

LOOKING AT WASHINGTON

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FDR DOES NOT WISH TO RUN REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES DRASTIC CUTS IN BUDGET NEW TAXES FOR CONGRESS FIGHT HULL PROGRAM ENVOY TO THE VATICAN NORRIS PLANS TO RETIRE

While President Roosevelt maintains his silence in regard to a third term, there is a general assumption in political circles that he does not wish to run again. Although this information is regarded as definite, there is no doubt among some Democrats that it is an irrevocable decision.

The belief persists that the international situation and a popular demand at home may persuade the President to accept a renomination. In this case, there is little doubt but that the President will be nominated by the Democratic Convention. With the President out of the running, however, Secretary of State Cordell Hull is certain to be a strong candidate, with Vice-President Garner and Postmaster General Farley also active. In addition, there will be a number of Democrats anxious for the call.

The scramble which will develop in the Democratic Convention in the event that Mr. Roosevelt removes himself from the scene, will be snatched by a similar scramble in the Republican Convention. Just now, District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey, Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg, of Michigan, and Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio, are the leading candidates, but the general expectation is that the first ballot will show a number of candidates receiving the votes. Former President Hoover, it is expected, will receive some support and a number of favorite sons will be presented to the Convention.

Just when the Conventions will be held is not known at this time, but meetings of the national committee, early in 1940, will consider the times and places for the Conventions.

News that the President has virtually completed his preliminary study of the budget for the fiscal year running from July 1st, 1940, to June 30, 1941, calls forth many rumors or drastic changes to be requested by the President. There is no way to tell how much truth the rumors contain, but it is expected that the Chief Executive will let Congress decide whether to cut expenditures, continue heavy borrowing, or levy the taxes necessary to improve the Government's financial affairs.

Space in this column does not permit us to summarize the rumors or to explain the reasons assigned. With the present statutory debt limit at \$45,000,000,000, and the debt at about \$42,000,000,000, with six months to go in the current fiscal year, it will be necessary for Congress to provide new borrowing power if the budget for the next fiscal year contemplates a deficit of more than \$2,000,000,000.

The President will renew his demand for new taxes to make up the deficiencies last year and the preceding year in the outlay for farm benefits—these deficiencies were caused by appropriations of Congress exceeding budget estimates. Some suggestions as to new taxes may be made but the job of raising the revenue will be left to Congress. That sharp cuts will be made in the budgets of various departments is certain.

The recent insistence of Secretary Vandenberg that farmers demand some plan to secure revenue outside the Federal treasury, indicates that he has the news and is trying to devise some plan to prevent reductions in the payments made to farmers.

A strenuous fight is assured in Congress before the authority of the President to conclude reciprocal trade agreements will be extended beyond its present expiration date in June. Senator Vandenberg, and other Republican congressmen, have clearly shown their intention to vigorously oppose repeal of the Act. Opponents of the trade program will seek a congressional investigation into the workings of the Hull pact.

The Secretary shows no reluctance to face the issue, insisting that he will welcome a thorough inquiry, saying that "the more comprehensive and searching an examination is made, the more pleasing it will be to the friends and supporters" of his program. He insists that the investigation should not be entrusted "exclusively to those who supported and voted for the Hawley-Smoot embargo policy."

Mr. Hull's championship of his program to develop the trade of the United States is undoubtedly based upon his conviction that the program offers great opportunities for the development of our foreign trade. The barrage which is being laid down against the program by its critics is likewise based upon the expressed belief that the program is injurious to American interests.

An impartial investigation, seeking facts rather than political sensations, would render a distinct service to the people of this country and give the man opportunity to become acquainted with the facts as disclosed.

The appointment of Myron C. Taylor, former Quaker but now an Episcopalian, to be the personal representative of the President to Pope Pius XII, with the rank of Ambassador, followed the President's appeal

to all churches to throw their influence behind the cause of world peace. The appointment is regarded as an effort to secure cooperation in the endeavor to establish an enduring peace at the proper time.

Mr. Taylor's appointment does not constitute a resumption of diplomatic relations with the Vatican, which were terminated by Congress in 1867, but it enables him to keep in contact with peace moves which may emanate from the Vatican. At the same time, the President addressed representatives of the Jewish and Protestant faiths, asking cooperation for the establishment and preservation of peace.

Senator George N. Norris, of Nebraska, says he will retire from public office when his present term expires in 1943. The veteran legislator, listed as an "Independent Republican," has been in Congress for nearly thirty-eight years. His career has been marked by an independence, rare in political life.

