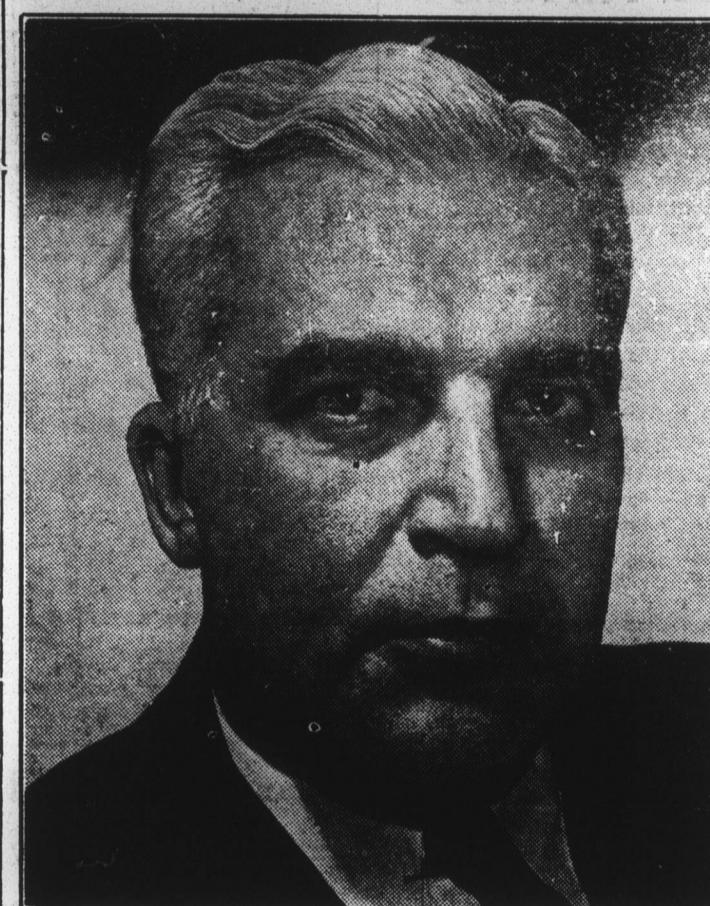
As a matter of fact, Borah said he couldn't remember when he had heard a President deliver his opening message to Congress.

TAKES PLACE LEFT VACANT BY DEATH OF H. M. LONDON

Raleigh—Wooford F. Humphries, former State land grant clerk here and now deputy clerk of Buncombe Superior Court, has been named as director of the department of publications of the Secretary of State's office, succeeding the late Henry M. London.

The appointment was made by Secretary of State Thad Eure. The last legislature moved the post of legislative reference librarian, which had been held by Mr. London for 20 years, into the office of Secretary of State.

Jackson Day Speaker



PAUL V. McNUTT

Paul V. McNutt, prominently mentioned as a presidential nominee in 1940, will deliver the main address at the Jackson Day dinner in Raleigh on January 8. Mr. McNutt now heads the huge Federal Security Agency as administrator, which includes the Social Security Board, the National Youth Administration, the C. C. C., the Public Health Service and the Office of Education. For seven years Dean of the Indiana University college of law, Mr. McNutt became Governor of Indiana in 1933, and after establishing a remarkable record as an efficient and able administrator and leader, was appointed High Commissioner to the Philippines Islands, in 1937 by President Roosevelt, who last July named him as head of the newly created Federal Security Agency. He enlisted for War Service in 1917, rising to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, and is a past national commander of The American Legion.

SCOUT COUNCIL MEETS TUESDAY

Illness Of Speaker May Delay Scheduled Annual Cherokee Council Banquet.

Regular monthly meeting of the Person and Roxboro council of the Boy Scouts of America will be held in the office of Dr. A. F. Nichols Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, according to announcement from the chairman, O. B. McBroom. Mr. McBroom said that time of meeting has been moved up one week because of the scheduled annual Cherokee council banquet meeting to be held at Reidsville next week.

Information from A. P. Patterson, executive of the Cherokee council, who resides at Reidsville, indicates, however, that the proposed banquet session there may have to be delayed one week because of the fact that Governor Clyde R. Hoey, who was expected to be chief speaker, is now a patient at Duke hospital, Durham, where he underwent an operation Thursday. Definite announcement as to the date of the banquet will be made later, Mr. Patterson said, as soon as arrangements to secure another speaker can be made.

Lewis S. Cannon To Make Address

On Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock Lewis S. Cannon, principal of Bethel Hill school, will address the parent teachers association of Bushy Fork school on "Safety Patrol Work in the Public Schools". The meeting will be held at Bushy Fork school and a large attendance is requested. Other features of safety work in the schools will be discussed by Mrs. G. S. Slaughter.

