

LOOKING AT WASHINGTON

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CONGRESS FACES 1940 WAR AFFECTS AFFAIRS DOMESTIC ISSUES QUIET BUDGET IS NO SURPRISE GUAM RAISES A QUESTION FARM AID WILL STAND ANTI-LYNCHING BILL FDR FILLS THE COURT

The third session of the Seventy-Sixth Congress is slowly proceeding, with most members acutely conscious that 1940 is an election year. While serious domestic issues require attention, the impact of foreign complications is being felt in Washington where national defense becomes a paramount issue, with excellent prospects of exceeding the vast outlay suggested by the President.

The foreign affairs of the United States will be in the limelight and public attention will be focused upon two outstanding areas of the world where American rights are affected. No serious complication is expected in Europe unless developments indicate that Germany is about to win the war. The possibility of a German victory is the spectre behind the feverish preparation of this country for its defense. If Great Britain and France are defeated, no one knows just where this country will stand nor what Germany, Italy, Russia and Japan might attempt. Having adopted an isolationist policy in regard to world affairs, the United States must be prepared to stand alone in whatever kind of world there may be when the European War ends.

Domestic issues are, for the present, relegated to the background. The reciprocal trade treaty program, sponsored by Secretary Hull and warmly defended by the President, will occasion a bitter fight. While this is a domestic policy in a way, it is nonetheless intertwined with our foreign policy. Those who favor the Hull program, including the President, hail it as pointing the way to the world toward peaceful commerce, while those who oppose it in this country denounce it as injurious to the business interests of the people of the United States.

The budget message of the President contained nothing surprising, even in regards to the estimated deficit of more than two billion dollars for the fiscal year which will end June 30, 1941. While the President recommended that Congress raise nearly a half billion dollars in new taxes, there is considerable doubt whether this will be attempted. The general opinion is that congressmen will avoid new taxes on the eve of the election and that the Government will be permitted to go along without any change in the statutory debt limit. If necessary, it is argued, the newly-elected Congress can face the issue next January.

The much-discussed fortification of the island of Guam is certain to arouse debate. Naval experts, interested in future war-time strategy, do not hesitate to urge that the island be made impregnable. Opposition to the proposal at the last session was centered around the theme that fortification of the island would offend Japan. Whether there will be a general change of sentiment

after the commercial treaty with Japan is abrogated is doubtful. Many members of Congress will see the fortification of Guam as an aggressive preparation, regardless of the fact that the United States surrendered the right to fortify the island in a treaty which Japan subsequently abrogated. In return for its promise, the United States got an agreement from Japan to limit her navy. Since Japan is no longer bound by the naval ratios and the United States finds itself forced to enlarge its fleet, the argument is that this country should not hesitate to fortify any island which will increase the efficiency of its warships.

The President's recommendation that agricultural appropriations, including the crop control and farm subsidy program, be cut by Congress means little or nothing. In fact, so far as we are able to judge, there is not a chance for the proposal. Congressmen from the farm areas are already on guard and farm organizations will vigorously fight any effort to reduce appropriations for the farmers' benefit until improvement in farm conditions is more pronounced. The fate of the President's recommendation in this respect will illustrate, once again, that the Chief Executive can lead but cannot dictate to Congress, even when controlled by his own Party.

Passage of the anti-lynching bill by the House was expected but the measure, it is generally agreed, will not pass the Senate. Senators from the Southern States will undoubtedly attempt to talk it to death, if necessary. They will be supported by a few senators who believe the bill unconstitutional, or that it is a dangerous invasion into the domain of local self-government. Failure of the Senate to pass the measure, however, will not end the agitation for the passage of some Federal law in regard to lynching. Despite the fact that this crime is slowly disappearing and that the best elements of people in the South unreservedly denounce lynching, the proposition contains too much political dynamite to be forgotten.

By his nomination of Attorney General Frank Murphy to become a Justice of the Supreme Court, President Roosevelt raises the number of his appointees to five, which is a majority of the Court. This record has been equalled only by Presidents Taft, Lincoln and Jackson, and exceeded only by George Washington. Appointees of the President include Hugo Black, Stanley Reed, Felix Frankfurter and William O. Douglas. Thus the highest tribunal of the country has passed into the control of appointees sharing the political philosophy of the President. The bitter fight over the reorganization of the Court has ended, and the Supreme Court, as now constituted, will probably reflect the Liberal philosophies of its majority for many years; its opinions will probably be in accord with legislation of a Liberal tendency, but it is quite possible that a Conservative administration will find the Liberal court just as distasteful as Mr. Roosevelt found the Conservative justices. Such a situation, in our opinion, will be unfortunate for the country, but there seems to be no remedy under the law as it now exists.

