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FOREIGN TRADE IMPROVES

Figures for the first ten months of this year show an increase of 36 per cent in American export trade and an increase of 16 per cent in imports, both being compared with the corresponding period of 1933.

For the first ten months of 1933 the export balance was only \$110,599,000. This year, for the same period, exports were \$1,767,697,000 and imports \$1,371,871,000 as compared with \$1,298,099,000 and \$1,187,500,000, respectively, in 1933.

Word from Warm Springs, Ga., where the President enjoyed his Thanksgiving dinner with patients at the infantile paralysis foundation, is that the routine Federal budget for the next fiscal year will be balanced and emergency expenditures held to as low a figure as possible.

NO DISCORD DEVELOPS

Japanese hopes of Anglo-American discord have gone glimmering in the light of recent utterances by responsible statesmen in both countries.

While there has been no official proposal of a common front against Japan, it is known that British officials have suggested the possibility of understanding between the United States and Great Britain, which would seek to obtain for the two nations such advantages as may be possible through an agreement.

HULL'S TARIFF POLICY

Following a speech delivered by George N. Peek, special tariff adviser to the President, Secretary of State Cordell Hull found it advisable to reiterate the policy this government will pursue in its campaign to remove tariff obstructions through trade agreements.

Mr. Hull laid down the flat proposition that the most favored nation treatment "in its unconditional form" will be the basis of the twelve trade agreements now underway.

APPARENT CONFLICT

Another apparent conflict between governmental leaders developed when Secretary Ickes, in charge of the PWA, intimated that low cost housing was impossible through private capital at the very time when Mr. Moffett, of the Federal Housing Administration, was talking about the wide use of private capital for this purpose.

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Counties To Be Consolidated For FERA Work

Alleghany, Ashe, Wilkes, Watauga, Surry and Yadkin To Comprise Unit

Alleghany, Ashe, Watauga, Wilkes, Surry and Yadkin counties will be consolidated into one district, with headquarters at North Wilkesboro, for the administration of the FERA program in this section.

As many of those now working in the local office here will be used as is possible, but the object in cutting out the office is to lower the cost of administration and to allow more money for the work itself; it is, therefore, possible that only the local case workers will be continued on the payroll.

There is now 104 administrative units in the state with the attendant cost of running such offices. Under the new regime, this number will be reduced to 33 district administrative units in the state.

The allotments made the various counties will be sent to the district offices and disbursed from there. On January 1, all direct relief cases will be dropped from the FERA lists, and will become county charges in all those counties that have not provided appropriations which have been turned over to the Relief Administrator for use in cooperation with the relief program.

After the first of the year, only those who can work will be employed by the FERA. This ruling is made in an effort to make counties assume their normal responsibilities in regard to their poor.

Tax Increase To Be Opposed By Doughton

Washington, Dec. 4.—"There will be no increase in federal taxes unless it is absolutely necessary," Chairman Robert L. Doughton, of the House ways and means committee, declared here upon his arrival today to sit in with a special ways and means subcommittee which is canvassing the tax structure with the view of drafting the 1935 revenue bill.

The North Carolina representative said he would confer with President Roosevelt and Secretary of Treasury Morgenthau within the next several days and get their views as to what they thought will be needed to run the federal machinery during the next fiscal year and then his committee would shape its program accordingly.

Doughton will be here until the week before Christmas in connection with this work with the special committee on taxation and other routine departmental work connected with his office.

Asked as to his position on cash payment of the bonus, Doughton said he would like to see a plan worked out for paying the veterans, especially the needy ones.

TO HOLD FATHER AND SON BANQUET HERE SAT. NIGHT
Boys of the Sparta high school Agriculture department are to hold their annual Father and Son banquet on Saturday night, December 8.

HOLD UNION SERVICE
Rev. John Leslie Hart, pastor of the Galax Baptist church, delivered the sermon at the Galax union Thanksgiving service in the Christian church.

Auto Sales For November Show Drop In N. C.

Raleigh, Dec. 4.—New car sales in North Carolina during November dropped considerably from the record set in October, but were far ahead of sales in the corresponding month last year.

