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SPARTA, Alleghany County, N. C., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1940.

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Our national debt was one billion twenty-five years ago, and now it amounts to about 46 billion dollars, direct and contingent, and some seem to consider the Federal Treasury bottomless.

Senator Byrd, of Virginia recently introduced into the Congressional Record, by unanimous consent of the Senate, a statement by Wadsworth W. Mount, assistant director of research of the Merchants Association of New York, on the subject, Excess Government Spending Covered by Printing Government Bonds.

The statement follows: As long as the Government can spend all the money it wants to, over and above what it takes in from taxes, merely by printing Government bonds, selling these to the banks, and then drawing checks against them, how can we ever hope to stop extravagant Government spending?

And when the Government spends three billions in such ways that private citizens do not know which way to turn to make money, and therefore have comparatively little need to borrow from the banks on safe terms, where else can banks invest your money on deposit but in Government bonds?

A banker knows that when the United States Government prints a Government bond it says in effect that the Government will tax the people of the United States to make it good. He knows, therefore, that Government bonds are the soundest security in the country, just so long as we do not issue too many of them and have inflation.

Before the Government started spending several billions more each year than it took in from taxes, the savings banks, for instance, could safely lend your money, largely to people who wanted to spend it for private or business uses, at a high enough rate of interest to cover their expenses and pay you only 2 percent, or even less, on your deposits.

The Treasury has just announced that to pay off some \$426,000,000 of outstanding obligations which are due in September and (turn to page 2, please)

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Topia

Topia, Feb. 12.—Mrs. Viola Moore, Baltimore, Md., is spending sometime with her mother, Mrs. Lillie Williams.

Miss Vesta Pugh, Lenoir, attended the funeral of her uncle, Steve Ward, Sunday.

Mrs. W. R. Pugh was taken to a hospital in Charlotte for treatment, Saturday.

Carl Hampton, Sparta, was in this vicinity on business last week.

George Weaver visited his sister, Mrs. George McMillan, Crumpler, who is recovering from "flu", Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith Evans, Sparta, visited Mrs. Evans' mother, Mrs. Sara Weaver, recently. Mrs. Weaver is improving slowly.

Belk's celebrate their fifth anniversary

—of opening in Sparta this Saturday. These five years have been very satisfactory and have shown a constant and healthy growth in the volume of business, states Mr. Chester, the genial manager. And in congratulating the firm on completion of five years of business it should be remarked that Mrs. Chester's cheery presence is indeed an asset.

Maple Shade

Maple Shade, Feb. 12.—Mrs. R. C. Halsey spent a few days with Mrs. Mae Halsey last week. The latter has been ill with la-grippe, but is slowly improving.

Miss Ruth Cox has been ill with "flu".

Raymond DeBord of the CCC camp spent the week-end with home folks here.

Mrs. Lou Halsey and Mrs. Dainty Halsey visited Mrs. Anna Kirk Sunday.

Ina DeBord spent Thursday of last week with Miss Jewel Henderson.

Miss Ruth Cox visited Miss Kathleen Phipps recently.

Miss Maxine Parsons visited in the home of Greek Parsons last week.

A. J. Halsey visited C. M. DeBord Wednesday.

Mrs. Verdie Halsey and son, John, visited in the home of G. W. Kirk Thursday.

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Mouth of Wilson P. O., Feb. 12.—Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Moore and Joe Paisley, Tazewell, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Paisley for a few weeks.

Raymond Halsey returned home last week from Pennsylvania.

Those visiting in the C. E. Cox home Friday afternoon were N. F. Phipps and son, Monroe, R. G. Parsons and Lloyd Delp.

V. B. Phipps was a business visitor in Sparta Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Zack Ward and children spent Sunday with Mrs. Mamie Delp.

Miss Reka Paisley and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Moore spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Gray Phaff, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Mrs. C. M. DeBord has been ill for the past week.

R. G. Parsons and daughter, Aileen, were in Sparta Saturday.

Miss Ima DeBord spent Wednesday with Mrs. G. W. Kirk.

Kyle Halsey and Clinton McMeans were in Sparta Saturday.

Dave Boone says, in the New York Sun, regarding

—the candidacy of Frank Gannett, of Rochester, N. Y., for the Republican nomination for president, that Frank Gannett, who started with one newspaper and built up a chain of 'em in the days when a man dared to take chances, has tossed his hat into the ring.

It would be interesting to see a newspaper man in the White House. He'd be one fellow who knew how to economize. A man able to keep one newspaper going has to be right smart, and a fellow who's kept a dozen going ought to find running a government as easy as rolling off a log.

And the Cleveland (Ohio) News gives a comprehensive sketch of Frank Gannett, as follows:

A man who supported Franklin Roosevelt as governor, tolerated his early New Deal at Washington, then became his most vigorous and tireless critic, this week announced he was going to get Mr. Roosevelt's job for himself.

Frank Gannett, of Rochester, N. Y., is owner of 19 newspapers and a comfortable fortune which he earned by rugged individualism, which he will preach as a candidate for the Republican nomination.