In 1917, Senator Norris belonged to the little band of senators who filibustered the "armed neutrality" bill to death and, subsequently voted against the entry of this country into the World War. He took part in the House fight to strip the Speaker, Joe Cannon, of his broad powers and he has been in the forefront of those demanding new social legislation.

The Senator fathered the Tennessee Valley Authority program, supported the bill to reorganize the Supreme Court, has advocated a third term for President Roosevelt and was the author of the constitutional amendment ending the Lane Duck sessions of Congress. Regardless of differences of opinion, his sincerity, courage and intelligence won him many friends and admirers throughout the United States.

HIT OR MISS

By M. L. W.

Forging forward into the New Year, we naturally cast a backward glance at what went on about us during the old year which a day or two ago checked out.

Maybe the year just past wasn't so different from other years. At any rate, as in other years, we were born, we married and we died. Because those who keep the vital statistics out in the various townships are not required to report to the county headquarters until February first, it is impossible as yet to secure the data as to births and deaths in Perquimans. That must come later.

As to marriages, however, that is a different story, as these returns are made directly to the Register of Deeds.

Reference to a news story in another section of this issue will give the low-down on the marriage situation in Perquimans.

So much for the past. What can be done to make 1940 better? What can be done in 1940 to make Hertford a better place in which to live? Does that, by any chance, have a familiar ring?

Well, for one thing, we might attempt to wake up those old Town Criers, who it has been suggested have cried themselves to sleep. Asleep, my eye! They are dead, and they died from the same old complaint which other attempted organizations in Hertford have always died of, lack of leadership.

In my humble opinion, the Town Criers, organized for the avowed purpose of making Hertford a better place in which to live, should have at least one more meeting, called by the chairman, when new officers should be elected.

Whether Perquimans folks were all law-abiding during the Christmas holidays, or whether there were offenders who just didn't get caught, it would be hard to say. In last week's issue of The Perquimans Weekly it was stated that no arrests were made in Perquimans during Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

And now comes the news that there were no arrests for drunken driving in Perquimans during the holidays.

It's a good record, anyhow.

At least one baby in Perquimans is eligible to receive the five-dollar prize which Esso Marketers have been announcing they are giving to every baby born on New Year's Day. The prize-winner is little Miss Beverly Daphne Lane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Murray D. Lane, who was born at 11:30 Monday morning.

Strange Burial Of Andrew Jackson, Sr.

One of the most interesting stories in the folk-lore of the section, is that of an unusual episode at the burial of Andrew Jackson, Sr., father of General Andrew Jackson, who became the seventh president of the United States, and whose signal victory over the British at New Orleans on January 8th, 1815, will be celebrated at the Jackson Day dinner in Raleigh on Monday night, January 8, 1940—the 125th anniversary of the battle.

Andrew Jackson, with his wife

FASHION PREVIEW



For the fortunate people who live near enough snow to enjoy skiing, a young matron from Boston suggests this ensemble. She told December Good Housekeeping that it is practical to buy expensive ski boots and save up on a pair of mittens. Hers is of windproof cotton, worn with red woolen unies, woolen mesh turban and red mittens.

Elizabeth (Hutchinson), and his two small sons, Hugh and Robert, came from Ireland to the new world soon after 1760, and selected the Waxhaw settlement as their future home. Too poor to buy land in the heart of the settlement, old Andrew went up on Twelve Mile Creek and built his cabin. Hardly had he finished his small house and cleared a few acres of land when he was stricken and died around Christmas of 1766.

The weather was bitter cold. Roads were rough, and money was very scarce. Neighbors were few, but kind. Mrs. Jackson's wish that her husband might be buried in the church yard at Waxhaw Presbyterian Church, some fifteen miles south, was honored. Kindly neighbors fashioned a crude coffin, and after a night devoted to the revels of a typical Irish "wake" the tedious journey was begun. The corpse was placed upon a sled, Mrs. Jackson and a few other women rode horseback, and the men walked.

Upon reaching the ford of Waxhaw creek the party was dismayed to find the stream so swollen the sled could not cross. The corpse-laden sled with two or three attendants went upstream several miles to find a crossing while the rest of the party crossed at the ford and agreed to wait at the tavern on the hill beyond.

Late in the day the sled and its attendants arrived and Mrs. Jackson, noted with consternation that the sled was empty! The men were surprised but in too happy condition to care very greatly. A searching party, armed with pine torches, set out along the trail to hunt for the body, and found it beside the trail where it had rolled from the sled just after crossing the creek. It was too late when they returned to the tavern to resume the trip to the church, still some eight or nine miles away, and they spent the night there.

Late on the second day the funeral party reached the church to find the grave ready and the Reverend William Richardson on hand to pay last tribute to his departed friend. That preacher was the uncle and foster father of William Richardson Davie and the man for whom that distinguished statesman was named.