BURNS FATAL TO SWANSON CHILD

Final Rites Held This Afternoon At Woody's Funeral Home.

William Arthur Swanson, three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Swanson, of near Leasburg, died at Community hospital, this city, early Friday morning from the effects of burns received Thursday afternoon when his clothing caught fire as he was standing in front of an open fire at the family residence.

His mother, who was in an adjoining room, heard the child's screams for help and rushed to his aid, but before she could reach him his garments were ablaze. Taken at once to the hospital, the little boy lived through the night but death came at 7:10 o'clock in the morning.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at two o'clock at Woody's Funeral Home by the Rev. Roy Monk. Interment took place in the annex of Burchwood cemetery, this city. Uncles of the child served as pallbearers.

Survivors include: the parents; three brothers, Warren, Arvin Nichols and Wallace Allen Swanson and three sisters, Mary Helen, Janie Lou and Peggie Ann Swanson.

Seven Boys Go To Camp Victor

Seven CCC enrollees were admitted to Camp Victor, at Madison, from this county on Thursday. Those received were Gardner K. Adcock, William S. Day, Alvin Jones, Stewart Hatcher, John Thomas Stone, Albert Tate and John L. Thaxton.

"Our ideals are our better selves."

—Alcott

Melvin H. Burke Enters Law Office

Melvin H. Burke, former secretary of the Roxboro Chamber of Commerce, who recently resigned his position in order to return to the practice of law, according to announcement yesterday by Nathan Lunsford, prominent barrister of this city, has entered his office and will be associated with him in general practice.

Mr. Burke moved into offices adjoining Mr. Lunsford's in the Thomas-Carver building the first of the week.

Water Pipe Leak Floods Basements In Two Stores

For two days workmen of the city waterworks and sewerage department have been digging into the Main street at a fire hydrant at the Reams avenue corner in front of Sergeant and Clayton's store attempting to find the source of a flow of water into the basement of the store.

Efforts of workmen were rewarded Saturday afternoon when a leak was discovered in a main line water pipe. In the middle of the afternoon no repairs had been made, but it is thought it will not be long before the seepage can be checked.

In the meantime water has also begun to creep into the basement of Long, Bradsher hardware company, and on the street outside the Saturday crowds, like sidewalk lookers in New York, stand around and stare at the hole in the pavement.

Will Manage King's Palace

Marshall Twisdale and Flynt Oliver, well known young men of this city, this week assumed management of King's Palace, popular Durham road restaurant and will operate it during the illness of Coleman King, proprietor of the establishment. Mr. King, who has been a patient at Community hospital for more than a month, will take a leave of absence of several months in order to regain his health.

Mr. Twisdale, for some time, has been Mr. King's assistant and Mr. Oliver has had considerable experience in restaurant business. He is a son of Chief of Police S. A. Oliver, of this city.

Golf Course Work Has Made Much Progress During The Past Two Months

New Canners Add To Effectiveness Of Club Program

With the recent addition of four steam pressure canners, the total number now in use by Person county Home Demonstration club women has been increased to eight, according to a statement made yesterday by Miss Velma Beam, director of club work among the women in the county.

These four new canners, given through the courtesy of the Peoples Bank, in this city, also donors of the first four last year, have doubled the effectiveness of the Home Demonstration canning projects and are in constant use by women of the county, said Miss Beam, who also expressed appreciation of the Home Demonstration organization and club members for this increase in canners available for use.

During the past year, according to Miss Beam, there has been a wide-spread interest throughout the county in canning by approved methods and much of the success of the program may be attributed to the equipment furnished ed by the bank.

Safety Will Be Topic At Club

Mrs. Bill Flythe, field representative of the State Highway Safety division, will be speaker at the monthly meeting of the Roxboro Woman's Club, at the Community house, Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, according to announcement from the club president, Mrs. R. C. Hall.

Mrs. Flythe will discuss highway safety and Mrs. Hall said a full attendance is urged, since the address is to deal with a topic of importance to all citizens of this community.

Troop 49 Has Regular Session

Boy Scouts of America Troop 49 held its regular meeting Wednesday night at 7:00 at the community house. Good turns were given and three boys were received for tenderfoot awards. Afterwards a game of first-aid baseball was played. During Christmas baskets were taken to poor families, they were appreciated greatly.

Along The Way With the Editor

You never can tell about a man. Take R. L. "Taft" Perkins for instance. One cold day last week this writer saw Taft on his way to his home. It was about three o'clock in the afternoon and was getting colder by the minute. You would never guess why he was going home. Taft was on his way home to take a bath. What a man.