Mr. Gannett is without much political experience; without most of the "personality" traits which make for political success. He is not a back-slapper, nor even a good mixer. But he is not without assets as a Republican candidate. He probably is the best available front-man for the theory that what government needs is business men.

The Rochester publisher literally started with nothing but an exceptionally sharp mind and a bottomless well of energy. He worked his way through Cornell University, as a reporter on the Ithaca News, finishing in 1898. Two years later, he went to the Philippine Islands as secretary to Jacob G. Schurman, a member of the first U. S. commission to that territory.

Returning that year (1900), he took a job as managing editor of the Ithaca News and stayed five years. He was editor of the Pittsburgh Index for a short time in 1906. Then, having saved some money and established credit, he bought into the Elmira Gazette.

That was the beginning of the Gannett chain, which is mostly in New York State to this day, but spreads out to Connecticut, New Jersey and Illinois. Although he started out as a writing man, few of whom have business sense, Mr. Gannett soon discovered that his special talent was that of a business executive.

Today he contributes a great deal to his own editorial columns, and signs most of the pieces. He seldom interferes otherwise with the editorial operation, which is part of his formula for successful publishing. Although intensely Republican himself, he permitted his Hartford (Conn.) editor to support Mr. Roosevelt in 1936.

Seldom, in fact, does he interfere with any detailed operation of his properties. He specializes in selecting men who will run his business properly.

The Gannett enterprise has a minimum of labor trouble and a minimum turnover of help. Employees share in the profits, executives are picked from the ranks.

Still, Mr. Gannett is far from loose with his funds. He is a stickler for economy and efficiency, as any man must be who makes \$25,000,000 in 30 years.

Mr. Gannett is 64, a Unitarian and a Mason. In 1920, he and Caroline Werner were married and their family consists of Sally, 16, and Dixon, 10. The publisher shoots golf in the 80s, is a fiend for (but no expert at) bridge. He does not smoke, drink, or swear, but is no prude and loves a good story.

Friends of Mr. Gannett are amazed by his physical fitness. He keeps himself tanned to the waist, eats with the greatest care and exercises vigorously.

In 1936, Gannett was back editor of Senator Borah's bid for the G. O. P. nomination, and permitted Borah to name him as required vice presidential choice. This year his candidacy is serious. His voice helped beat the court-packing and reorganization bills, and he now is out to win New York's 94 convention delegates. (turn to page 4, please)

A. O. Joines and Mrs. Ruth Hackler are about with

—their work of census taking these days, and two interesting things they report are, that 75% of establishments being reported are new businesses, and their work among the colored community is much easier than elsewhere, not because of different reports, but because colored churches and schools teach the people how to answer the questions properly and promptly.

Fishing, hunting regulations for the Blue Ridge

—Parkway are especially interesting in the final paragraph, where it says, "ALL hunting . . . in the parkway is prohibited, and the possession of loaded firearms within the parkway boundaries will be considered prima facie evidence of hunting." Also, "whenever necessary for hunters hunting on adjoining lands to cross parkway lands, guns shall be carried unloaded and with breech open."

The season for Fishing on parkway lands will be the same as open season in the adjoining N. C. counties. Unless closed by the State all major streams will be open for fishing. Tributaries and feeder streams may be closed at times, but will be duly posted at confluence with main stream.

Size of fish and limit for a day's catch shall conform with State regulations.

Hours of fishing shall be from daylight to dark, ONLY, and that during open season.

Tackle shall consist only of rod, hook and line held in hand. And hooks must be single. No fish, minnows or chubs, dead or alive, may be used as bait.

The only license required is the State or County license necessary in the adjoining area.

The parkway is a sanctuary for wild life of every sort, and the killing, wounding, frightening, pursuing or capturing at any time any bird or wild animal is prohibited, as also the taking of any bird eggs.

NO loaded firearms will be permitted on the parkway proper. When hunters cross the parkway their guns must be unloaded, and the breech carried open.

These regulations were adopted on January 17, 1940 by the N. C. State Board of Conservation and Development, sitting at Raleigh. Paul Kelly, secretary.

Mt. Zion

Piney Creek P. O., Feb. 12.—Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Billings and Edna Rae Smith attended the funeral of Steve Ward, Crumpler, at Chestnut Hill, Sunday.

W. F. and R. M. Pugh visited their brother, Joe Pugh, at Rural Retreat, Va., last week. Joe Pugh is seriously ill.

Mrs. W. G. Williams and daughters, Geraldine and Wilma Jean, and Mrs. Barnett Reeves, Peden, visited Mrs. Mattie Smith Friday afternoon.

Miss Edna Rae Smith visited Mrs. Steve Ward, Crumpler, Thursday.

Mrs. George F. Smith visited Mrs. W. F. Pugh recently.

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Sewer charge will be 25 cents per month.

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Lee Black, who has been ill for some time, does not improve.

Mrs. Mary Wyatt and son, Ross Bateman, are ill.

Georgie Cox entered school last week after an illness of a few weeks.



Alleghany County's Court House, partially destroyed by fire in Jan. 1933, but rebuilt, and now housing many of the county offices. Building faces southwest, and stands on the corner where Routes 21 and 18 cross each other, in Sparta.

