

LOOKING AT WASHINGTON

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Is the Nation's No. 1 Economic Problem the Result of War and National Policies?

Early this month, President Roosevelt expressed the conviction that "the South presents right now the nation's No. 1 economic problem" because "we have an economic imbalance in the nation as a whole due to this very condition of the South."

The President's statement was read in a conference of twenty-three Southerners by Lowell Mellett, Director of the National Emergency Council, who submitted a report prepared from Government sources and stressing the following facts.

The South is richly endowed with physical resources and offers greater diversity of climate, soil and topography than any other region of the country. It is poor in the machinery of converting its potentialities to riches, having only sixteen per cent of the tools with which people make their living, although containing twenty-eight per cent of the nation's population.

With less than one-third of the nation's area, the South contains well over one-third of the nation's good farm acreage. It has two-thirds of all lands receiving a 40-inch rainfall or better. It has almost half of the lands receiving a 40-inch rainfall or better. It has almost half of the land on which crops can grow for six months or more without danger of frost. However, with over half the country's farmers, the South had less than one-fifth of the nation's farm implements.

More than any other section, the South is confronted with the problem of excess population. Already the most thickly populated rural area, its population is growing more rapidly than any other region. This increase is expected to reach 7,000,000 in the next twenty years. The resulting economic pressure has upset a racial relationship which once appeared fixed. White people are displacing Negroes in such trades as barbering, waiting on tables, tending elevators, etc.

With more than half of the farm people, the South gets only one-fifth of the nation's agricultural income. The average Southern farmer does not make enough to feed, clothe and school his children decently. More than half, in 1936, made less than \$765 and many had incomes as low as \$300.

Few of the South's children start out on an equal footing with children of other sections because they do not have an equal opportunity to get training in public schools. In 1936, an average of \$25.11 was spent per child on schools. This was less than half of the national average and one-fourth of the amount spent per child in the State of New York.

President Roosevelt did not go into "the long history of how this situation came to be" but he called it "the long and ironic history of the despoiling of this truly American section of the country's population." What the Chief Executive sought was a clear perspective of the task as it is today. But as the New York Times says, "The first step toward the cure of such a problem is correct diagnosis." Consequently, it may be profitable to the entire population of the United States to look into conditions in the South and attempt to discover the causes which have brought about such a problem.

The Christian Science Monitor, published at Boston, Mass., says "After seventy-five years, America still has a monumental example of the cost of war in the problems of the Southern States. . . . To the victor may belong the spoils, but these are mighty few in a long-sustained struggle, and to him eventually, in a contest between brothers, goes the responsibility for helping to rehabilitate the fallen."

Declaring that the South "is not without responsibility in part for the plight," The Monitor asks, "What are the origins of that disparity which too many Northerners dismiss with, 'Oh, the South is just naturally poor and backward?'" It continues: "Seldom has a region been so completely stripped of its capital as the South was after the War Between the States. Her manufacturing plants were worn out. Her slaves, a major form of investment, were freed. Her money was valueless. To rebuild from the ground up, capital had to come from outside and it came warily.

"To make matters worse, the rebuilding had to be done under several handicaps. There was traditional grievance against tariffs, which made the South and West pay higher prices for the manufactured goods of the North and East, while they had to sell their cotton, tobacco, wheat or pork at the lower prices of the world market. There were taxes to help pay millions of dollars of Federal pensions to former members of the Union Army while Confederate veterans received none. There were freight rate differentials which, because of the smaller amount of Southern production, tended to keep it small by making it half again as expensive for Southern manufacturers

as for their competitors to reach the principal markets."

On the same line, Walter Lippman, well known newspaper writer, recently said, "In the long period . . . after the Civil War, the South has had the status of a colony, and the net effect of the nation's commercial policy has been to keep the South impoverished. . . . The concentrated control of credit having worked to retard the industrial development of the South and to keep it in the position of a colony producing cheap raw materials."

Concluding its editorial, from which we have quoted above, The Christian Science Monitor says, "The South can do more for itself if the conditions which affect its income are improved." Moreover, it adds, "The nation in general will profit by altering the conditions that tend to keep the South a conquered province outside the Union. There is an opportunity and responsibility to make her a full-fledged and equal-privileged member of the national family."

In the above discussion we have not attempted to give an exposition of the Southern viewpoint in connection with the problem discussed. This would, naturally, stress the complicated problems which arise in a region inhabited by diverse races. It would discuss the Reconstruction policies of the victorious North and explain how the beaten and impoverished White people of the South subordinated every problem to that of maintaining their control of the Southern States. It would explain the political unity of the South and assert, without equivocation, the continued determination of the White people of the South to maintain control of that area.