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Floating Theatre Showing In E. City

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According to reports received here the Showboat has been playing to good crowds all week, presenting wholesome entertainment well enjoyed by the audience.

A musical comedy follows the regular show each night during the Showboat's stay.

This is the boat's twenty-seventh annual tour.

Hertford Youth Enlists In U. S. Marine Corps

Keary Lee Lane, 18 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lane, of Edenton Road Street, enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps on January 12.

Young Lane, together with another recruit, was sent to a Marine Training Center at Parris Island, S. C., where he will be stationed for a period of at least one month. After this initial training period Lane will be transferred to the Marine Base at Quantico, Va., where he will receive advance training.

4-H Clubs Set Goal Of 55,000 Members

L. R. Harrill, 4-H Club leader at State College, has announced that an enrollment goal of 55,000 farm boys and girls has been set for 1940.

During the year just closed, slightly more than 49,000 were enrolled in North Carolina Clubs. The organization stretched from seacoast to mountains, and rural youth received instruction and guidance in 1,529 clubs. This figure included both white and Negro members.

In outlining the program for 1940, Harrill and Miss Frances McGregor, assistant club leader, have urged farm and home agents, the club advisers, to plan the year carefully so that an even greater interest will be taken in projects and in the club meetings.

Likewise, they have suggested that more local adult leaders be used in furthering the work. The local leader is generally acknowledged as the person on whom depends the success or failure of an individual club.

In some cases, local leaders are brought to the county seat where they undergo a training period to acquaint them more fully with the purposes and aims of 4-H Club work as well as to give them new ideas for conducting club meetings.

It has also been suggested by the State 4-H leaders that agents plan a full year's program in advance. This will enable them to get a broader view of the work, and at the same time the club members will know their monthly assignments well in advance.

Likewise, the leaders advised more personal contacts with club boys and girls. This will enable the agents to know more definitely what projects the members are capable of carrying out.

Who Knows?

1. Is the sun closer to the earth in the summer?
2. When Washington became the first President, were all of the thirteen colonies in the Union?
3. What is national defense costing the nation every year?
4. Has the U. S. the legal right to fortify Guam?
5. Has the war increased our farm exports?
6. When was the Smoot-Hawley tariff act passed?
7. Where did our calendar originate?
8. How many members has the Dies committee?
9. Who is the Republican leader in the House of Representatives?
10. Do the Russians have a character equal to our Santa Claus?

- THE ANSWERS**
1. No.
 2. No.
 3. More than a billion and a half dollars.
 4. Yes.
 5. No.
 6. In 1930.
 7. It is an evolution of an old Roman calendar, much reformed.
 8. Seven.
 9. Joseph William Martin.
 10. Yes; Grandpa Frost.

William Firth, 46, of Detroit, left this note when he shot himself through the head: "To the authorities—I was cleaning this gun when it went off accidentally."

Creeping Zinnia Resists Drouth

One of the best drought annual flowers is the zinnia.

It bears miniature golden yellow with dark centers, some single and some double plants which spread over ground instead of growing up.

The season of bloom is exceptionally long, as flowering begins in June and continues until frost kills the plants. They must be planted in full sun, and do not need rich soil.

The flowers are excellent subjects for arranging in bowls, and they are attractive in the border.

The Youth in Business
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YOUNG persons about to enter business fall into two broad classes: Those who have a definite aptitude for a particular field of work and should if at all possible find positions in this or related fields; and those who are adaptable and who may within certain limits fill a variety of positions equally well. The latter type of man or woman should consider fields of endeavor which are not well known and in which there is, therefore, a relative scarcity of well trained workers. Before a person seriously considers such a field, however, he should make sure that there are sources of training available to supplement the instruction which will be received on the job. Traffic management may be mentioned as an example of this type of work.

Industrial and commercial organizations of all kinds employ traffic men to deal with transportation companies and to assure that adequate transportation services are available at rates that are reasonable and technically correct. These traffic men must know the kinds of services rendered by all types of carriers.

