

## LOOKING AT WASHINGTON

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**THREE FLEETS ON PAPER. MANY NEW SHIPS COMING. HUGE DEFENSE BUDGET. ACTUAL SPENDING SMALL. THE DEBT AND TAXES. ARSENAL FOR DEMOCRACY. FOUR GREAT ESSENTIALS. NEW DEFENSE LEADERS. A CALL TO ALL CITIZENS.**

Reorganization of the United States Navy into three fleets, effective February 1st, may not affect the distribution of more than 300 war vessels now in service, but it will mean something in the distribution of the units when the Navy is doubled by the addition of nearly 400 units now building.

With the main fleet in the Pacific, stationed at Hawaii, the Navy has maintained a patrol force of 125 vessels in the Atlantic and an Asiatic squadron in the Far East, in the Philippines and China. The battle-ships are at Honolulu, with the exception of two or three in the Atlantic. In the Far East are some new cruisers, destroyers, submarines and gunboats.

The ships being built for the Navy will more than double the combatant units of every type, except submarines. The 17 battleships, 12 aircraft carriers, 48 cruisers, 170 destroyers and 82 submarines will represent an addition that is equal to any existing navy in the world today. In fact, when completed, they will be equal to the Japanese navy as it exists plus all units known to be under construction.

The President's budget message followed expectations, proposing expenditures of \$17,485,049,000 in the year beginning the first day of next July. About two-thirds of the total is for defense, with from two to five additional billions likely to be requested for all-out assistance to the fighting democracies. The expenditures will result it is estimated, in a deficit of more than \$9,000,000,000, thus increasing the public debt to an all-time peak of more than \$58,000,000,000.

In connection with national defense the President pointed out that expenditures during the last six months amounted to about \$1,750,000,000. This is a small sum compared with the huge appropriations already made by Congress. Actual expenditures, however, will increase sharply during the next half-year period, being estimated at nearly five billion dollars. This will bring us to the beginning of the 1942 fiscal year during which such expenditures will leap to nearly 11 billion dollars.

The President recounted the defense program, including appropriations, authorizations and recommendations, covering the period from June, 1940, and including estimates for the fiscal year that will end June 30, 1942, showing a total of \$28,480,000,000. The Army gets \$13,704,000,000, the Navy \$11,587,000,000, industrial expansion requires \$1,902,000,000, and other defense activities takes up \$1,287,000,000.

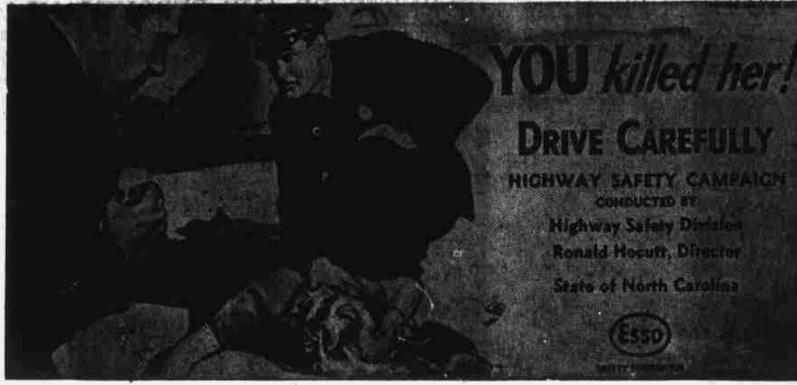
In discussing the national debt the Chief Executive pointed out that national income had increased more than 30 billion dollars above the depression depth and that, in the same period, annual federal interest charges increased by only 400 million dollars. He declared that the bonds of the United States are the "safest securities in the world," and that "our tax burden is still moderate compared to that of most other people."

Mr. Roosevelt opposes a pay-as-you go basis for defense expenditures, although admitting that there was no agreement on how much should be borrowed. He believes that the drastic and restrictive taxes that would be necessary to finance a pay-as-you go defense program would interfere with the full use of our productive capacities and restrict general consumption which, he thinks, is inadvisable "as long as unused capacity is available and as long as idle labor can be employed."

The President's message on the state of the Union gave official utterance to national policy, already underway and generally approved by the people. Defying the dictators, he proclaimed our unity with the cause of the nations fighting aggression and insisted that the role for this country is that of an arsenal to supply munitions and war supplies of many kinds to the nations at war with the aggressors. He took a firm stand against peace by appeasement or negotiation, warning the nation against those who "would clip the wings of the American eagle in order to feather their own nests."

