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Early this month, President Roosevelt expressed the conviction that "the South presents right now the nation's No. 1 economic problem," because "we have an economic imbalance in the nation as a whole due to this very condition of the South."

The President's statement was read in a conference of twenty-three Southerners by Lowell Mellett, Director of the National Emergency Council, who submitted a report prepared from Government sources and stressing the following facts:

Vivid Contrast.
The South is richly endowed with physical resources and offers greater diversity of climate, soil and topography than any other region of the country. It is poor in the machinery of converting its potentialities to riches, having only sixteen per cent. of the tools with which people make their living, although containing twenty-eight per cent of the nation's population.

With less than one-third of the nation's area, the South contains well over one-third of the nation's good farm acreage.

It has almost half of the land on which crops can grow for six months or more without danger. However, with over half the country's farmers, the South had less than one-fifth of the nation's farm implements.

Economic Pressure.
More than any other section, the South is confronted with the problem of excess population. Already the most thickly populated rural area, its population is growing more rapidly than any other region. This increase is expected to reach 7,000,000 in the next twenty years. The resulting economic pressure has upset a racial relationship which once appeared fixed. White people are displacing Negroes in such trades as barbering, waiting on tables, tending elevators, etc.

With more than half of the farm people, the South gets only one-fifth of the nation's agricultural income. The average Southern farmer does not make enough to feed, clothe and school his children decently. More than half in 1936, made less than \$765 and many had incomes as low as \$300.

Few of the South's children start out on an equal footing with children of other sections because they do not have an equal opportunity to get training in public schools. This was less than half of the national average and one-fourth of the amount spent per child in the State of New York.

Diagnosis Needed.
President Roosevelt did not go into "the long history of how this situation came to be" but he called it "the long and ironic history of the despoiling of this truly American section of the country's population." What the Chief Executive sought was a clear perspective of the task as it is today. But as the New York Times says, "the first step toward the cure of such a problem is correct diagnosis." Subsequently, it may be profitable to the entire population of the United States to look into conditions in the South and attempt to discover the causes which have brought about such a problem.

"To the Victor."
The Christian Science Monitor, published at Boston, Mass., says, "After seventy-five years, America still has a monumental example of the cost of war in the problems of the Southern States. . . . To the victor may belong the spoils, but these are mighty few in a long sustained struggle, and to him eventually, in a contest between brothers, goes the responsibility for helping to rehabilitate the fallen."

Declaring that the South "is not without responsibility in part for its plight," The Monitor says "What are the origins of that disparity which too many Northerners dismiss with 'Oh, the South is just naturally poor and backward?'" It continues:

The Result of War.
"Seldom has a region been so completely stripped of its capital as the South after the war between the States. Her manufacturing plants were worn out. Her slaves, a major form of investment, were freed. Her money was valueless. To rebuild from the ground up, capital had to come from outside and it came warily.

"To make matters worse, the rebuilding had to be done under several handicaps. There was traditional grievance against tariffs, which made the South and West pay higher prices for the (Turn to page four, please)

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Thomas J. Jones, an Alleghanian, is an expert

—rifleman, and is practicing daily on the rifle range at Wakefield, Mass., for the rifle matches to be held in forthcoming weeks. Jones, who is a veteran rifleman, possesses the title of Gunnery Sergeant. He has probably taken part in more rifle competitions than any other military marksman.

Born in Scottville in 1894, Sergeant Jones has served continuously in the Marine corps since 1916 and in virtually every year since that time has won medals and trophies which bear tribute to his skill as a marksman.

His travels as a U. S. Marine have taken him to Cuba, Guam, China and many other distant points, but nearly every year he has been with the Marine corps teams competing in national matches at Camp Perry, Ohio, or elsewhere.

For the last three years he has been a member of rifle teams which defeated more than a hundred military and civilian groups, to win the team championship of the United States at Camp Perry. He has won literally scores of medals and money prizes while competing with the best shots of the nation.

