

MAKE YOUR OWN TEST
The reader can find almost any view that he seeks in regard to the actual condition of the country. Comparing the news of the day with what was going on three years ago, there is no argument as to actual improvement, although interpretations differ.

The fear of inflation grips the hearts of many business men who are afraid that once the excess reserves flow into the money market, a wave of speculation will develop and lead us to another plunge in a few years. There are others who believe, even now, that the present industrial recovery is one of the "false starts" which have occurred in recent years, only to end with discouraging reactions.

Undoubtedly, the layman finds it difficult to pick his way through the mass of conflicting testimony and expressed opinions. There are questions that the average citizen finds it hard to understand. They relate to the currency, the rising cost of living, the lost export markets, the debate on the Constitution, the army of unemployed, the problems of labor as well. On these issues, there is no distinct, unequivocal opinion. The air is filled with the voice of propaganda, the argument of partisans and the paid defenders of selfish interests.

The individual reader of this column, attempting to wade through the intricate jungle of the conflict, may well resort to the test invited by the President some months ago. How are prospects? Is your burden lighter than it was? Have you reasonable hope for the future? Along the same line, one might reasonably inquire into lost rights as a citizen, the infringement of constitutional guarantees and the impairment of liberty in general. How do you stand as an individual, compared to your condition and situation a few years ago?

NEUTRALITY AROUSES TRADERS
The President's neutrality policy, which is based upon a resolution of Congress, means the practical abandonment of freedom of the seas for neutrals so far as this country is concerned. Fair warning has been served upon American traders that they deal with belligerents at their own risk and citizens have been advised not to travel upon ships of belligerent nations plying their way in prospective zones of warfare. Already the lamentations of exporters and importers are being heard, with loud cries of grief over lost trade. Answering them is the unequivocal commendation of the great mass of American citizens in general agreement with the congressional attitude that the protection of peace, meaning the saving of lives, is more important than the profits to be secured through commercial speculation in war deals.

WEST LEANS TO ROOSEVELT
While no one can predict what will happen in November, 1936, the consensus of opinion is that if the presidential election was underway this month, the President could count on the support of Western farmers as well as the vote of the Southern States. This much is admitted by many opponents, including Mark Sullivan, a political commentator, whose hostility to the Administration has been evident for a long time. There seems to be little indication of any revolt within the ranks of the Democratic party that will inflict a major casualty. Senator Carter Glass, referred to as the possible leader of conservative opposition, last week made clear his position, saying, "There is no organized opposition to the renomination of President Roosevelt." He reiterated his refusal to support any movement to split the party.

Milo Reno, promoter of "farm holidays," thinks that "if President Roosevelt should go to the West with the Republicans this November, the West would help him lick them," and Senator La Follette, leaving for a short trip to Europe, thinks that the President will win unless the Republicans nominate a candidate as liberal as President Roosevelt.

HOOVER PUEZLES PARTY
Meanwhile, Republican speakers continue their cannonading, assailing the policies of the Administration and attacking the President. While Representative Hamilton Fish, Jr., of New York, is first to discuss the possibility of entering the primaries next year, there is considerable interest in the course of former President Hoover, who, in the opinion of

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Mail Carrier Held Up And Robbed On Sparta-Elkin Road

Three Unknown Bandits Stage Hold-up On Densely Wooded Curve Near Glade Valley

MAIL IS UNMOLESTED.

More Than \$800, Being Conveyed To Sparta Bank For Elkin Store, Taken From Person Of Carrier

Dewey T. Mathis, who carries the mail over the star route between Sparta and Elkin, was held up at the point of guns Monday morning about nine o'clock about one-half mile south of Glade Valley, and robbed of more than \$800 which he was carrying on his person to deposit in the Bank of Sparta for McDaniel's Department store in Elkin. The contents of his own purse were taken by the robbers, although, it is said, no attempt was made to molest the mail pouches.

There was a third man in the bandit party and one of the three, who occupied a Ford sedan which had cream-colored wheels and bore a Virginia license tag, remained in the driver's seat while the other two held up the carrier and demanded the cash, Mathis said.

The switch key of the mail truck was seized by the highwaymen, who fled swiftly, traveling in the direction of Elkin.

An automobile was sent from Sparta to carry the mail the remainder of the distance.

Sheriff's posses of Alleghany, Surry and Wilkes counties are combing the surrounding country searching for clues leading to the apprehension of the robbers. The district postal inspector has been notified of the affair.

The Elkin department store sustained no loss, as the carrier, an agent of the bank, was bonded to protect the sum involved, it was reported.