He looked forward to a world founded upon four essential human freedoms: (1) freedom of speech and expression; (2) freedom of every person to worship God in his own way; (3) freedom from want, or economic understandings which will secure to every nation a healthy peacetime life for its inhabitants, and (4) freedom from fear, or world-wide

## State Cooperates In New Safety Effort



The dramatic safety appeal shown above will appear on North Carolina highways under the direction of Highway Safety Director Ronald Hocutt, in cooperation with local outdoor advertising companies and the Esso Safety Foundation. The poster, according to Hocutt, is a plea not only for safe driving, but for equal care on the part of pedestrians, who made up nearly 40 per cent of the 1940 traffic fatalities in North Carolina. The poster is from a painting by Hayden Hayden, noted American artist, who prepared it as his contribution to the joint safety move.

reduction of armaments to such a point and in such a thorough fashion that no nation will be in a position to commit an act of physical aggression against any neighbor.

The newly created Office of Production Management gives William S. Knudsen and Sidney Hillman, together with Secretaries Stimson and Knox, almost complete power to supervise the nation's mammoth defense program. With the prominent industrialist and labor leader working together there is reason to expect unusual cooperation between labor and industry. The President says he has delegated the power as far as possible and that he will not interfere although he would advise if requested to do so.

The four members of the new set-up immediately requested the "active, aggressive and enthusiastic cooperation of every man, woman and child in the United States" in order to make America an arsenal "adequate to the successful defense of democracy and freedom." They warned industry to be satisfied with a normal return for new capital required and repress any "subconscious unexpressed hopes for wartime profits." Labor was assured that no sacrifices would be asked unless "matched by a corresponding sacrifice of capital" and warned that a totalitarian victory will destroy the hard-won rights of labor and that "both capital and labor will become the involuntary vassals of an all-powerful State."

### HURDLETOWN

Mr. and Mrs. W. Q. Hurdle and children, Daryl and Eleanor Glyn, visited Mrs. Hurdle's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Jordan, of Camden, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Symons and Mrs. Z. D. White visited Mr. and Mrs. John Hall, of Winfall, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Hurdle and children visited Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Twine Sunday.

Miss Shirley Hurdle spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stallings, at Cumberland.

Mrs. Nellie Sumner and Emily Anne are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harrell, Jr., in Norfolk, Va.

Mrs. C. M. Hurdle and daughter, Shirley, visited Mrs. J. H. Scaff on Wednesday.

Lee Ferrell, U. S. A., Camp Carlisle, Pa., visited his cousin, Mrs. C. M. Hurdle, recently.

Mrs. Hazel Combs, of Elizabeth City, spent a few days last week with her aunt, Mrs. Nellie Sumner. O. K. Twine went to Durham on Friday for treatment at Duke Hospital.

### HERTFORD CLUB MEETS

The Home and Garden Club of Hertford met Friday evening at the home of Mrs. W. N. Tucker, with Mrs. G. R. Tucker as assisting hostess.

The meeting was opened by singing "Love's Old Sweet Song", after which Mrs. E. L. Reed offered prayer. Mrs. W. D. Landing, secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting. The Collect was repeated in unison.

Miss Frances Maness, demonstration agent, talked on "Farm and Family Living."

After the business session dainty refreshments were served by the hostesses.

Those present included Mesdames W. N. Tucker, G. R. Tucker, E. L. Reed, C. M. Harrell, H. G. Barcliff, Mark Hathaway, W. D. Landing, Z. A. Harris, Norman Elliott, Hurley Hoffer, B. T. Wood, C. A. Murray, Wilson Reed, Seymour Chappell, Josiah Elliott, J. S. McNider and N. H. Medlin, and Miss Frances Maness.

### TWO FAMOUS HORSES BELIEVED USED AS FOOD

Paris.—Two of France's most famous stallions, Mon Talisman and Clairvoyant, which belonged to a wealthy Argentine, duenda Martinez de Hoz, are listed as "missing in action" since June and are believed to have been killed and eaten during the big exodus from Paris.

## National Peanut Week Scheduled January 23 - 31

An attempt to move 50,000 tons of peanuts into the channels of edible consumption will be made during National Peanut Week, scheduled January 23-31. H. W. Taylor, Extension marketing specialist of N. C. State College, says that this event is designed to help peanut growers of North Carolina and other states to dispose of a record-sized crop at profitable prices.