While it has been many years since Sergeant Jones made his home in North Carolina, he has numerous friends and relatives in the state. He formerly made his home with his mother, Mrs. Mazy E. Jones, in Scottville. At subsequent times his brother, Rufus A. Jones, was a resident at Stratford, and another brother, Dr. J. W. Jones, practiced in Boone.

No rifleman of the Marine corps, it is said, has compiled a more brilliant record than the Carolina veteran, whose shooting skill is still good enough to keep him in the front rank of the leading military riflemen of America.

Peach growers are receiving considerably less

—per bushel for their products this year than they received last year. Despite good quality and size, the growers are now receiving between 30 and 40 per cent. less per bushel than last year, according to a report issued recently by the State Department of agriculture.

A. B. Harless, chief of the department's markets news service, reports that U. S. No. 1 peaches (two-inch minimum size) were bringing from \$1 to \$2 per bushel July 7 in New York while in July last year "virtually the same peaches" were bringing from \$3 to \$3.25 per bushel.

The North Carolina peach crop on June 1 was estimated at 2,480,000 bushels compared with 1,937 production of 1,984,000 bushels and a past five-year average crop for the state of 1,813,000 bushels.

"North Carolina ranks ninth among the states of the Union in the production of peaches, California being the leading state," reports Chief Statistician W. H. Rhodes of the Department of Agriculture. "There are approximately 26 counties in the state having commercial peach orchards of considerable size. Three counties have commercial orchards containing more than 100,000 trees—Montgomery county with 422,000 trees, Moore county with 388,000, and Richmond county with 523,000. Anson county reported 69,000 trees while all other counties were considerably less than 50,000."

With a season regarded as one week earlier than last year, Tar Heel growers had shipped 176 carloads of peaches to northern markets compared with 32 cars through July 7.

JOAN CRAWFORD AND FRANCOIS TONE HAVE
—separated as "the best of friends," according to a joint statement issued in Hollywood Tuesday night. They were married at Englewood, Cliffs, N. J., in October, 1934.

King Frank Santo



Wildwood, N. J. . . Frank Santo, 13 years old, son of an unemployed miner of Throop, Pa., was crowned the marbles king of the United States. His victory netted him a \$150 radio set and a wrist watch.

Los Angeles is planning a big welcome event

—for young Douglas ("Non-Stop") Corrigan, who flew across the Atlantic ocean early this week, from New York to Dublin, Ireland, in an old \$900 "crate," without the necessary papers. Plans for a great civic celebration in Los Angeles were started Tuesday.

Corrigan, according to his story, hopped off from Floyd Bennett Field, New York, at dawn Sunday morning, for Los Angeles, and landed in Ireland "by mistake."

"I left New York to return to Los Angeles," he said, "but by an unfortunate mistake I set my compass wrong, and when I got up above the clouds the visibility was very bad."

He said after he had flown "about 25 hours," he thought he ought to be over California, so he went down to take a look and there, to his surprise, was the Irish coast.

Corrigan's feat marks the third time in history that any flier has flown non-stop from New York to Europe and reached the point for which he started—assuming that Corrigan did not make a 6,000-mile "mistake" in his calculations. The two previous fliers who did this were Charles A. Lindbergh and Howard Hughes.

Director Charles S. Crail, Jr., of the Los Angeles junior chamber of commerce, said he had cabled Corrigan at Dublin to make a date for the welcome.

Mayor Frank Shaw, of Los Angeles, cabled Corrigan:

"There is no mistake, my boy, all air roads lead to Los Angeles. We are tremendously proud of you, but please return the safest way, because aviation needs you."

A wealthy lumberman, Don Phillips, has proposed that a movement be started in Los Angeles to finance a world flight by Corrigan and offered to be the first contributor.

In Santa Monica, W. E. (Bill) Easterwood, of Dallas, Texas, long an aviation patron, said he would pay any fine that might be assessed against Corrigan for infraction of aviation regulations. He also said he had cabled airport authorities at Dublin he would take care of any expenses resulting from Corrigan's landing.

