

LOOKING AT WASHINGTON

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FARM AID REDUCED. WALLACE PROTESTS. NAVAL AUTHORIZATION. EDISON CITES CONDITIONS. PRESIDENT ENJOYS ISSUE.

Rigorously following its economy policy, the House Appropriations Committee last week drastically reduced the budget request for farm relief, cutting the total from the \$788,929,519 requested to \$634,399,256. The chief slices from the budget figures were \$72,678,812 from the surplus commodity disposal item, which carries out the Food Stamp Plan; \$47,675,000 to carry out the 1932 Sugar Act and \$26,000,000 for farm tenant loans.

The severity of the cut recommended is emphasized by the failure of the President to recommend any sum for parity payments. The much-sought goal of parity for farmers means payments designed to raise farm purchasing power to the 1910-1914 level. This should not be confused with price levels. Farm purchasing power depends upon the ratio between prices received by the farmers for agricultural products and the prices they have to pay for the non-agricultural goods that they buy. While farm prices in January approached parity levels, the prices of non-agricultural products were nearly thirty per cent higher than in the pre-war period. This means that farm buying power, measured in the purchasing power of the farm dollar, is at a thirty per cent discount.

Following the action of the House Committee, Secretary Wallace warned farmers that an attempt was being made to "scuttle" the farm program. He again stressed the need of some source of funds to provide parity payments and suggested the income certificate plan of processing taxes to finance them. Edward A. O'Neal, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, protested against economy "at the expense of agriculture," pointing out that farm income is nearly "two billion short of parity," and that the economic balance in this country will not be restored until farmers are able to trade their products on a fair basis for goods and services produced by other groups.

Final action by the House Naval Committee on the fleet expansion program is expected this week. The committee is expected to recommend a \$655,000,000 program, which is half of what the Navy asked for. Readers should understand that this does not appropriate any money whatsoever. The action of the committee will not reduce naval appropriations

a nickel. All that the action of the Committee means is that the naval committee thinks, in view of present world conditions, the existing navy, plus all ships heretofore authorized, is not large enough and therefore it approves the construction of 21 additional warships to cost \$372,000,000, 22 auxiliary vessels, to cost \$183,000,000 and 1,011 airplanes to cost \$100,000,000.

The Navy had recommended a \$1,300,000,000 expansion program to provide 77 fighting ships, 31 auxiliary vessels and 2,396 planes. Work is now proceeding on 61 fighting ships authorized by previous action of Congress.

Charles Edison, Secretary of the Navy, in a plea for approval of the full program, said that opinions must be readjusted to meet changing conditions. He referred to treaty violations and warned that our fleet "when augmented by all ships now building or ordered, plus all ships authorized but not yet appropriated for, will still be inferior to the combined strength of possible enemies." In calculating defense needs, he said, consideration must be given the possibility of a defeat for either side in the present European War. "The strength of friendly nation may even be turned against us if they should fall into the hands of conquerors." Deploring the cost of naval expansion, he told the committee that "defeat would cost us in money alone more than a dozen navies."

The writer has devoted considerable space this week to discussing appropriations for farm aid and the situation involved in fleet expansion. Action this far taken by Congress is not conclusive upon either item but it is important for the people of this country to have the facts in mind. In subsequent releases the subject will be discussed again, in greater detail, when a congressional decision becomes more definite. Meanwhile, for the benefit of those who may wish to know our opinion, we think farm aid should be maintained and, possibly, extended. As to the naval authorization program, we think this should be passed by Congress because no money is involved and Congress subsequently can limit the expansion by failing to provide the funds if world conditions make such action wise.

The political situation in the United States continues to be uncertain with neither party apparently able to get into great activity until the President publicly announces his intentions. Mr. Roosevelt, it appears, is greatly enjoying the perplexity of the political leaders. The Chief Executive gives no word but there is no need to change the statement made previously in this column that he prefers not to run again in 1940. This does not mean that he will not run, but barring unexpected crises in foreign affairs, the President will step aside if his element controls the Democratic Party and names the candidate. It is entirely too early to appraise the economy strength in Congress. Preliminary activities indicate that it has strong support but many things can happen before Congress adjourns. Real economy requires reduction in the amount of money spent as compared with previous years. By this test, it is doubtful if there will be economy.

WOODVILLE NEWS

Hester Fowler, of Elizabeth City is visiting Warren Bogue. Mrs. G. P. Poole, of Wekksville, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Humphries Tuesday. Miss Operzine Cooke was the guest of Miss Beulah Bogue Sunday.

Mutual Help
"Dad, I've finished your income tax assessment. How are you getting on with my homework?"

Pedestrians Become Safety Problem In North Carolina

Records Show Pedestrians Account For Almost One-third of Fatalities

Drivers, long the principal object of attention of the State Highway Safety Division, are about to yield to pedestrians the dubious distinction of being highway safety problem No. 1 in North Carolina.

