

LOOKING AT WASHINGTON.

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NATIONAL ART GALLERY GIFTS TO THE PUBLIC WHAT COMES AFTER \$7,000,000 IN AID DEFENSE SPENDING TO LAST FOR TWO YEARS FACING ACTUAL PERIL

Last week President Roosevelt accepted in the name of the American people the National Gallery of Art, the \$15,000,000 structure provided by the generous gift of the late Andrew W. Mellon. The National Art Gallery was thrown open to the public to inspect the 504 paintings and forty-four sculptural works already housed.

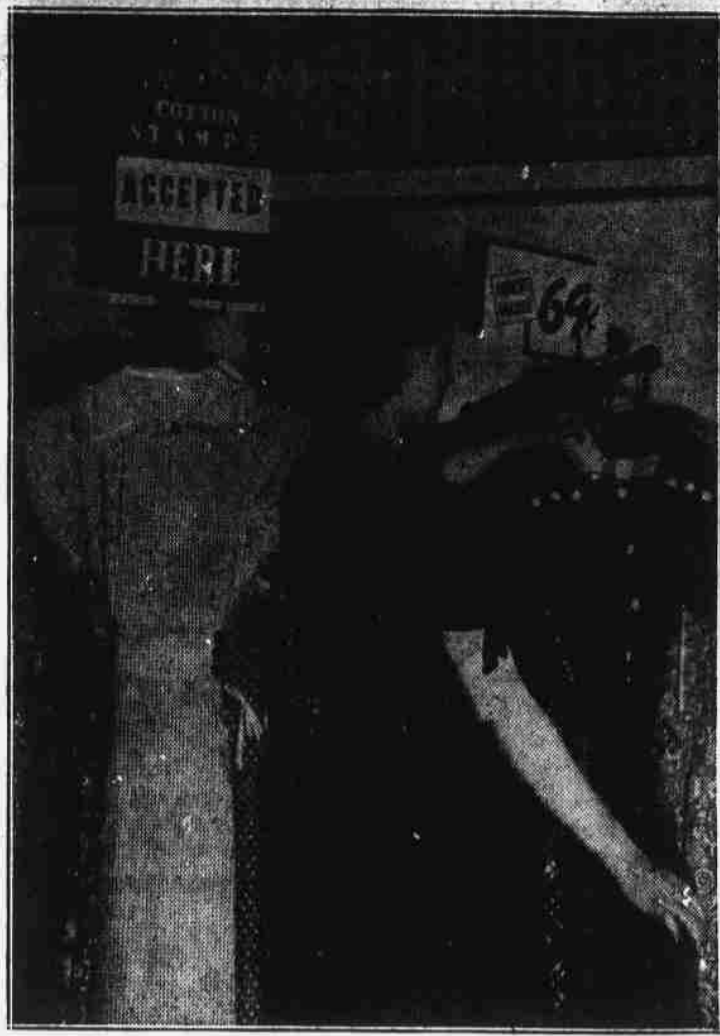
In addition to providing the building the former Secretary of the Treasury presented the nation with his valuable collection of 126 paintings and 25 sculptural works, including admirable examples of Italian, Spanish, Dutch, Flemish, and English schools from the Thirteenth through the Nineteenth centuries. To this great collection has been added the 375 paintings and 15 sculptural works presented by Samuel H. Kress, which is almost exclusively of the Italian school.

We call attention to the National Gallery of Art because it represents, in the words of Paul Mellon, son of the donor, a joint enterprise of the Government and of magnanimous citizens. This is very true and the munificence of the gift to the public should be appreciated. It typifies a generous spirit which has repeatedly manifested itself in this country where many wealthy citizens have left valuable gifts for the benefit of the public generally.

We think attention should be called to the modesty of Mr. Mellon, who stipulated that the Gallery should not bear his name. His idea was that other wealthy Americans would add their collections to his and thus give the national capital an unexcelled collection of old masters. That this hope will bear fruit is seen in the gift of Mr. Kress and the promised gift of Joseph E. Widener, whose collection is very valuable.