After the funeral, Mrs. Jackson returned to her home (near the present Pleasant Grove Campmeeting ground). But the task of developing that rich farm and raising two small boys with another baby on the way, was too much for her. She sold the land and some of her goods and started to the home of her sister, Mrs. James Crawford, near Waxhaw Church.

According to North Carolina mythology she stopped enroute to spend a night with another sister, Mrs. George McKemy, and there her son was born, whom she named Andrew in honor of his father. South Carolinians contend that Mrs. Jackson reached the Crawford home before Andrew arrived. This difference of opinion has given rise to the century old argument between the states as to which can claim Jackson as a native son.

Boll Weevil Control Reports Encouraging

J. O. Rowell, Extension entomologist of State College, says that encouraging reports of boll weevil control through the 1-1-1 molasses poisoning treatment continue to pour in to his office. As an example of the effectiveness of the control measures advocated by the Extension Service, Rowell quoted the following report from F. W. Reams, assistant farm agent in Halifax County.

"Three farmers—C. H. Smith, of Scotland Neck, R. Hunter Pope of Enfield, and J. G. Shields of Scotland Neck—averaged 499.7 pounds of lint per acre on 276 acres treated with the

molasses poison. Farmers not using poison made average yields of from 150 to 200 pounds of lint per acre, with a number of growers reporting less than 100 pounds per acre.

"Mr. Smith made a yield of 510 pounds per acre on 37 acres, where the cotton was grown on land that had a good growth of lespedeza turned under. Mr. Pope reported an average of 498 pounds of lint per acre on 211 acres. Mr. Shields grew 493 pounds per acre on 28 acres."

Rowell explained that the 1-1-1 treatment consisted of mixing one pound of calcium arsenate with one gallon of water and one gallon of cheap molasses, and mopping the cotton beginning several days before the squares form, and continuing at the rate of one application per week until at least three applications are made.

"The best results are obtained when the treatment is made early, and at least three applications of the poison mixture are used," the entomologist stated. Farmers who mopped late, and mopped only once or twice, obtained better yields than those who did not try to control the weevil, but their yields fell short of those of growers who followed the

Transplanting Tree Is Delicate Progress

The first three weeks of January is the best time for transplanting deciduous trees, says J. P. Pillsbury, professor of landscape architecture at State College.

Unless carried out carefully and correctly, the transplanting of these trees will result in failure. Many people, neglecting a few minor details when making the transfer, have watched their work go for naught as the tree died in its new location.

Deciduous trees, Pillsbury explained, are those which shed their leaves during the winter. If the tree is one which has a tap root, such as white oak or walnut, or is over two inches in trunk diameter, it should have had a partial root-pruning treatment during the preceding dormant season.

In the case of the tap-rooted sorts, this will include digging down on one side, on the opposite side of the tree, to expose the tap root at a point 18 inches to two feet below the ground level, or more according to the size of the tree or the ball of earth around the roots to be moved.

When the tap root is exposed, a section two to three inches long should be cut with a long-handled chisel and mallet. The cut at the top of the section should be made smooth.

It is important to wait for favorable weather in the transplanting process. The day should be mild to cold and cloudy to rainy. Holes should be dug oversize in all dimensions, and good fertile top soil should be used in setting the trees. Manure should never be used except as a mulch over the top of the soil after the tree has been set.

In digging up the tree, as large a ball of earth as possible should be moved with it, and none of the roots should be allowed to become dry during the period of their exposure between digging and planting time.

FAREWELL PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Chappell and son, Thomas, attended the Farewell Party given at the "Old Jessup Home" in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Smith and family on Christmas Day. The Smiths moved on Thursday to their new home, Belvidere, Route 2. The hostesses, Mrs. Edward Smith and Mrs. John Turner served ice cream, cake, candy fruits and nuts to about forty guests.

NEW YEAR'S BABY
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Murray D. Lane, of Belvidere, on Monday, January 1, a daughter, Beverly Daphne.

BURGESS NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Parker spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Basnight dined with Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Winslow on Christmas Day.

Alton Matthews, of Norfolk, Va., spent the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. Walton Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Winston Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Long, Mr. and Mrs. John Elliott and Mr. and Mrs. Claud Long spent Christmas Day as guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Lane.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Matthews, of Washington, D. C., were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Matthews Sunday evening.

Mrs. George Bateman, Jr., Grant and Wade Bateman, of Elizabeth City, visited Mrs. Neil Spruill Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Parker, Mrs. N. C. Spivey and Mrs. J. B. Basnight motored to Norfolk, Va. Wednesday. George Parker spent the holidays in Norfolk, Va., with relatives.