The drop is attributable to the short period of use of 1934 licenses, prospective purchasers waiting until December 15, when they may use 1935 licenses, Director L. S. Harris, of the motor vehicle bureau, reports.

New motor vehicles registered in November numbered 3,715, or 3,029 passenger cars and 686 trucks, as against 7,311 cars and 1,905 trucks in October, and as against 2,328 cars and 450 trucks in November, 1933.

Sales to the end of November for the entire year reached 53,461, or 43,075 cars and 10,386 trucks, as against 26,971 cars and 5,955 trucks in the 11 months of 1933, Director Harris reported.

Business Men Plan To Help Recovery Drive

Several Hundred Industrial Leaders Make Public Tentative "Prosperity Platform"

New York, Dec. 4.—The movement to harmonize efforts of business and the national administration in a concentrated drive for economic recovery gained further momentum last night as several hundred industrial leaders made public a tentative "prosperity platform."

Gathered at the annual meeting of the National Association of Manufacturers, the business men pledged themselves to work for closer co-operation between government and industry and began a four-day program designed to sound out business opinion in all sections of the United States.

Highlights of the platform, which will be submitted to a general convention of the association later this week, were:

- 1—Avoid policies which tend to centralize control over industry, labor and agriculture and to regiment the United States.
- 2—Maintain a constitutional balance among legislative, executive and judicial power.
- 3—Balance the federal budget.
- 4—Withdraw federal aid from states which do not cut expenditures excluding relief and bonded debt, to the 1926 level.
- 5—Substitute for state sales taxes and federal "nuisance" taxes a non-cumulative, manufacturer's sales tax, collected by the government and shared with the various states.
- 6—Return as soon as possible to a "genuine and unrestricted gold standard."
- 7—Amend the securities act and the securities exchange act to conform with the principles of British law and practice.
- 8—Repeal the Frazier-Lemke act.
- 9—Establish a uniform accounting system for operations in which the government engages.
- 10—Abandon all forms of government competition with private industry.
- 11—Make illegal sympathetic strikes.
- 12—Encourage local settlement of labor disputes and make every organization of employers and employees equally subject to public authority.
- 13—Relieve unemployment distress, not subsidize it.

County Officers Take Oath Mon.; Many In Town

Many persons from various parts of the county were in town Monday to attend to routine business matters, it being the first Monday, and also to see the newly elected officials take the oath of office.

Those being sworn in were Walter M. Irwin, sheriff; Charlie Shepherd, Constable of Prathers Creek Township; Johnny Wagoner, Constable of Glade Creek Township; A. F. Reeves, Clerk of Court; Vann Reeves, Register of Deeds; Johnny Gambill, County Commissioner; W. M. Roberts, County Coroner, and J. C. Sparks, County Surveyor.

Repeal Of Dry Law Is One Year Old On Dec. 5

Congressman Celler Warns Whisky Industry It Must Reform Or Be Outlawed Again

Washington, Dec. 4.—Prohibition repeal will be one year old tomorrow, and tonight Representative Emanuel Celler (D), New York, who was in the vanguard of the fight that brought legal liquor back, warned the whisky industry it must reform or be outlawed.

He threatened to sponsor legislation which would regulate liquor advertising unless the distilleries cease "placing advertising before the public designed to popularize drinking."

One year of repeal, according to Director Joseph H. Choate, Jr., of the federal alcohol control administration, has demonstrated that liquor taxes must be lowered if bootleggers are to be driven out of business.

"Unless the vested liquor interests take warning," Celler said, "they will have one foot on a banana peel and the other one in the grave. Those of us who were in the vanguard of the fight against prohibition feel that we have an obligation to keep the liquor business clean and above corruption. Evidence of graft is wide spread."

Choate cited the British Isles, with a population one-third that of the United States, where liquor taxes amount to \$600,000,000 a year.

"They are able to levy those high taxes," he said, "because they have no bootlegging."

Choate believes the quality of liquor now is better than one could reasonably expect in one year.

NATION GIVES THANKS

Thanksgiving was observed throughout the land Thursday, November 29, and a deep religious undertone was noted.