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A meeting of property owners Tuesday night

—in the Court House discussed at some length the so-called fire hazards of Sparta. Attorney Ira T. Johnston, of West Jefferson, made a very able presentation on behalf of the owners who fear somebody's property nearby will catch fire and endanger the town.

The Town Council will meet the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March and probably adopt some ordinances to regulate building operations in the town.

Did you catch it?

Perhaps not. In the Topia news last week was an item of unusual interest, in that W. I. Caudill, now 77 years old, who has lived near the river the greater part of those years, had a new experience Jan. 29 when he walked across New River on the ice. Have to go back to 1888 to match it, evidently.

Wonder when Mr. Caudill's birthday comes. Topia also reported twin calves born to a Guernsey cow. That's news.

Twin Oaks

Twin Oaks, Feb. 12.—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson, Otis and Odell Wilson, Glade Valley, spent Sunday with relatives here.

R. C. Wagoner left Sunday by bus to spend a few days with friends in Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Finney left Sunday to spend some time in Buchanan, Va., where Mr. Finney is employed in connection with the construction of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bare made a business trip to Black Mountain last week.

John Poole, who has been sick for some time, is able to mingle with friends at the cross roads store again.

Carl Jones, Mrs. O. D. Hapner and Mrs. J. L. Bare attended the Lincoln Day dinner in Greensboro, Mon.

A surprise birthday dinner was given in the lobby of Irwin Hotel Sunday in honor of the birthdays of O. D. Hapner and Mrs. Joe Bare. About forty persons came with well-filled baskets and a very enjoyable afternoon was reported by all those present.

Mr. and Mrs. Kilby Atwood, and Mrs. Mack Atwood spent Monday at the home of Mr. Atwood's father, R. T. Atwood, Stratford, who has been sick for several days.

Abraham Lincoln's big misstatement was made in

—a speech that is now considered a classic and immortal. Some interesting facts are brought out in the following sketch.

Appropos of the 131st anniversary of Lincoln's birthday last Monday, is the story circulated in reference to Lincoln's immortal Gettysburg Address. The tradition had prevailed that the address, consisting of 269 words, was delivered without preparation, or that it was written by Lincoln on a Baltimore and Ohio train between Washington and Gettysburg. The clarity and diction of the message is proof that it was carefully prepared.

Competent testimony now available, seems to prove that Lincoln wrote the address in its entirety or in part, before he left Washington. There is also convincing evidence that he gave it the finishing touches in the home of Judge David Willis in Gettysburg, the night before it was delivered.

After the Battle of Gettysburg, it was decided that all the bodies of Union soldiers be gathered and buried in one place. Seventeen acres of land was purchased by the State of Pennsylvania, acting as trustee for the 13 states that had Union soldiers buried there. It was decided to dedicate the cemetery on October 23, 1863, and Edward Everett, an orator of highest repute in his day, was invited to make the principal address. He asked for more time to prepare his speech and proposed November 19th as the date. This was accepted.

On the day of the dedication, the exercises were scheduled to start before noon. When the President reached the cemetery, Mr. Everett had not arrived and the exercises were delayed one-half hour. They began at noon, an hour late. Mr. Everett spoke for one hour and 57 minutes. His oration was thoughtful and eloquent but it is now regarded as tedious reading.

Lincoln, as Chief Executive of the nation, was asked to make a few appropriate remarks formally setting apart the grounds for their sacred use.

"The few words," one of his biographers wrote, "were such as sank deep, but left his audience unaware that a classic had been spoken which would endure with the English language." Lincoln, himself, thought that the speech was a failure and made a remark to that effect to his companion, Will Hill Lamson.

A young man, by the name of Wayne McVeigh said to the President, "You have made an immortal address." Lincoln replied, "You must not be extravagant about it." Few, however, realized at the time, that it was an "immortal address." The sentence which proved to be a poor prophecy was, "The world will little note nor long remember what we say here."

Mr. and Mrs. David Tarlton and daughter, Ann, of Kannapolis, visited Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hoppers Sunday.

Robert Taylor, a member of the North Wilkesboro school faculty, spent the week-end with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Reeves and children visited relatives at Fleetwood during the week-end.

Several from here attended church services in Sparta Sunday to hear the Reverend Fletcher, who is the prospective pastor for the Baptist Church here.

Mrs. F. Miller and W. F. Doughton visited Mrs. T. J. Carson, Sparta, Sunday.

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Boys, we have a plan,

—by which any boy in Alleghany can get a year's subscription to The American Boy magazine without cost, except for the three cent stamp it will take on the letter to bring us his name, age, and address. Of course there'll be some work to do—you wouldn't expect something for nothing, would you?—but you'll be happily surprised how easily you can get The American Boy for a whole year.

Cut out this ad and send it, with your name, age, and address to W. S. Mead, Alleghany Times, Sparta.

Your Government . . .

how familiar are you with it? The CONSTITUTION—7. In what part of the Constitution is the Bill of Rights? 8. Do all State Constitutions have Bills of Rights? 9. How many amendments have been added to the Constitution since it was established nearly 153 years ago?

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