Misses Velma and Nina-Maude Overton, of Norfolk, Va., spent Christmas Day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Overton.

AT COUNTRY HOME

Joshua H. Skinner, of New Haven, Conn., and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Skinner, of Washington, D. C., are spending the Christmas holidays at their country home in Old Neck with Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Skinner. Miss Leigh Skinner, of the staff of Children's Hospital, Washington, D. C., joined the family for the New Year week-end.

Among the holiday entertainments was an oyster roast on Wednesday night given by the younger members of the family to many friends. The affair was held in the recreation room in the basement of the Skinner home.

PEANUT REPORT

Virginia-North Carolina Section. During the past week only occasional lots of farmers' stock peanuts have gone to market, and prices continue fully firm, especially for stock that will shuck out kernels of extra large count. Prevailing prices, delivery point basis, range per pound, Virginias, jumbos best 4-4.15c, occasional lots 4 1/4c; medium 3 3/4-3 7/8c; Bunch, best 3.65-3 3/4c, medium Bunch 3 3/8-3 3/4c; shelling stock 3 3/4-3 5/8c. Spanish farmers' stock \$1.00-\$1.05 per 30-lb. bushel.

In spite of the holiday season the demand for cleaned and shelled Virginias continued fairly good up to the latter part of last week, though it has sagged somewhat during the past day or two. Extra large Virginia shelled and No. 2 Virginias shelled are so scarce that some mills are either not quoting on these grades or are quoting only in less-carlot quantities. Shelled Virginias are firm to slightly stronger, cleaned

Jumbos are steady, and fancy wash-picks are a trifle weaker. Shelled Spanish are quiet.

RYLAND NEWS

Dr. Clyde Ward, of Pineville, was the guest of his brother, T. L. Ward, and Mrs. Ward, several days last week.

Misses Carrie and Leona Jordan, of Gates County, were guests of their aunt, Mrs. Roy Parks, last week.

Miss Pauline Byrum has returned to Richmond, Va., to resume her studies, after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Byrum.

D. T. Ward, Jr., has returned to his teaching duties near Williamston, after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Ward.

Mrs. Julian Ward, of Edenton, Mrs. D. T. Ward, Mrs. R. S. Ward and daughter, Lelia Faye, spent Friday as guests of Mrs. Noah Jordan, Julian Ward and George Ward, Edenton, spent Monday in the R. S. Ward home.

Garland Byrum, of Greensboro, was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Byrum, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Chappell were in Edenton Saturday evening.

Burfoot Ward and family, of Norfolk, Va., visited his mother, Mrs. Peninah Ward, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Jordan returned to their home in Virginia on Sunday after spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. Noah Jordan.

Dr. Clyde Ward was the supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Ward on Thursday evening. He also spent Thursday night with them and on Friday, he and D. T. Ward, Jr., went on a duck hunting trip.

Miss Delorine Phthisic, of Edenton, spent Friday night with her aunt, Mrs. Roy Parks.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Ward and children were in Edenton Saturday afternoon.

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NOTICE

LIST YOUR PROPERTY, DOGS AND POLL FOR TAXES

Beginning Tuesday, January 2, 1940, and continuing through Wednesday, January 31, 1940, the list takers of Perquimans County will sit at the following places for the purpose of listing your property, dogs and poll for taxes for the year 1940.

Belvidere Township

E. L. CHAPPELL, List Taker

R. M. Baker's Store, Whiteston.....Wednesday, Jan. 17 and 24
All other days during January at E. L. Chappell's Store.

Bethel Township

J. C. HOBBS, List Taker

Every day during January at store in Bethel.

Hertford Township

R. L. KNOWLES, List Taker

At the Court House in Hertford on January 2nd and every day thereafter during the month of January.

Hours from 9 a. m. to 12 noon. From 1:30 p. m. to 4:30 p. m.

New Hope Township

L. R. WEBB, List Taker

New Hope Community House.....January 6, 13, 20, 27
Woodville.....January 4 and 11
Overton's Store.....January 2 and 10
J. B. Webb's Store.....January 10

All other days during January at home.

Parkville Township

N. R. ELLIOTT, List Taker

Parkville.....January 10
Jackson's Store.....January 2
Chapanoke.....January 10 and 24
Winfall.....All other days during January at R. R. Station

You are required by law to meet your respective List Taker at one of the places and dates named above.

FARM CENSUS: Each farm owner or his agent is to come prepared to report the acreage of each crop to be grown on his or tenant's farm this year and to furnish other information required by the farm census. This Farm Census is required by State law, but is not for taxation purposes.