The hold-up occurred in a densely wooded spot on the Elkin road at the approach to a sharp curve.

Corn-Hog Meet To Be Held Here On Sat., Oct. 26

A meeting is to be held on Saturday, October 26, in the Alleghany county court house in Sparta, at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of determining whether or not the Corn-Hog growers of the county desire an adjustment program for 1936.

Unless a majority of the producers, it is pointed out by R. E. Black, Alleghany farm agent, vote to have a new program, it is likely the AAA will not offer a new contract.

Big Crowd Attends Weekly Livestock Sale Mon. At Galax

A large crowd attended the weekly auction sale held Monday at Galax by the Grayson-Carroll Livestock market. A comparatively good run of stock was on hand for the sale and plenty of buyers were present to purchase it.

Prices were as follows: top veal calves, \$8.70; top hogs, \$10.05; heifers, \$3.50 to \$6.10; top steers, \$4.25; top cows, \$5.90, and top lambs, \$8.30.

For the sale to be held next Monday, October 28, W. C. Roberson, market manager, has announced that there will be on hand for sale one carload of two and three-year old mules and some well-broken horses and mares.

PAPER SAYS BORAH WILL BE IN SENATE RACE AGAIN
Spokane, Wash., Oct. 22.—The Chronicle said today that Senator Borah is organizing his campaign for reelection to the Senate and will not be a presidential candidate.

Second Attempt To Enter Safe At Whitehead Is Made

A second attempt to rob a safe in the home of W. B. Reeves at Whitehead was reported to authorities here last Thursday. A first attempt was staged several months ago when a masked man with a gun entered the room while Ben G. Reeves was depositing some money in the safe, but his presence of mind in quickly closing the door of the safe and frightening the burglar away made the effort a failure.

Last week, when Miss Betty Fowler, a nurse who is attending Mrs. Reeves, happened to enter the room where the safe stands, she found a man kneeling by the safe, it is said, apparently engaged in an attempt to open it. Her presence put him to flight and by the time Sheriff Walter M. Irwin had been summoned to the scene, he had disappeared without leaving any clues.

Address Of Hoare Seen As Call For Peace In Africa

Foreign Secretary Says England Will Stop At Economic Sanctions In House Of Commons Tues.

London, Oct. 22.—In the House of Commons today, a new British peace call was sounded when Parliament began a three-day debate upon the international situation, preliminary to dissolution and the national elections November 14.

Striking a definite conciliatory note, Sir Samuel Hoare, foreign secretary, summed up the Italo-Ethiopian situation with assurances that sanctions to be taken against Italy were economic and not military.

He pleaded that there is still time to work out an honorable and acceptable African peace agreement.

Hoare's speech caused vigorous opposition attacks upon government policies, led by Major Clement Richard Atlee, laborite, and Sir Herbert Samuel, liberal, which furnished a keynote for the election, expected to be fought out largely on international issues.

Reaffirming British friendship for Italy, Hoare declared there was no quarrel with Fascism, noted Italy is still a member of the league and said there is still "a breathing spell" left before the application of economic pressure begins.

"Cannot this eleventh hour change be so used as to make it unnecessary to proceed further along this unattractive road of economic action against a fellow member, an old friend and a former ally?" he asked.

Robert W. Bingham, the United States ambassador, Ambassador Dino Grandi of Italy, and a dozen other diplomats were in the gallery as the session began with Hoare's declaration that the league is one of the greatest institutions mankind ever attempted to build.

He expressed belief that league economic pressure decided upon against Italy would "definitely shorten the duration of war."

Ruth Nichols Is Injured In Plane Accident

Ruth Nichols, famous aviatrix, was injured Monday morning when the transport plane in which she was a passenger burst into flames shortly after taking off from Troy, New York.

The plane, bound for Newark, New Jersey, was carrying five passengers besides Miss Nichols. All were injured and were rushed to hospitals. The extent of Miss Nichols' injuries were not made known.

MRS. COOLIDGE TO SPEND THE WINTER NEAR TRYON
Northampton, Mass., Oct. 21.—Mrs. Grace Goodhue Coolidge, widow of Calvin Coolidge, plans to spend the winter again at the winter home of Mrs. F. G. Adams, at Slick Rock, near Tryon, N. C., friends learned today. She will close her estate, "The Beeches," here in a few weeks.

Second Old Fiddlers' Convention To Be Held Fri. and Sat. Nights In Galax High School Auditorium

Greatest Array Of Old-Time Musicians Ever Seen In Galax Expected To Gather For Contests

EVENT SPONSORED BY MOOSE AND P.-T. A.

