

LOOKING AT WASHINGTON

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PER CAPITA INCOME. FARM WAGE RATES. PRAISES TRADE PROGRAM. BILLIONS FOR DEFENSE. JAPAN STEALS A MARCH. AIR POWER NOT ENOUGH.

Per capita income payments to individuals in the United States in 1938 amounted to seventy-six per cent of those received in the boom year of 1929. The Department of Commerce says that income payments range from \$205 in Mississippi to \$822 in New York and averages \$515 for the nation as a whole. While 1938 is the latest year for which these figures are available on a State basis, preliminary records indicate that improvement has been made in 1938 and 1939. The \$515 figure for 1938 compares with \$679 in 1929 and \$376 in 1933.

Salaries and wages were the most important type of payment in every state, accounting for almost three-fifths of total income payments for the nation. Labor income from Government sources provided more than seven per cent of the total income payments. Entrepreneurs with draws—income of those self-employed—accounted for a little more than one-sixth of the total income payments and slightly less than one-sixth appeared in the form of capital returns—dividends, interest and net rent and royalties.

In connection with these figures, it is interesting to note that the Department of Agriculture reports that farm wage rates are higher this spring than they have been since 1931. Persons working on farms on April 1st numbered 9,797,000. This is about 163,000 less than on the same date last year and the decrease is explained by increased mechanization of agriculture and migration of farm labor to industrial areas.

The average rate of farm wages was 124 on April 1st as compared with the 1910-14 level and is three points above April 1st, 1939. Present wage rates on a monthly basis, without board, average \$36.41 and day rates, without board, \$1.55.

In giving his approval to the measure extending the Reciprocal Trade program for three years, President Roosevelt said that the extended hearings and exhaustive debate should leave no room for doubt that the program has brought "demonstrable benefits to our nation as a whole and to every interest directly concerned and has not inflicted injury on any group of producers." There are twenty-two agreements in effect, although some of them, such as the pact with Czechoslovakia and Poland, do not exist. Negotiation is now underway with Belgium and Chile. Praising the procedure employed in negotiations, the President pointed out that it included participation by the State, Commerce, Agriculture and Treasury Departments as well as the Tariff Commission.

Interest in national defense mounted rapidly as news of Germany's attack upon Norway affected public opinion in this country. Although the House has already approved a \$1,750,778,532 appropriation for the Army and Navy during the fiscal year beginning July 1st, there is every indication that this huge sum will be increased by additional appropriations before adjournment.

Chief interest for the present centers in the Navy. The House has approved a supply bill for the expenses of the Navy during the coming fiscal year, which totaled around \$965,000,000 and with minor cuts of around \$2,000,000 the bill has been approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

This measure provides funds to start construction on two battleships of 45,000 tons each, two cruisers, one aircraft carrier, eight destroyers, six submarines and several smaller craft. This construction is in addition to six battleships under way, two others under contract, two aircraft carriers, six light cruisers, fifteen submarines, thirty destroyers and various auxiliaries.

Readers should understand that the appropriation bill referred to in the above paragraph provides the money for operating the Navy and the construction mentioned. In addition, there is pending in the Senate a House-approved authorization bill to permit the Navy to build twenty-one additional combat ships and twenty-two auxiliary vessels. The cost of these ships would amount to \$655,000,000, but passage of the authorization bill by both houses would not provide any money for their construction. Consequently, it will be necessary to pass an appropriation bill for the purpose before a rivet can be driven on the additional program.

Summing up the present status of naval construction, we find that the supply bill authorizes construction of something more than twenty new vessels, more than sixty ships are now building and the proposed increase by the authorization bill will add forty-three others. This may seem like a large naval construction program, but Admiral Harold R. Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, says that the Navy feels that a

twenty-five per cent expansion program, instead of the eleven per cent contemplated, is vital in view of international developments.

Testifying that Japan has successfully concealed her naval construction since 1936, but giving figures based on the best available information, Admiral Stark says that completion of eight dreadnaughts, now believed under construction in Japan, would give that nation eighteen battleships. While the United States will have twenty-three when this country's current program is completed, the Japanese ships are believed to be farther advanced and it is possible that for a year or so, the battleship strength of the Japanese Navy will equal, if not exceed, that of the United States.

When Germany began the invasion of Norway, seizing forts on the Western Coast, naval officials were professionally interested in what looked like the first test between Germany's air power and Great Britain's battle fleet. American naval officers are freely expressing the opinion that Great Britain controls the sea because of her preponderance in battleship strength. For several days, while waiting for the British Navy to make its showing, there was apprehension as to the effectiveness of the surface fleet of Great Britain, but following the effective performance of the British Navy, naval officials were confirmed in their opinion as to the value of battleships.