Through State Capital Keyholes

By Bess Hinton Silver

BIG STICK—Raleigh back-room political circles hear rumblings of a coming war between eastern and western Democrats that are highly intriguing, to say the least. The story goes that the westerners are forming a combine to force redistricting of the State after the mandate of the constitution. The east has blocked redistricting which would give the west greater representation at the expense of the boys down east. The plan of the westerners is said to be scrapping of the traditional method of alternating between east and west on candidates for Governor, Senator and other important State offices in the event the easterners refuse to agree to redistricting. That would mean that the west would offer Democratic candidates for all offices every term. The thought will probably cause the eastern boys to pause and think.

NUMBER FOUR—You have been reading a lot about the three leading candidates for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in the spring of '36, namely Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby; Congressman R. L. Doughton, of Sparta; and Lieutenant Governor A. H. Graham, of Hillsboro; Now you can also hear around the State Capitol that Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt, of Oxford, has about decided to pitch his hat into the ring and if he does you can look for a real battle-royal. Any man of the quartette can well be rated a serious threat to any other man's gubernatorial ambitions.

HONOR—Keyholes is just about willing to stake its reputation on the prediction that Dan C. Boney, North Carolina's affable Commissioner of Insurance, will be honored by his fellows at the annual meeting of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners in Florida early in December. It would not be surprising if Mr. Boney should emerge as president of the National organization.

POTENT—Announcement this week of the formation of the

Debt Adjustment Committee Named For Alleghany

J. B. Riley, Field Representative Of Debt Adjustment Body, In Sparta This Week

J. B. Riley, field representative of the Farm Debt Adjustment commission, was in Sparta Monday and Tuesday contacting members of the Alleghany County farm debt adjustment committee. The Farm Debt Adjustment commission is working under the Farm Credit administration and is administered from funds furnished through the office of Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, state administrator of the ERA. The commission has as its purpose the adjustment of debts of farmers who are unable to meet their obligations and are faced with the possibility of having to go into the bankruptcy courts to get relief.

Mr. Riley states that when a farmer applies to the local committee for assistance, the committee tries to work out a satisfactory arrangement with all creditors, and give the farmer an opportunity to work out his debt problems.

D. C. Duncan, of Sparta, is chairman of the Alleghany County debt adjustment committee. M. A. Higgins, of Ennice, is vice chairman, and Clinton Halsey, of Sparta, is secretary. Other members of the committee are M. E. Reeves, of Laurel Springs; J. T. Miles, of Cherry Lane; Will Parsons, of Piney Creek, and W. B. Reeves, of Whitehead. Farmers who are hard-pressed by their creditors may get in touch with one of the members of this committee, and they will assist him in working out an adjustment of his debts.

ENDS GA. VACATION

Washington, Dec. 4.—President Roosevelt is scheduled to return here tomorrow after a vacation spent at Warm Springs, Ga.

Flier Thinks He Has Set New Altitude Mark

Bartlesville, Okla., Dec. 4.—Wiley Post was jubilant last night, convinced he had spiraled his round-the-world monoplane Winnie Mae higher into the air than any heavier-than-air craft hitherto had gone. He said he believed he had reached 48,000 feet or more.

The secret of whether the one-eyed aviator, clad in an asbestos suit with oxygen helmet, had tapped the lower reaches of the stratosphere as he had hoped was sealed in his barograph, which will be sent to Washington to be examined by officials of the National Aeronautical Association.

The present international record stands at 8,96 miles, set by the Italian, Renato Donati. Balloons have penetrated about four miles higher.

Doughton Says Sales Tax Will Come Up Again

Stops In Winston-Salem On Way To Meeting Of Ways And Means Group In National Capital

Having rested up from his successful campaign for re-election to the House of Representatives, Congressman R. L. "Farmer Bob" Doughton spent a short time in Winston-Salem Monday night en route to Washington to attend a meeting of the House ways and means committee, of which he is chairman. The committee was scheduled to meet Monday, but Congressman Doughton asked that the meeting be postponed until Tuesday morning.

The all-important question of a sales tax will more than likely find its way into the House during the coming session of Congress, Mr. Doughton surmised while consuming a "sizzling steak" during his short stay in the twin city.