The Sparta Public library recently received a donation

—from Mrs. W. R. McHargue, in the form of a number of volumes of fiction.

The library also received from an interested person in Cleveland, Ohio, several volumes of reproductions of paintings by old masters.

Interest in the library continues to grow, as is shown by the fact that, within the last ten days, more than 300 books have been loaned.

CAPTAIN ALEX PAPANAWRECKED HIS PLANE

—and his present chances for a trans-Atlantic flight Tuesday, but walked away from the wreckage. The famous Rumanian acrobatic flier's plane crashed at Norwalk, Conn. He had intended to take off on an attempted ocean flight within the next two or three days.

Ira T. Johnston, of Jefferson, was named president

—of the eleventh district organization of the North Carolina State Bar association on Saturday, July 9, at the convention of the group held at Roaring Gap. Mr. Johnston was named to succeed R. A. Doughton, Sparta. Vice-presidents elected were Grant Baugess, of Ashe; Carlisle Higgins, of Alleghany, and W. P. Sandridge, of Winston-Salem.

T. Spruill Thornton, Winston-Salem, was reelected secretary and Judge G. H. Hastings, also of Winston-Salem, was reelected district councillor. George Cheek, of Alleghany; W. B. Austin, of Ashe, and Luther Ferrell, of Forsyth, were elected to the executive committee. All elections were by acclamation.

A tall, judicial-looking man, who wore a black bow tie and silver rimmed spectacles, warned the lawyers that their profession faces the "rubber stamp of higher-ups."

He was Charles G. Rose, of Fayetteville, dynamic president of the State Bar. He came to Roaring Gap to rouse the lawyers of Alleghany and Forsyth counties into action.

"If we get a bar that takes a rubber stamp from higher-ups," said Rose as he talked to the more than 40 lawyers from the three counties in the district. "I don't know where we are going. But if we live up to the ideals of the profession and to the Constitution we shall stay out in front."

He never did explain who the "higher-ups" were other than to say they were "outside influences."

In discussing this phase of the legal profession, Rose said that as an American institution the bar must be independent in its thinking, but that the moment it takes orders from the "higher-ups"—outside influences—it will lose its prestige.

He told the lawyers he wanted to select his text from the Constitution of North Carolina. This was the sentence he recited:

"A frequent recurrence of fundamental principles is necessary to the preservation of liberty."

Rose declared that the main duties of the North Carolina State Bar are (1) to regulate those who come into the profession and (2) to regulate those in the profession who step over the line.

But Rose said he is of the opinion "building fences around folks and saying you can't do this and you can't do that never made a better character."

"You have to have gold bricks to start with," he asserted. "If you haven't got the material in the first place it is almost useless to remold that which you have once it is set."

He declared that "knowledge of law without character in a man makes a dangerous citizen to have in the community."

"I call you lawyers back to the fundamentals of our profession," Rose said. "Are we here to make money and money alone? The one who goes into the courthouse for the sole purpose of making money has lost the fundamental of his profession. Hold up those higher ideals of the profession. We are here to administer justice from man to man—not to make money."

RUBE GOLDBERG COMIC TO APPEAR REGULARLY IN THIS NEWSPAPER

Rube Goldberg, one of America's highest paid and most popular comic artists, will be a regular contributor to THE TIMES, starting in an early issue!

This newspaper has secured rights to the comic strip "Lala Palooza," Goldberg's latest creation. The Countess Lala Palooza, central figure in the comic, has been acclaimed one of the great humorist's most amusing characters, taking rank with his famed "Boob McNut," "Mike and Ike," "They Look Alike" and "Professor Lucifer Butt's Inventions."

We are proud to be able to present this outstanding feature for the entertainment of our readers. The first installment of "Lala Palooza," by Rube Goldberg, starts in an early issue. Don't miss it!