While the subject has not been aired publicly, leading American officials realize the utmost importance of the British fleet in the American scheme of defense. With little naval force in the Atlantic to oppose any major thrust from a hostile power, the presence of the British Fleet is regarded as something like insurance for the United States.

Delegates Selected For 4-H Encampment

The two boys and two girls to represent North Carolina's 50,000 4-H Club members at the 14th National Club Camp in Washington, June 12-19, have been announced by L. R. Harrill, 4-H Club leader of the State College Extension Service.

They are: Margaret Ellis, 18, of Durham County; Sue Parker, 17, of Jones County; Alfred Greene, 20, of Durham County; and Rudolph Ellis, 20, of Cumberland County.

The selection of these delegates came after a careful study had been made of the records of Tar Heel club members. To be named a delegate to the national camp is considered the highest honor that can be offered a 4-H Club member.

Margaret Ellis, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ellis, Morrisville, Route 1, has climaxed her nine years as a club member by serving this year as president of the State

4-H Council. She has participated actively in club work and has held many offices in her club and county.

Sue Parker, the daughter of Mrs. Leon Parker, of Pollocksville, has been a club member for the past six years. In addition to holding high club offices, she has completed projects in clothing, yard improvement, food conservation, wildlife conservation, and foods and nutrition.

Rudolph Ellis, the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Ellis of Fayetteville, Route 6, has been in club work four years and has specialized in crops projects. During this time, he has developed from his peanut project a business which is returning him a net income of more than \$100 a month. He has been active in club work and has held important offices in his club and county council.

Alfred Greene, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Greene, of Durham, Route 1, has completed nine years of club work, making a total profit from his projects of \$1,027.79.

WOODVILLE NEWS

Recent dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pierce, Route 3, were Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Sawyer, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Pierce and son, Mrs. John F. White, and Mrs. E. H. Gilbert of Hampton, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. James Pierce, Clarence Pierce and Elenore Sawyer. Additional afternoon guests were Mr. and Mrs. Marvin White and children, Mrs. Wesley Pike and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hurdle and daughter, Mrs. D. J. White, Miss Juanita White, Clarence White, Benton White, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Wood, Mr. and Mrs.

Matthew Smith, E. B. Hollowell, Artie Mae and Ann Hollowell, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Pierce and son.

Mrs. C. A. Bogue and Miss Beulah Bogue were recent guests of Mrs. L. F. Winslow, in Hertford.

Miss Margaret Whedbee spent the week-end with Miss Dot Whedbee.

Mrs. W. H. Sherlock, Mrs. C. A. Bogue, Mrs. Arthur Harris, Mrs. Tom Sawney, Mrs. Eula Ferrell and son, Gilmer, and Miss Beulah Bogue attended the show in Elizabeth City at the Carolina Theatre on Monday.

Miss Elizabeth Dale visited Mrs. Linwood Harrell during the week-end.

Mrs. Philip Cartwright and Miss Wilma Godfrey of Weeksville, were visitors here Monday.

Mrs. J. M. Tolar has returned home after a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Odell West, and Mr. West, in Fayetteville.

Miss Beulah Bogue, Miss Gezelda Godfrey, Jason Jackson and Jesse Gurkin were in Elizabeth City Saturday evening.

Sunday dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Heywood Bogue were: Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Spivey and

daughter, Edith Rachel, and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Spivey, Jr., of New Hope, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Sharber and son, Charles Bogue, of Newland. William Bogue and Mildred Bogue called in the afternoon.

Nora Grace Cooke spent Thursday morning with Mrs. C. A. Bogue and Miss Beulah Bogue.

Mrs. Ed Cooke and Mrs. A. R. Cooke visited Central Grammar School at Winfall, Thursday morning.

Goiter is suffered frequently by domestic animals and those in zoos.

FIRST PHONE USER DEAD

Boston.—Mrs. Caroline A. Williams, 95, who owned the first private telephone line in the United States, died recently. Her telephone was installed on April 4, 1897, by Alexander Graham Bell and Thomas A. Watson, his assistant, and ran from her home to the electrical shop of her husband, the late Charles Williams, Jr.

Records show that more suicides occur about 11 a. m. than at any other hour.



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Friday, April 26—
Shirley Temple and Gene Reynolds in "THE BLUE BIRD"

Saturday, April 27—
George O'Brien in "TIMBER STAMPEDE"

Sunday, April 28—
Lew Ayres and Lionel Barrymore in "Dr. Kildare's Strange Case"

Monday and Tuesday, April 29-30
Gene Autry and Jane Withers in "SHOOTING HIGH"

Wednesday, May 1—
George Brent in "ADVENTURE IN DIAMONDS"

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