Traffic men are also employed by transportation companies to obtain shipments of goods to be transported, to deal with rate and traffic problems, and to attend to traffic matters that are brought before state regulatory commissions, the Interstate Commerce Commission, and other federal administrative bodies engaged in transportation regulation.

LOSS OF LIFE IS ONLY A PART OF AUTO TOLL

THE serious effects of motor accidents cannot be gauged by casualties alone, horrifying as these are. J. C. Furnas reports in an article entitled, "Daily Occurrence," in the August issue of Good Housekeeping Magazine. Furnas traces the disastrous after-effects of a collision between two automobiles in the lives of participating persons who escaped with their lives. These include mental disorder, shock, poverty, increased tax burdens due to the dependency of victims' families, broken careers, curtailed love affairs, wrecked homes, fatherless families and all the depression and mental anguish on the part of relatives, which accompany the maiming of normal, healthy individuals.

"The cold statistics of motoring death rates have shown marked improvement in the last eighteen months. But it isn't statistics which get mashed and battered," Furnas states. "Human individuals, each with his personal relationship to dozens of other individuals, are the victims."

One of the most unfortunate things about accidents, Furnas goes on to say, is that they occur where everything has been done to prevent them. Intersections are marked. Stop signs are plainly set up at crossroads. Roadways are divided by glaring white lines. But drivers continue to approach intersections too fast and drivers on crossroads, instead of coming to a full stop at an intersection, merely drop into second gear. People will cross the glaring white line, swing out from behind other cars on hills and make the curve too wide when they turn. Drivers themselves must make the safety effort before it can be really accomplished.

Sagging Prices Seen For 1940 Leaf Crop

The infant tobacco crop, now beginning its first growth in plant beds, is expected to find a rough reception when it finally reaches warehouse floors next fall, believes J. B. Hutson, assistant administrator of the Triple-A.

Its preceding brother, the 1939 crop, turned out to be the largest on record, totaling 1,100,000,000 pounds of flue-cured leaf. It was larger than 1937's record crop by one-fourth and is 325,000,000 pounds more than will be used during the current year.

This means, Hutson explained, that world stocks will be 325,000,000 pounds greater at the beginning of the next marketing season than at the beginning of the past season.

On top of that, present indications are that exports will be approximately 150,000,000 less than usual. In effect, this situation sets the stage so that stocks in the United States next July 1 will be about

475,000,000 pounds larger than at the beginning of the 1939 marketing season.

"Actually," Hutson said, "we need less than half a crop of flue-cured tobacco this year. According to our acreage allotments, growers should produce between 600,000,000 and 675,000,000 pounds of leaf in 1940.

"But," he continued, "present indications are that it will be extremely difficult to market at reasonable prices this much tobacco next fall."

To meet this situation, the AAA executive urged that North Carolina growers, the largest producers of flue-cured leaf in the country, participate and qualify for maximum payments under the Agricultural Conservation program, keep well within their tobacco allotments, and grow plenty of food for the family and feed for the livestock.

PERRY-BRITT
Miss Ann Elliott Britt and Carlton Perry were quietly married at one o'clock Sunday in the Memorial Baptist Church in Elizabeth City. The bride is an Elizabeth City girl, while the bridegroom is employed at the State Theatre in Hertford. The young couple left for a short wedding trip and upon their return will make their home here.

MINNIE WILSON GROUP TO MEET MONDAY
The Minnie Wilson Group of the Methodist Missionary Society will meet at the home of Mrs. T. S. White next Monday evening, January 22nd, at 8 o'clock. All members are requested to bring their blessing box.

DO YOU KNOW—

That the Constitution, the most famous vessel in the history of the United States Navy, earned her popular nickname "Old Ironsides" from the hardness of her planking and timbers. Built at Boston and launched Oct. 21, 1797. Her most famous battle was the defeat of the English frigate Guerriere, Aug. 19, 1812.

Weekly Market Report

POULTRY AND EGGS
Courtesy Division of Markets N. C. Dept. of Agriculture
Eggs, per dozen—Current collections, 18-20.
Live Poultry, per lb.—Rocks, 15-18; reds, 15-18; mixed colors, 15-17; light breeds, 13-14.

For two weeks there were no classes in the Lincoln School near Coldwater, Mich. Mrs. Riley Bryan, the teacher, spent the 14 days hunting deer.

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