New Treasury Aide



Washington, D. C. . . John W. Hanes, a member of the Securities and Exchange Commission since December, was sworn in as an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

A mid-summer industrial upturn was noted

—Tuesday in New York. The signs were accompanied by the heaviest buying in the stock exchange since the market began to boom a month ago.

All day as buying orders poured into Wall street from around the country, lifting many prominent stocks to new tops since October, there was a procession of cheerful news from financial and business quarters.

From Washington came a report FHA new residential mortgage insurance business this month was double the July, 1937, figures and that housing officials were forecasting the biggest year in residential building since 1929.

Reports from some of the big eastern railroads, serving industrial centers, pointed to a quick recovery in loadings last week from the Fourth of July loss, with prospects total freight movement for the week would be the largest of the year.

This Week FEATURES YOU WILL LIKE

Like animals? Then you'll be interested in the story of a 16-year-old dog who gave birth to a healthy pup. Both are pictured in our news photo section.

There's an interesting picture of a night baptismal ceremony in our news photo section.

"Robinhood," this week's literary feature, is especially timely in view of the current movie version of the classical adventure tale.

Floyd Gibbons tells the story of one of the greatest disasters in the history of the Virgin Islands in this week's "Adventurers' Club." It's a swell yarn!

Who is Gideon? Reverend Harold L. Lundquist gives the background of a great Bible name in this week's Sunday school lesson.

How Jeff Gray helped clean up the cattle rustlers, an amazing story recounted in "To Ride the River With" by William MacLeod Raine.

Little Willie Wimpus registers a strenuous objection to wisecracking from his elders. See "S'Matter Pop" in our comic section.

President Roosevelt stated recently that the South now "presents the nation's No. 1 economic problem." Read about the South and its present status, with references to Reconstruction days, in the regular feature, "Looking at Washington," in this issue.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT CABLED KING CAROL

—of Rumania, Tuesday as follows: "On behalf of the American government and in my own name I wish to extend to your majesty my heartfelt sympathy upon the death of your mother and the queen dowager of Rumania."

Elder Johnny Hoppers was fatally wounded early last Saturday night by Sam Ellis

—a tenant on a farm owned by Hoppers. The tragedy occurred at Hoppers' farm, six miles west of Sparta, near Piney Creek, following an argument between the two. The slain man, who was said to be about 50 years of age, was an elder in the Union Baptist church. Sheriff Walter M. Irwin said Ellis slashed Hoppers in the right arm with a pocket knife. Hoppers bled to death.

Prospects loomed bright for a hosiery mill

—in Independence at a meeting held Tuesday night in the Court house in the Grayson county seat town,

which was attended by about 100 enthusiastic men of that section.

These men subscribed to about \$19,000.00 worth of stock in the new venture. A goal of \$25,000.00 in local stock subscriptions has been set by the Independence group. The remaining necessary capital is to be furnished by outside interests. Tentative plans call for the erection of a brick building as soon as a suitable site can be obtained.

The proposed mill would manufacture full-fashioned silk hosiery and would employ, at the outset, about 120 workers, with a payroll of more than \$1,000.00 a week, and with definite plans for expansion in the near future.

It is understood that the promoters of this project have recently erected, and are now operating, a large mill of the same type in Wytheville and have mills at many other points. On the local committee to obtain the remaining stock subscriptions are W. J. Roberts, L. R. Campbell, H. A. Bedwell and J. M. Parsons.

Circle No. 1 of the Baptist W. M. U. held a meeting

—at the home of Mrs. Lula Choate on Thursday, July 14, with Mrs. J. Bain Doughton as associate hostess.

The rooms were beautifully decorated with summer flowers. In the absence of Mrs. W. B. Estep, the president, the vice-president presided. Mrs. Lula Choate was appointed to serve in the absence of the secretary.