This fact cropped out in a survey of traffic injuries and fatalities on North Carolina streets and highways during 1939, this survey showing that 331 pedestrians were killed in this state last year. This was more than one-third of the 943 highway fatalities recorded in North Carolina in 1939. In addition, 1,021 pedestrians were injured in this state during the twelve-month period ending December 31, 1939.

Already, the Highway Safety Division records show more than a score of men, women and children have been killed this year while walking, playing or working on North Carolina streets and highways.

Officials records of 1939 accidents in the State reveal that of the 331 pedestrians killed, 101 were walking in the roadway, 56 were playing or working in the roadway, 49 were crossing the highway, 29 were crossing at intersections, and 5 were crossing at intersections.

The survey shows further that of the 331 pedestrians killed last year, 25 had been drinking, one had a physical defect, 2 were confused by traffic, and one's view was obscured. The other 302 were apparently normal, and their deaths were the aftermath of the disregard of some simple everyday safety practice, either on their part or on the part of drivers.

Oak Grove Society Met Wednesday

The Missionary Society of Oak Grove Church met at the home of Mrs. C. P. Quincy, at Chapanoke, on Wednesday afternoon. The meeting was opened by singing the hymn, "To the Work." The study for the afternoon was "Christ in One Woman's Life," referring to Miss Belle Bennett, and her favorite Bible verses were read by Mrs. Ferebee Griffin and Miss Doris Lewis. The story of her life was given by Misses Alice and Grace Ferrell, Mrs. Emmett Stallings and Mrs. C. P. Quincy.

An interesting Spiritual Life program was conducted by Mrs. W. W. Lewis, the topic being "It Is Christ Who Intercedeth For Us."

The roll was called and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The business meeting was then held, after which the meeting was dismissed.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess to the ten members present.

Y. W. A. ORGANIZED AT WOODVILLE CHURCH

The young ladies of Woodville Baptist Church met Sunday after Sunday School and organized a Young Woman's Auxiliary. Mrs. J. A. Bray, young people's director, met with them. Officers were elected as follows: President, Miss Beulah Bogue; vice president, Miss Dorothy Whedbee; secretary, Miss Operzine Cooke; treasurer, Miss Katherine Godfrey; personal service chairman, Miss Juanita White; social chairman, Miss Margaret Whedbee; program chairmen, Misses Helen Davis and Frances Perry; membership chairmen, Misses Gezelda Godfrey and Edna Morgan; poster chairmen, Misses Mary Burgess Layden and Daphne Godfrey. After the organization, the first meeting was held with Miss Beulah Bogue on Monday evening. Mrs. J. A. Bray gave the Scripture reading and the group sang "Bringing in the Sheaves." The Y. W. A. manual was studied and Mrs. Bray gave the program in a brief but interesting manner. Later she quizzed on the Scripture and Miss Beulah Bogue answered all questions correctly. Mrs. Bray dismissed the meeting.

Pineapple and cake was served by the hostess to the following: Mrs. Bray, Misses Dorothy Whedbee, Gezelda Godfrey, Helen Davis, Edna Morgan, Katherine Godfrey, Frances Perry, Daphne Godfrey, Operzine Cooke and Beulah Bogue. The March meeting will be held with Mrs. Bray.

NEWSPAPERS

Philadelphia.—There are 18,281 newspapers in the United States, according to the annual directory of N. W. Ayer & Sons, generally considered an authority. There are 439 morning newspapers, 1,552 afternoon papers, and 24 "all-day" papers. Daily newspaper circulation dropped 1,244,718 last year, now being 9,844,882.

THE STUDY MONTH

On The Farm and in The Home

February



Each lengthy February night, Bolivar and his family Gathered around the cheerful light. All just as busy as a bee, And in all practical respects, They sure improved their intellects.

For knowing what there is to do Is just to make a proper start; Before a job is carried through, Some other questions play a part. How, when, where, why to do the thing Calls for a heap of studying.

Present conditions mark 1940 as a year of uncertainty for North Carolina farmers. Because of this situation, State College specialists are urging growers to plan and plant wisely.