CROSS ROADS

Hutchings Winborne spent the week-end with Hiller Fahey Byrum. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Perry, Mrs. B. M. Hollowell, Jr., and Eugene Perry spent Monday morning in Edenton.

Mrs. A. B. Hollowell, Miss Esther Elliott, A. B. Hollowell, Jr., and Billy Hoggard have returned to their home in Aulander, after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Elliott.

Miss Frances Evans, of Manteo, is spending this week with her sisters. E. N. Elliott made a business trip to Suffolk, Va., Monday morning.

Miss Sarah Winborne is visiting Mrs. A. B. Hollowell and Miss Esther Elliott, at Aulander.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Hollowell, Jr., and children spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Perry.

Miss Ruth Wilson, of Chapanoke, is visiting Miss Marguerite Etta Evans.

Misses Geraldine Perry and Vashiti Bowman visited friends Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hunter, of Huntersville, visited Miss Helen Evans Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Elliott spent Sunday at Tarboro with Mrs. Elliott's mother, Mrs. Fannie B. Knight.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Leary, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Copeland, Mrs. N. J. Copeland, Miss Doris Copeland and Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Toppin visited Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Perry Sunday afternoon.

Miss Esther Evans spent last week in Hertford with Dr. and Mrs. T. P. Brinn.

Mrs. Dora White, of Center Hill, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Carey Privott.

Mr. and Mrs. Warner Madre and baby, of Hertford, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Privott.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Privott, of Center Hill, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wiggins.

Mrs. P. L. Baumgardner and Mrs. E. N. Elliott visited Mrs. B. W. Evans Thursday evening.

Miss Margaret White Byrum has returned from a visit with Miss Eleanor Culpepper, at Deep Creek, Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hollowell and Miss Dorothy Hollowell, of Hobbsville, spent Saturday with Mrs. Carroll Byrum.

Mrs. E. L. Winslow, who has been sick, is able to be out.

Miss Alma Winslow is visiting friends in Greenville.

Misses Marguerite Etta Evans and Etta Pardee have returned from a visit with Miss Frances Evans at Manteo.

Mrs. Bill Jones and daughter, Judy, of Edenton, spent the week-end with Mrs. Gordon Blow.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hollowell and son, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Leary and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Hollowell visited Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hollowell on Saturday evening.

Mrs. W. W. Bunch visited Mrs. Cleo Gardner and Mrs. J. Lester Forehand, in Edenton, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. A. B. Hollowell, Miss Esther Elliott and Mrs. E. N. Elliott visited Mrs. Willie Elliott Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Pennie Hollowell is visiting Mrs. Raleigh Hobbs, at Hobbsville.

Mrs. C. J. Hollowell spent Thursday in Edenton with Mrs. Ellen By-

rum and Mrs. T. C. Byrum.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hollowell and son, and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Leary spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hollowell, in Green Hall.

The Jordan Hollowell family will hold their family reunion at Eden House Beach Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Peele, of Rocky Hock, visited Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hollowell Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Gussie Perry and family, of Gates County, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred White and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Jordan, Sr., Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Jordan, Jr., and children visited Mrs. Roxie Nixon, in Rocky Hock, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Asbell and children, of Sunbury, Mr. and Mrs. Edna Asbell and children, and Mrs. Lena Asbell and children visited Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Hollowell, Sr., Sunday afternoon.

Roy Byrum spent Sunday in Norfolk, Va., with his sister, Mrs. Fred Windley.

Mrs. A. S. Bush and Miss Louise Bush visited Mrs. Lula Rountree, of Hobbsville, Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Evelyn Byrum, Miss Lillian Styron, Lloyd Howell, Roy Baccus and Roy Byrum spent Monday evening in Colerain.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Riddick spent Saturday afternoon with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Riddick, at Trotville.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Howell, of Greensboro, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Byrum.

Mrs. Ernest Byrum, Mrs. Wallace Riddick, Misses Evelyn and Anna Mae Byrum visited Mrs. J. T. Baccus, at Belvidere, Friday afternoon.

WOODVILLE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Carson Spivey, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Tuttle, James Tuttle, Grace Parker, Leslie Winslow, Wilma Godfrey and Clarence Ives spent Sunday at Nags Head.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Godfrey and daughter, Hazel, spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Philip Cartwright, at Weeksville.

Misses Blanche Russell and Gladys Godfrey were guests of Miss Daphne Godfrey on Sunday.

Miss Lesie Smith was the guest of Miss Katherine Godfrey Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. White were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bogue Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. L. F. Winslow and son, Leonard, Jr., are visiting her mother at Woodville.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Proctor, of the Pender Road Community, a daughter, on Sunday, July 17, 1938.