Flash—Local boy makes good. W. W. Woods has been elected secretary of the Roxboro Chamber of Commerce. Here's a tip on what we expect from the new secretary the first year. (1) Excellent airport. (2) White way for main street. (3) Four or five new mills. (4) More business development in Roxboro such as stores, etc. (5) About fifty new members of the Chamber of Commerce. (6) Main line railroad running through the city and county, etc., etc., etc.

This writer might as well confess—if he doesn't someone in this office will put it in this column anyway. Santa brought him a set of golf clubs and he is now looking for golf breeches.

They say that birds are so scarce in this county that Fred Masten doesn't even care much about hunting.

Flash—Commissioner Phil Thomas does not care to talk business out of his place of business. When he leaves the store he leaves all of his cares and troubles there and is just as happy and carefree as he can be.

Our old friend Robert "Salty" Mills spent several days in Roxboro during Christmas. He is not President of R. J. R. Tobacco yet, but give him time.

Dark Victory



Blind since birth, Miss Lillian Hillman of New York saw a lifetime ambition realized recently when she was given a specially written part in a new Guild Theater play, "The World We Make."

Rotary Club Has Question And Answer Program

For their first 1940 program members of the Roxboro Rotary club, meeting at the Hotel Roxboro Thursday evening, submitted to a quiz session on club affairs by one of their fellow members, Claude T. Hall. Calling up on the members one by one, Mr. Hall tested their "Vocational Acquaintance" by asking them to identify one another by their classifications as club members.

At the end of the hour Mr. Hall was compelled to close his quiz before it was completed, but in the opinion of the members present, he uncovered an astonishing amount of historical information pertaining to the club. Prior to the presentation of the program the regular dinner session was held.

TOBACCO MARKET OPENS FOR TRADE FIRST OF WEEK

After Closing For Christmas Four Warehouses In City Are Ready For Business.

The Roxboro Tobacco market will re-open for the sale of leaf tobacco Monday, January 8. All four houses in this city will be ready for business and the same set of buyers that were here before the holidays will be back on the 8th.

The Roxboro market has sold five and one-half million pounds of tobacco during the present season and it is thought that this figure may be rounded out into an even seven million pounds before the season closes. Quite a bit of tobacco remains in the county and much of this will find its way to the Roxboro market.

A definite closing date for the season has not been named, but it is understood that markets in this belt will remain open until sometime in February.

The season of '39-'40 marks one of the best that Roxboro has enjoyed for many years from a standpoint of pounds sold. During the 1938-39 season the local market sold three and a half million pounds; the present season will probably double that figure.

Grass Not To Be Sown Until Spring. Sewer Project Now Being Carried Out.

Although 54 men have been busy at work on the Roxboro golf course for the past several days and much progress has been made, City Manager James C. Harris stated Friday that these men have now been transferred to the sewer project and little additional work will be done on the golf course until spring. At that time grass will be sown on the fairways and the course should be in fair shape by midsummer.

A number of men will be used to sow the grass and finish the course in the spring and officials of the project have really made progress during the past two months, so that it seems as if the community will eventually have a good nine-hole golf course.

The club house is in excellent shape and is ready for all festivities that may take place either this winter or next spring. Mr. Harris said.

MILD CASES OF INFLUENZA ARE REPORTED HERE

Typhoid Fever An Important Item In December Health Report.

Though few actual cases were reported, the beginning of a mild epidemic of influenza was observed in Person county in December, according to the monthly report submitted yesterday by Dr. A. L. Allen, director of the Person unit of the Orange-Person-Caswell health department.

Prominent in health news of the month, said Dr. Allen, was the occurrence of two cases of typhoid fever, the first incidence of this disease in a year and a half. Both cases were diagnosed in a county residence, lacking adequate sanitary facilities, and discovery of them was made shortly after a statement had been issued by the department stressing the importance of the privy project.

Five new cases of syphilis were reported in December, but chicken pox and whooping cough lead in the incidence of communicable diseases, with 27 each.

In school hygiene 280 pupils were given physical examinations; 144 were given the Schick test for diphtheria and 465 attended health talks. Patients given fluoroscopic examinations for tuberculosis reached 44 and 10 nursing home visits were paid.

Blood tests were given to 40 in the syphilis clinics; treatments were received by 380 and patients enrolled numbered 180. Small pox vaccinations reached 242 and typhoid 140, while toxoid vaccinations totaled 16. In maternity care 16 pregnant women were examined by physicians and 9 were recipients of contraceptive advice.

In the sanitation department 39 cafe inspections were reported. 7 new privies were installed and 3 sewer lines surveyed.

ILL AT HOME

R. H. Griffin, of Raleigh, father of Person County Superintendent of Schools, R. B. Griffin, suffered a stroke of paralysis Wednesday at his residence. Mr. Griffin, who visited his father Thursday, reported that his condition is not serious, although he will be confined to his bed for some time.