The National Art Gallery is a long low structure facing Constitution Avenue. More than 800 car-

COTTON ST. MP PLAN TO HELP BUSINESS



Farm people of North Carolina and other Southern states are preparing to "wear a part of the cotton surplus." By voluntarily reducing their cotton acreage in 1941, farmers will each receive as much as \$25 worth of cotton stamps which they can exchange at retail stores for cotton goods. Where a sign similar to the one pictured above is displayed, it will be found that the business man as well as the farmer is benefiting from the Supplementary Cotton program. Details of the plan may be learned from county farm and home agents of the State College Extension Service, or from county and community AAA committeemen.

loads of Tennessee marble went into its erection. It is in the Jeffersonian manner, but the musty atmosphere associated with old museums is conspicuously absent. The exterior marble shades from pink to white from the base upward.

Visitors to the national capital are welcome to the Galleries but they can also visit other exhibitions, notably paintings at the Corcoran Art Gallery, prints at the Library of Congress, and treasures from the East at Freer.

Although the defense program is barely getting into its stride, officials are already seeking means to maintain "a strong and healthy na-

tional economy" during the period of adjustments which will follow the present emergency. The National Resources Planning Board recommends immediate inauguration of surveys, investigations and preparations of engineering plans and specifications for selected projects which would constitute a six-year program of "reservoir" construction work. Out of this program, Congress and the Administration could select activities in amounts and times appropriate to the needs of the nation.

Passage of the \$7,000,000,000 Lease-Lend appropriation seems virtually assured. Many members of Congress, who opposed the Lease-Lend Bill, now take the position that it has become national policy which should be supported to whatever extent necessary. Certainly, passage of such an appropriation bill gives ample notice to the world that this country understands the magnitude of its task. While a smaller appropriation would have been sufficient to cover immediate needs, most of the congressional leaders considered it advisable to make the appropriation immediately for its effect upon the nations of the world.

There is little to be gained by reprinting the Budget Bureau's estimates, giving details as to the spending of the \$7,000,000,000 involved in the Lease Lend fund. When one realizes that this is to be super-imposed upon the \$32,000,000,000 national defense program, it becomes clear that details as to the number of this or that to be provided becomes inconsequential. The immense funds involved means the utilization of practically every resource in the production defense items.

A recent analysis of the defense program, as it stands today, exclusive of the Lease-Lend expenditures, shows probable appropriations of \$32,000,000,000 for the present and next fiscal year. Of this total, the Army gets \$15,942,700, the Navy \$13,764,500,000, other defense agencies \$1,942,500,000, and supplemental purposes \$350,300,000. The spending, it should be noted, will spread beyond the end of the present fiscal year 1941-42, which comes to a close June 30, 1942.

While it is impossible to be exact in estimates as to spending for the present fiscal year, it is generally presumed that something more than \$6,000,000,000 will be spent. The Army will use \$3,845,700,000 and the Navy \$2,136,300,000. When the year ends next June 30, there will be unexpended balances of nearly \$5,000,000,000 for the Army and about two and a half billion for the Navy.

While there is no reason for the average American to become hysterical, it should be apparent to all citizens, from the above figures, that officials charged with the responsibility of directing the destinies of this country, are convinced that it is in serious peril. No other situation would justify such enormous expenditures.

Four-fifths of the metals now produced in Peru are from American-owned mines.

BARGE CAPTAIN'S DAUGHTER BECOMES A COUNTESS
 Disclosing how a modern Cinderella's beauty and good behavior attracted the attention of a nobleman who immediately fell in love with her. One of many illustrated articles in the April 6th issue of **The American Weekly** the big magazine distributed with the **Baltimore American** On Sale at All Newsstands

Participation In Farm Program Was 88 Per Cent Last Year

North Carolina had a larger participation in the Agricultural Conservation Program in 1940 than in any previous year, according to an announcement by E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer of State College, and G. T. Scott, Johnston County farmer who heads the State AAA Committee.

About 7,030,000 acres—or 88 percent of North Carolina's 7,990,000 acres of Cropland, was covered by farms in the 1940 program, as compared with 63 percent in 1939. The previous high mark was 83 percent in 1932.

Both Floyd and Scott predicted that at least 90 percent, and possibly as much as 95 percent, of the cropland in the State will be covered by participation in the 1941 program.

"The increased participation," Floyd said, "is to a large extent the result of farmers' efforts to deal with the serious marketing emergency for tobacco, and it reflects increased interest in soil conservation during the past year. Preliminary figures show important increases over all previous years in the use of lime and phosphate, in acreages planted to winter cover crops, and in the seedings of other soil-building legumes and grasses. Approximately 17 million feet of terracing was completed, which was also a record."