Additional Prizes Offered For Best Junior Violinists Under Fourteen Years Of Age

Plans have been completed and everything is all set for the second Old Fiddlers convention, to be held at Galax, in the high school auditorium, on Friday and Saturday nights, October 25 and 26, starting at 7:30 o'clock each night.

Almost one hundred musicians are expected to participate in the contests, bringing to the Galax vicinity the greatest array of old-time music-makers ever witnessed there. These musicians will gather, it is said, from all points in Southwestern Virginia and Northwestern North Carolina, with a few of West Virginia's best included.

The first convention of its kind to be held in Galax took place last April, and was sponsored, as this one is, by the Loyal Order of Moose and the Parent-Teacher association. The contests in April aroused such interest that, after nine hundred and ninety people had packed into the Galax high school auditorium, around five hundred were turned away because of lack of room.

Many outstanding musicians have registered for the event. Among these are Paul Miles and his band, of Sparta, and the famous Frank Jenkins band, of Yadkinville.

A total of \$100 will be given away in prizes to winners in the various contests, as follows: Violin—1st prize, \$5, 2nd prize, \$2.50; Banjo—1st prize, \$5, 2nd prize, \$2.50; Guitar—1st prize, \$5, 2nd prize, \$2.50; Dulcimer—1st prize, \$5, 2nd prize, \$2.50; Band—1st prize, \$10, 2nd prize, \$5; Most entertaining band—1st prize, \$10, 2nd prize, \$5 (this band must not be a winner of 1st or 2nd prize in band contest); Folk Song—1st prize, \$5, 2nd prize, \$2.50; Square Dance—1st prize, \$10, 2nd prize, \$5, and Clog or Flat-Foot Dance—1st prize, \$5, 2nd prize, \$2.50.

The five judges for the convention will be from Winston-Salem and Sparta, in North Carolina, and Galax, Stuart and Marion, Va.

Information has been furnished the TIMES that an added prize is being offered in the event for the best junior violinist (boy or girl) under fourteen years of age.

A first prize of \$3 is offered and a second prize of \$2.

Many Tourists Go To Great Smoky Park During 1935

Washington, Oct. 22.—With the greatest number of persons ever recorded in any one season visiting the national parks during the 1935 travel season, the Great Smoky Mountain National Park felt this increase and led 24 other national parks in popular interest.

A total of 4,284,615 persons saw the national parks and it is estimated that 50,000 took in the scenic wonders of the Great Smoky Mountains.

Although the Great Smoky Mountain National Park has not been officially opened, it led all other national parks in visitors. Long established parks like Yosemite with 372,000 visitors and Yellowstone with 317,998 trailed the Great Smoky.

Commerce Dept. Shows Increase In Farm Imports

Washington, Oct. 22.—Farm imports during 1935 of record and near-record proportions were reported today by the commerce department.

Figures for nine months through September reversed America's traditional position as an exporter primarily of farm products and an importer, chiefly, of specialties.

Commerce officials said agricultural imports increased over 1934 in almost every category, while this class of exports declined. These experts said the figures set records, although comparable statistics for nine-month period in past years were not available.

Publication of the figures coincided with a treasury order levying additional duties of 37 cents a bushel on rye grain and \$1.75 a bushel on rye flour imported from Poland.

Rev. Lennie Lyons Fatally Injured By Falling Tree

Rev. Lennie Lyons, 48, Union Baptist minister of Dalhart, was fatally injured Saturday while felling trees on the farm of Mart Higgins, near Edmonds, N. C.

A tree had been cut which lodged against another, when Lyons took hold of a grape vine, which was entwined around the body of the tree, trying to dislodge it. The tree fell, a limb striking him on the head, crushing the skull.

He was removed by ambulance, as soon as possible, to Galax hospital, where he succumbed about half an hour later.

Funeral services were conducted Monday by Rev. M. E. Poole and others.

The deceased is survived by the widow, Mrs. Mattie Shupe Lyons, and the following children: Mrs. Lottie Crissman, Cloane Island, Iowa; Misses Annie, Nora and Phoebe Lyons, Dalhart, and Earl, Emmett and Charlie Lyons, Baywood.

S. C. City Ready For Big Roosevelt Welcome Occasion

Chief Executive Was Scheduled To Disembark Wed. In Historic Old Charleston, Tour City

Charleston, S. C., Oct. 22.—This quaint and historic old city was gaily bedecked with bunting today and was agog with excitement over the coming tomorrow of President Roosevelt upon his return to home shores from his sea-going vacation. South Carolina, most solidly Democratic state of the "solid south," laid its plans today to give the chief executive a warm welcome and display of affection.