"Last year a National Peanut Week campaign resulted in 25,000 tons of peanuts being moved into edible consumption, thereby greatly increasing the income of Tar Heel peanut producers," Taylor declared. "This year there is even greater need for a campaign of this type since U. S. Department of Agriculture estimates place the 1940 peanut crop in the Nation at 1,511,150,000 pounds—28 percent larger than in 1939."

Taylor said that the National Peanut Council is sponsoring this year's "week." They have been assured of the cooperation of leading organizations of merchants, transportation agencies, and dealers in peanut products. These include the Southeastern Chain Store Council, of which P. D. May of LeGrange is the North Carolina representative. May says that the chain stores will feature special window displays and other promotional material.

"Peanut production," the Extension specialist declared, "is an important part of the agricultural economy of North Carolina. If the public will lend its support to National Peanut Week, the farmers will be benefited and what helps the farmers helps general business."

"The Growers Peanut Cooperative, with headquarters at Aboskie, has placed its stamp of approval on this campaign. Mayon Parker, president of the cooperative, has urged all members to support the campaign," Taylor concluded.

### Benton Named To Three Committees In Lower House

Representative J. T. Benton has received appointment to serve as a member of three committees in the present session of the Legislature. Mr. Benton will serve on the Agricultural, Commercial Fisheries and Oyster Committees.

## TAYLOR THEATRE

EDENTON, N. C. WE HAVE THE SHOWS

Friday, Jan. 17—Lum and Abner and Frances Langford in "DREAMING OUT LOUD"

Saturday, Jan. 18—Don Red Barry in "WYOMING WILDCAT" Also 3 Stooges Comedy and "Dr. Satan" No. 5

Sunday, Jan. 19—Fredric March and Betty Field in "VICTORY" A Story of the South Sea Isles

Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 20-21—Robert Taylor, Ruth Hussey and Walter Pidgeon in "FLIGHT COMMAND" Matinee 10c and 25c Night 10c and 35c This Picture

Wednesday, Jan. 22—Double Feature—10c and 20c Laurel and Hardy in "FLYING DEUCES" Sidney Toler in "MURDER OVER NEW YORK"

### SNOW HILL NEWS

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

Miss Annie Mae Matthew, of Hertford, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Matthews, during the week-end.

Ronald Harrell, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Harrell, is improving after an attack of bronchial pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hudson and son, Billy, of Newport News, Va., visited Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Lane during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Moody Harrell attended services at Woodville Baptist Church Sunday afternoon.

Barbara Lee Sawyer, of Old Neck, spent a few days recently with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Cartwright.

Elmer Wood visited Mrs. Wally Knight, in Norfolk, Va., Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Benton and family, of Old Neck, visited Mrs. Mary A. Keaton and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wood Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. White, of Hertford, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Benton on Sunday.

Conrad Brocho of St. Louis inquired of police how he could get rid of a wife who was "never sociable."

### Livestock Outlook For 1941 Is Bright

A bright outlook for livestock farmers in 1941 is indicated by the increased defense activity, says Prof. E. H. Hostetler, State College animal husbandman. "People eat more meat when they are working and earning regularly," he pointed out, "and

the farmer who combines livestock production with cotton or tobacco growing will benefit the most."

Prof. Hostetler says that the re-employment will help the live-stock-cotton farmer in two ways, namely: Workers can utilize more cotton, and they can consume more of the livestock products that are products through the feeding of cottonseed by-products.

In this connection, the State College leader cited a recent estimate that one hour's wage received by the average American will buy 2.1 pounds of beef, whereas the same amount of labor will earn an Englishman only 1.4 pounds of beef, a German 0.9 of a pound, and a Russian 0.3 of a pound—when meat is available, at any price.

"The basic 1941 farm outlook indicates that reductions in unemployment, coupled with increased earnings of those who have not been classed as unemployed, should raise the demand by consumers for such farm products as meat, dairy and poultry products, vegetables and some fruits. Our North Carolina cotton and tobacco farmers might as well face these facts and diversify

their operations," Hostetler declared. In conclusion, the animal husbandman suggested that farmers get in touch with their county farm agents and discuss with these representatives of the State College Extension Service the best types of livestock to raise for the particular community in which they live.

### EPIDEMIC OF COLD SYMPTOMS

666 Liquid or 666 Tablets with 666 Salve or 666 Nose Drops generally relieves cold symptoms the first day.

### WHEN YANKEE CLIPPERS RULED THE SEAS

Opening chapters of a series of thrilling tales about days of glorious adventure that will never come again—with illustrations in full color. Don't miss this feature in the January 19th issue of

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