CLASSIFIED AND LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of C. F. Sumner, Sr., deceased, late of Perquimans County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Hertford, N. C., on or before the 13th day of July, 1938, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.
This 13 day of July, 1938.
MARY E. SUMNER,
Administratrix of C. F. Sumner, Sr.
July 15, 22, 29, Aug. 5, 12, 19

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND

Whereas, on the 27th day of August, 1934, Lesie Grant Knowles and her husband, R. L. Knowles, executed and delivered unto W. O. McGibony, Trustee for Land Bank Corporation, a certain deed of trust which is recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Perquimans County, North Carolina, in Book F. L. B. 1, at Page 176; and

Whereas, default has been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured as therein provided, and the trustee has been requested by the owner and holder thereof to exercise the power of sale therein contained:

Now, therefore, under and by virtue of the authority conferred by the said deed of trust the undersigned Trustee will on the 15th day of August, 1938, at the court house door of Perquimans County, North Carolina, at twelve o'clock noon offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, the following real estate:

All that certain tract of land containing Four Hundred Forty-Seven and 9-10 (447.9) acres, known as the Madre land in Bethel and Hertford Townships, of Perquimans County, located on (N. C.) U. S. Highway No. 17, between Hertford, N. C., and Edenton, N. C., about five miles in a southwesterly direction from Hertford, N. C., on the waters of Brinkley Mill Pond and Hog Pen Branch, bounded on the North by the lands of A. J. Proctor and E. C. White; on the East by the lands of the Miles Holley Estate, and J. J. Fleetwood, on the South by J. J. Fleetwood and on the West by the lands of Wm. Madre and C. V. Cox. The property is more fully described by metes and bounds in the deed of trust above mentioned,

to which reference is made.

This property is being sold subject to an outstanding deed of trust executed by Lesie Grant Knowles and husband, R. L. Knowles, to The Federal Land Bank of Columbia, recorded in Book F. L. B. 1, Page 177, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Perquimans County, North Carolina. This property is being sold subject to the 1936 taxes.
July 22, 29, Aug. 5, 12
This the 15 day of July, 1938.

W. O. MCGIBONY,
Trustee.
L. S. Blades, Jr.,
Agent and Attorney for Trustee.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Jesse Hurdle, deceased, late of Perquimans County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Raleigh Ave., Elizabeth City, N. C., on or before the 22nd day of June, 1938, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.
This 22nd day of June, 1938.
M. M. HURDLE,
Administrator of Jesse Hurdle.
June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Mattie I. Charlton, deceased, late of Perquimans County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Kenly, N. C., on or before the 21 day of June, 1938, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.
This 21 day of June, 1938.
F. A. WHITE,
Administrator of Mattie I. Charlton.
June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as Executor of the estate of Mrs. Ada L. White, deceased, late of Perquimans County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Edenton, N. C., on or before the 24th day of May, 1938, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.
This 24th day of May, 1938.
JOSTAH ELLIOTT,
Executor of Mrs. Ada L. White.
June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, pd.

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of the authority contained in that certain deed of trust executed on the 4th day of September, 1908, by Octavious Taylor to T. S. White, Trustee, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Perquimans County, N. C., in M. D. Book 8, page 167, default having been made in the conditions of said deed of trust, and at the request of the holder of the note, the undersigned Trustee will, on the 19th day of August, 1938, at 11.30 O'clock A. M., at the court house door of Perquimans County, N. C., offer for sale at Public Auction, to the highest bidder

for cash, the following described property:

Bounded on the north by the lands of Mary Parker, east by Road Street, south by lands of Andrew Moore and west by lands of Esther and Sarah Perry.

The above described property is sold subject to all taxes. Ten per cent of bid to be posted at time of sale.

Dated and posted this 18th day of July, 1938.

T. S. WHITE,
Trustee.

By Chas. E. Johnson,
Attorney.

July 22, 29, Aug. 5, 12.

TAYLOR THEATRE

EDENTON, N. C. — COOL AND COMFORTABLE

Today (Thursday) July 21—
Robert Montgomery, Virginia Bruce, Lewis Stone and Buddy Ebsen in "YELLOW JACK"
NEWS — ORCHESTRA

Friday, July 22—
Kay Francis, Anita Louise, John Litel, Bonita Granville and Dickie Moore in "MY BILL"
ACT — COMEDY

Saturday, July 23—
Roy Rogers and Smiley Burnette in "UNDER WESTERN STARS"
"THE LONE RANGER" No. 11 — OUR GANG COMEDY

Monday and Tuesday, July 25-26—
Robert Taylor, Margaret Sullavan, Franchot Tone and Robert Young in "THREE COMRADES"

Wednesday, July 27—
Jackie Cooper, Bonita Granville and Claude Rains in "WHITE BANNERS"
BETTY BOOP CARTOON

Thursday, July 28—
Luise Rainer in "TOY WIFE"



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