"The sales tax question has a lot of strong supporters in both House and Senate," Mr. Doughton declared. He said he would not be surprised to see this form of taxation pushed by its proponents.

Mr. Doughton said he would have four new Democrats and two new Republican members of his committee. The Democrats missing from the committee will be Chalenberg, of Nebraska; Dickinson, of Missouri; McClintic, of Oklahoma, and West, of Ohio. The new members of the committee will be elected during the party caucuses to be held prior to the opening session of Congress on January 7.

Asked if he expected the session to be smooth and responsive to the President's will, Congressman Doughton said he did not know. "There are a lot of new fellows in Congress and they have made a lot of promises. You never can tell what will happen," he said.

Congressman Doughton said his committee would be in session for about two weeks and then he expected to return to his home at Laurel Springs for the Christmas holidays. He expects to be home about December 20.

Residence, Barn And Granary Of T. L. Harris Burn

The residence, barn and granary belonging to T. L. Harris, of Glade Creek, burned one night last week.

The family who were at home, awoke about midnight to find the three buildings burning. An oil can nearby and the simultaneous firing of the three buildings led to the belief that the fire was of incendiary origin, but suspicion rests on no particular person or persons.

Very few personal effects were saved from the fire.

ELDER S. P. ROBERTS TO HOLD SERVICES
Elder S. P. Roberts, of the Primitive Baptist church, will hold services in the near future as follows:

Baywood, December 13; Crab Creek, December 14; Zion, December 15; Little River (Sparta), December 16.

Waynick Named Ass't. Highway Chief For N. C.

High Point Editor Is Appointed To Handle Work Of E. B. Jeffress, Who Is Ill

Raleigh, Dec. 4.—Capus M. Waynick, of High Point, 45-year-old prominent North Carolinian, today was appointed assistant chairman of the state highway and public works commission.

Waynick will act in place of Chairman E. B. Jeffress, of Greensboro, who has been in a coma almost continually since suffering a stroke of paralysis last August.

Governor Ehringhaus met with members of the state highway and public works commission today in conference, out of which came the announcement of Waynick's selection.

Waynick was a member of the State House of Representatives in 1931 and of the State Senate in 1933.

Waynick's new position was announced as "temporary," at a salary of \$416.33 1-3 per month.

Born in Rockingham county, December 23, 1889, Waynick attended high school at Greensboro and college at the University of North Carolina.

During the World War he served as lieutenant.

The board, in selecting Waynick, adopted the following resolutions:

"Whereas the Honorable E. B. Jeffress, chairman of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, is still physically unable to perform the duties required of his office and there arrives particularly at this time most important labor with respect to parkways and other federal projects, state legislation matters and other highway problems demanding immediate and constant attention, therefore be it resolved by the highway and public works commission that the budget bureau be and is hereby requested to establish within the commission the temporary office of assistant chairman of the highway and public works commission, to be in the absence of the chairman clothed with all the powers and duties of the chairman."

Big Dance To Be Given Here Friday Night

One of the most outstanding dances ever given in Sparta is to be held here on Friday night, December 7, from 10 o'clock 'til —? in celebration of the completion of the new gymnasium.

Music is to be furnished by the "Camel City Night Hawks" and any profits made will be used for the benefit of the school.

Chaperones will be provided. The new gym provides an excellent place for a dance, as there is 7,000 square feet of hardwood floor space.

LOCAL BOY ON HONOR ROLL AT O. R. M. A.

"Buck" Higgins, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Higgins, a student at Oak Ridge Military academy, was eligible for the Honor Roll during the last term at the school, it has been announced here.

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- DECEMBER
- 3—Illinois, 21st state admitted to Union, 1818.
- 4—Henry Ford's Peace Mission Ship sails, 1915.
- 5—California declares independence of Mexico, 1856.
- 6—The Irish Free State is established, 1921.
- 7—Delaware is first state to sign Constitution, 1787.
- 8—Washington retreats across Delaware river, 1776.
- Not a shot—Jerusalem surrenders to British Allies, 1917.