Chased north by a tropical storm, the cruiser Houston which carried the president from the west coast via the Panama canal, was due in the harbor tonight, twelve hours ahead of its original schedule.

The president's plans, however, were to remain aboard the cruiser until tomorrow when he will be officially welcomed to Charleston, make a tour of the city and deliver a brief address.

Tomorrow was declared an official holiday by proclamation of Mayor Burnet R. Maybank.

Nearby cities also declared holidays and Mayor Maybank estimated 40,000 visitors would be in Charleston.

"I expect this to be the largest influx of visitors in the history of Charleston," said the mayor. He added that indications were many from Georgia and North Carolina would be here tomorrow.

After the president's tour of Charleston, he will leave for Washington by train. Included in his party are Secretary Ickes and Harry L. Hopkins, PWA director.

Postal Receipts At Local Office Show An Increase

G. Glenn Nichols, Sparta postmaster, announced recently that the postal receipts at the local office for the three quarters ending on Monday, September 30, have increased from \$9,667.83 for 1934 to \$13,497.65 for the same period of 1935.

The quarter ending September 30 showed an increase from \$3,653.94 to \$4,966.42 over the quarter ending on June 30 of this year.

Stamp sales for the first three quarters of 1934 were \$1,850.17 and for the same period in 1935, they were \$2,385.98. These figures are probably taken by some to mean an improvement in business conditions in Alleghany county.

TO ISSUE RAIN CHECKS
Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 22.—A local dry cleaner has announced new service with an offer of a press on the house if it rains within 24 hours after clothes are delivered.

To Open Bids For Another Stretch Of Parkway Today

Two Projects To Be Let To Contract Will Extend Road 18.34 Miles In Alleghany To Route 18

FIRST STRETCH BEGUN

Progress Made Directly Traceable To Efforts Of Congressman Doughton And Other Officials

Raleigh, Oct. 22.—The last trip to Washington made by representatives of North Carolina for highway funds may have been worth \$500,000, or perhaps more, for, on October 24, at Roanoke, Va., bids for the construction of nearly 20 miles of road, all on North Carolina's end of the park-to-park roadway, will be opened.

North Carolina's road-mindedness really has cost the state some fine stretches, it has been pointed out, because ex-Chairman E. B. Jeffress and his administration built so much first class passages up there in the mountains that Uncle Sam is indisposed to tear it up and lay his better and costlier substitute. The result has been that Tennessee has been getting some beautiful stretches. The tourists are able to get somewhere over these Tar Heel roads and the government has been inclined to put its money into Tennessee stretches which were needed so much more.

First and last for the big federal fund there will be about \$6,000,000 available for these projects. From the Virginia terminus into the North Carolina portion of the park there is a road of approximately 450 miles. The vast undertaking is pretty well accomplished. Tourists who have come to the Smoky mountain reservation have exceeded by nearly 200,000 to 300,000 odd who visited Yellowstone park during the same period.

Chairman Capus M. Wainick of the state highway commission, announced the procedure today as follows:

"The bureau of public roads has advertised for bids on two new sections of the parkway in North Carolina. The bids will be opened at Roanoke, Va., October 24.

"These projects continue the parkway from the Virginia end toward Blowing Rock. The first project was let to contract and the work started on it September 19. This project was for 12 miles from the Virginia line to North Carolina route 26. The next 7.76 miles will constitute the second project to be let October 24, and will extend from route 26 to Air Bellows Gap in Alleghany county. The third project also to be let October 24 will extend from the end of the second project, a distance of 10.58 miles to route 18 in Alleghany county.

"This construction will be of about the same character as that on the first project. The first 12-mile project was placed under contract to Nello Teer, of Durham, for \$363,000. On the same basis of cost something like \$500,000 worth of the parkway under-

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It takes 889,000,000 bushels of wheat on this curve!

Fortunate is he whom the dangers of others has rendered cautious.

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22—Advantists prophesy world will end to-day, 1894.

23—Epicotic epidemic strikes New York horses, 1872.

24—Phillips patents the photophorus match, 1856.

25—John Hancock becomes first Massachusetts Governor, 1780.

26—Union between Norway and Sweden ends, 1858.

27—Theodore Roosevelt, 26th president, born 1858.

28—Columbus discovers the Island of Cuba, 1492, 9999.