During February, the Tar Heel crop grower will find it to his advantage to follow these eight rules as laid down by C. B. Williams, veteran State College argonomist:

1. Select those fields on the farm, insofar as possible, for the growth of major crops that have soils and natures best suited to the growth of each of the crops.
 2. Decide upon the best quantities and analyses of fertilizers that should be used for each crop for the greatest per acre returns.
 3. Do not use fertilizers which fail to meet the requirements for your crops grown on your particular soils.
 4. Do not let someone talk you into using mixtures you are not sure will best meet your conditions and needs.
 5. Use improved seed best suited to your locality and conditions.
 6. Handle your land so that it will be a little more productive each succeeding year.
 7. As far as possible, arrange your major crops in rotations, with at least one suitable legume in each rotation to be plowed under for soil improving purposes.
 8. Break your land early and plant promptly on a good mellow seed bed after the season opens. Delayed planting frequently leads to decreased yields.
- Now, jumping from crops to livestock farming, here are a few suggestions from Dr. John E. Foster, associate in animal husbandry investigations for the Experiment Station at State College:

Brood sows that are to farrow in plenty of minerals and vitamins. If winter pasture is not available, furnish Vitamin A by feeding yellow corn or small amounts of bright green leafy legume hay.

Have your ewes in a strong, thrifty condition before lambing. If some are poor and run down, separate them from the remainder of the flock and give them extra feed and care.

Save out some good quality legume hay for the weaned baby calves and nursing cows. The lower quality roughage can be fed to the older cattle and dry cows.

Don't neglect the weaned colts. Keep them growing all winter by providing sufficient good quality hay and concentrates.

For the poultryman, Roy S. Dearstyn, head of the State College Poultry Department, offers these suggestions:

Start chicks from blood-tested parents. Blood-testing, if carefully done, reduces the chances of pullorum disease to a minimum. Never start over two chicks to the square foot in the brooder house. Provide two half-gallon drinking founts and two mash hoppers 4 inches high by 6 inches wide and 5 feet long with reel for each 100 chicks started.

Overheating kills more chicks each year than chilling. Be sure to provide adequate ventilation of the brooder house without direct drafts. Provide a good chick starting mash and maintain rigid sanitation.

SNOW HILL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Moody Harrell and Carolyn Dean Harrell visited Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Gregory, at Woodville, on Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Harrell, Miss Eunice Harrell and Mrs. James W. Harrell spent Thursday in Elizabeth City.

Eddie Harrell, who has been quite ill with an attack of flu, is much better.

Mr. and Mrs. John Harrell and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Lamb, of Belvidere, spent Thursday in South Norfolk, Va. While there they visited Mr. and Mrs. Philip Sawyer. They found Mrs. Sawyer much improved, after a serious illness.

James W. Harrell was in Hertford on business Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Harrell were in Hertford Saturday afternoon.

Miss Annie Mae Mathews, of Hertford, was the week-end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Mathews.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harrell visited Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Barclift, at Nixonton, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Harrell and Miss Eunice Harrell visited Mr. and Mrs. George Eure, at White Hat.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. White and daughter, Ida Lee, of Hertford; Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Benton, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Benton and daughter, Lois Faye, Miss Maxine Harrell and Ronald Harrell were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Harrell on Sunday.

BALLAHACK NEWS

Mrs. A. J. Mansfield and son, Carlton, of Newport News, Va., are visiting her mother, Mrs. Josephine Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Goodwin and children, of Shawboro, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Goodwin.

Mrs. A. J. Parrish is a patient in St. Vincent's Hospital, Norfolk, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Goodwin and children, Ruth E. and Janice, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Eunch and son, Elbert, of Rocky Hock, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Copeland Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Sanderson and children, of Shawboro, spent Sunday with Mrs. Sanderson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Harrell.

Mrs. Clifford Gregory, of Gregory, spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Goodwin.

Mrs. C. C. Mansfield visited her daughter, Mrs. Elmer Roberson, on

WHITESTON NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Archie White and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Paul White, in Elizabeth City, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Louis Howell, of near Hertford, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Lane, Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Williams spent Sunday in Wekksville with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Williams.

Mrs. Armie Myers and son, Burton, of Washington, N. C., spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Sue Eason. Mrs. Myers remained for an extended visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Winslow and family spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Layden, near Hertford.

Mrs. Crafton Matthews was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Winslow, on Wednesday.

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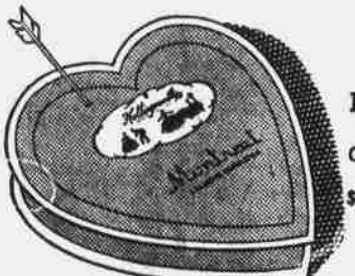
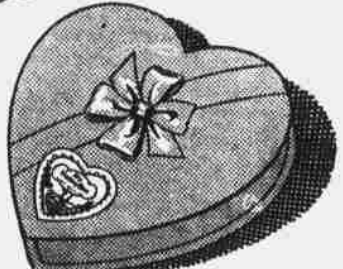
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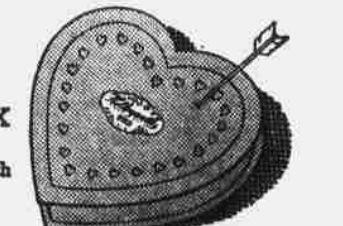


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