Mrs. George Crutchfield conducted the devotionals and led the program on "The La Platt States." The topics were interestingly discussed by Mrs. Worth Smith, Mrs. Amos Wagoner, Mrs. Ross Richardson and Mrs. A. O. Joines. Mrs. P. L. Choate rendered a beautiful piano solo during the program.

After the program and business session the hostesses served refreshments to the twenty persons present.

Visitors were Mrs. V. W. Blevins, Mrs. James Buchanan, of Greensboro, Mrs. Hattie Moody, of Sylva, Mrs. Sallie Vass and Mrs. Walter Johnson.

During the social hour, Mrs. Odell Richardson entertained at the piano.

The Methodist Young Women's circle met

—on Thursday night, July 14, at the church for the July meeting of the organization. The devotionals were conducted by Rev. A. B. Bruton, pastor of the church. The Rev. Mr. Bruton made an inspiring talk.

With Mrs. Mexa Phipps as leader, an interesting program on "Bringing Korea to Christ" was presented, which included a sketch of pioneer missionary work in Korea; the work of the schools there, the rural work, the hospitals, and health work and the social evangelistic centers. Those discussing topics were Misses Lillie Ervin and Maxine Reeves and Mrs. Robert Gambill. Following the program, a picnic supper was enjoyed on the church lawn.

ENGLISH ROYALTY WILL BE REPRESENTED

—at the funeral of Dowager Queen Marie, of Rumania, by the Duke of Kent, it was announced Tuesday in London. The duke will be a personal representative of King George VI.

The alleged killer is being held in the Alleghany county jail, in Sparta, on a charge of murder. Ellis is the father of five children, and is about 42 years of age, it is understood. Little is known of him, however, in the Piney Creek section, other than that he had worked on the Hoppers farm.

Sheriff Irwin said Ellis was at the Hoppers farm, about one-half mile from the elder's home. An argument over rails ensued. Hoppers, the sheriff said, accused Ellis of burning rails owned by Hoppers, and Ellis denied the charge.

When the argument reached its height, Ellis reached in a pocket and drew a knife, Sheriff Irwin said, and slashed Hoppers' arm. An artery in the arm was severed and Hoppers bled to death before he could be given medical attention.

After being arrested, Ellis claimed he acted in self-defense when he slashed the Baptist elder. The accused man said Hoppers held a rock in his hand.

Sheriff Irwin said a date for a hearing had not been set. Funeral services for the slain man were conducted Monday in Mount Carmel Union Baptist church, at Turkey Knob, in the presence of a large number of persons.

Pallbearers were elders of the Union Baptist church. Interment was in Mount Carmel cemetery.

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National And World NEWS At A Glance

HUGHES COMPLETES FLIGHT
Floyd Bennett Field, New York, July 14.—Howard Hughes and his four flying mates, riding the coattails of father time at a 250-mile clip, rocketed their giant silver monoplane home this afternoon to complete the fastest trip ever made around the world—3 days, 19 hours, 14 minutes and 10 seconds.

20 DIE IN PLANE CRASH
Rome, July 14.—Twenty persons perished today in the greatest disaster of Italy's civil aviation when the Gagliari-Rome airliner "I-Volo" plunged into the Tyrrhenian sea 70 miles off the Sardinian coast.

CLAIRE TREVOR TO MARRY
Hollywood, Calif., July 17.—Claire Trevor, film actress, and Clark Andrews, radio producer, will be married next July 27 and plan a honeymoon trip to Honolulu, if her motion picture work will permit.

CORRIGAN FLIES ATLANTIC
Baldonnal Airport, Dublin, Ireland, July 18.—Douglas G. Corrigan, 31-year-old Californian, eased a battered \$900 airplane onto Baldonnal airport today after flying 3,150 unauthorized miles alone across the Atlantic from New York.

KING GEORGE VISITS PARIS
Naples, July 19.—The visit of King George to Paris found his brother and predecessor, the Duke of Windsor, enjoying a quiet vacation in Italy today far from worries and honors of the throne.