North Carolina farmers participating in the 1940 program earned 78.5 percent of their maximum soil-building payment, as compared with 60 percent in 1936, the first year of the Agricultural Conservation Program.

"We farmers," Chairman Scott declared, "have found that higher farm income and improved fertility of our soils are real benefits that have resulted from the greater participation in the Farm Program."

Harmony At Last
 "The Nextdors seem to get along better lately."

"Yes; they have something in common at last; they have both determined to get a divorce."

Officers of Hickory, N. C., are seeking a man charged with biting his girl friend on the nose.

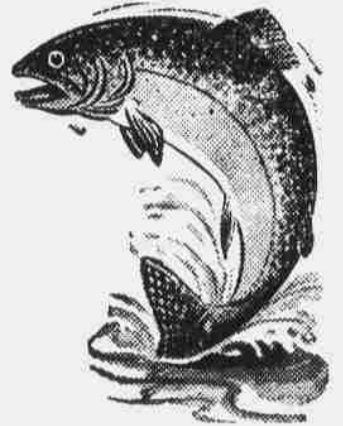
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BETHEL CLUB MEETS
 The Bethel Home Demonstration Club met Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. M. T. Griffin with Mrs. S. I. Cullipher as assistant hostess. The meeting was called to order by the president and the members sang "It's a Good Time To Get Together." Miss Gertie Chappell gave a demonstration on spring fashions with several club members taking part. Miss Frances Maness gave an interesting demonstration on Curtains and Draperies. During the social hour Mrs. L. A.

Proctor gave two contests with Mrs. Reuben Stallings and Mrs. Ernest Long winning the prizes.

The hostesses served dainty refreshments to the following: Messdames L. A. Proctor, Reuben Stallings, S. M. Long, R. F. Stanton, E. L. Goodwin, Ennis Phillips, Ernest Long, Leroy Goodwin, W. P. Long, J. J. Phillips and Joe White, and Misses Frances Maness, Gertie Chappell, Evelyn Long, Blanche Goodwin, Eunice Long, Madge Long and Jayne Griffin.

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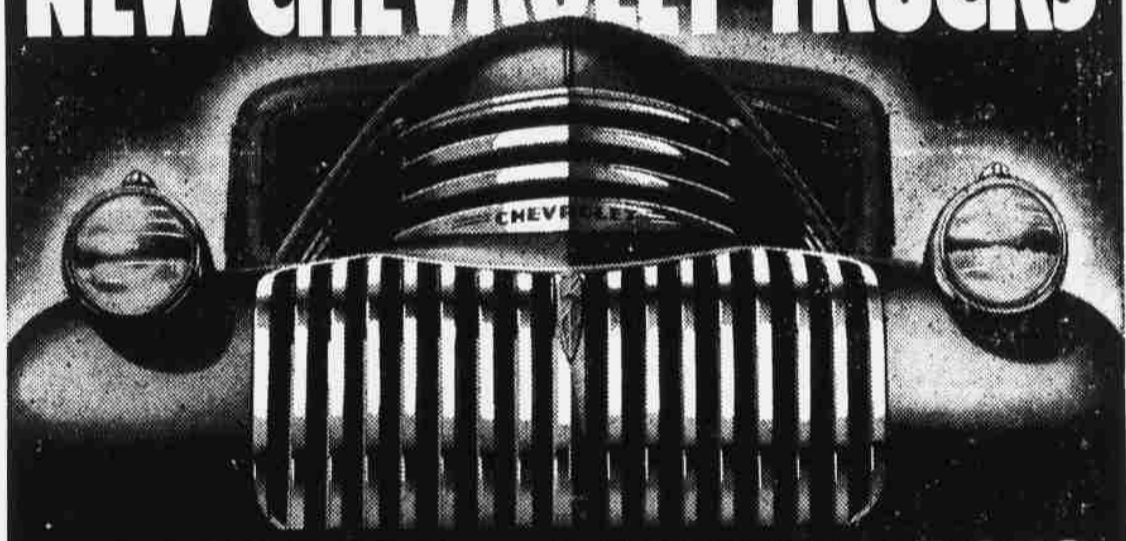
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