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CONGRESSMAN WHITENER REPORTS TO YOU

FEDERAL JOBS

The recently enacted Revenue and Expenditure Control Act has created quite a bit of protest from various agencies of government.

There were 2.6 million civilian employees in March, 1968. The June, 1966, level of such employment was 2.4 million persons.

In their complaining the agency heads have not admitted publicly that the cutback was to be accomplished gradually, by filling only three-fourths of the vacancies to be experienced in the immediate future until the June, 1966, level of employment was realized.

The Congress has, in my judgment, contributed to the increased employment of civilian government employees by constantly creating new programs which groups of our citizens promote.

We can not have economy and an extension of federal activities at the same time. There are those who seem unwilling to recognize the facts of life. Their thought is that if a program appears to have merit it should be adopted notwithstanding a lack of ability to pay for it.

VETO OF LONG-STAPLE COTTON BILL

On August 12 the President vetoed a bill which would have taken away the extra-long staple cotton quota from Egypt and the Sudan and would have transferred it to cotton producers in the Southwestern section of the United States. This bill was passed by

the House and the Senate immediately following the Arab-Israeli conflict. Strong sentiment for its enactment followed the indignities and insults hurled at our nation by leaders in the Arab countries.

The basis stated in the bill for the cut-off of extra long staple cotton quotas was whether a country had broken off diplomatic relations with the United States.

Another ground for the veto given by the President was that the legislation would be detrimental to American textile industries by denying the industry certain grades of cotton not produced in our country.

It should be pointed out, however, that even though this legislation was vetoed by the President there were other measures enacted during this Congress which are of aid to domestic producers of extra-long staple cotton.

system as it relates to extra-long staple cotton. The general farm bill will further improve the lot of such farmers if and when the House and Senate conferees iron out the differences between the House and Senate bills.

TRADE DEFICIT CONTINUES

Recently the Commerce Department revealed that the month of June was the third month with a trade imbalance. The deficit for that month was \$87.2 million.

Taking into account the June deficit, we have only a \$317.8 million trade surplus for the first half of 1968. Should the present trend continue during the last half of this year, the United States will have reached its lowest ebb in modern history as a trading union.

CONGRESS RESUMES

On September 4 the recess of the Congress will end. We will be back in Washington for an indefinite period to wind up the work that was not completed prior to the national political conventions.

It is possible that the work could be completed hastily were it not for the Senate involvement in the confirmation of a new Chief Justice and an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

"Economics", New Publication

One way, North Carolinians are staying abreast of the policies, issues and changes affecting agriculture is through a monthly publication prepared by economists at North Carolina State University.

"Tarheel Farm Economist" is a four-page monthly newsletter which treats current topics of interest to the large agricultural community, presenting an objective analysis which can be read easily and understood by farmers and industry people alike.

The first issue was dated August 1962. Since then, issues have included a broad range of topics of interest. A recent issue, for example, contained discussions relating to production technology—how fast farm practices are changing, the effect on costs and returns, the effect upon farm structure, the implications for the future of farming.

Other issues so far this year have dealt with risk, the world food problem, international trade, farmer bargaining, agricultural statistics and mechanical tobacco harvesting.

Issues of the "Tarheel Farm Economist" soon to come off the press will include discussions of the federal budget, new agricultural opportunities, international monetary system, insurance and 1969 outlook.

D. G. Harwood Jr., extension farm management economist, said

New Dividend Set By Celanese

anyone can receive "Tarheel Farm Economist" by giving his name and address to the county agricultural extension agent. There is no charge. Some 10,000 Tar Heels already receive the publication.

Says Harwood, "The era when farming was a way of life is gone. Today, agriculture is big business. If North Carolina's agriculture is to remain competitive, it must continually adjust to meet changes in the economic environment. One of the best ways to anticipate economic changes is to read monthly issues of "Tarheel Farm Economist."

Directors of Celanese Corporation today declared a dividend of 50 cents a share on the common stock, payable September 25, 1968, to shareholders of record September 9, 1968.

The board voted regular quarterly dividends of \$1.12 1/2 per share on the preferred stock, Series A; 75 cents per share on the convertible preference stock; and \$1.75 per share on the seven per cent second preferred stock. All preferred stock dividends are payable October 1, 1968, to shareholders of record September 9, 1968.

Telephone Talk

By R. B. MOORE



PLEASE BE WISE DON'T BE A SURPRISE DON'T DRIVE WILD — HELP PROTECT A CHILD.

WITH SO MANY CHILDREN CROSSING THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS the motorist must be extra careful and alert in observing school zones and safe driving practices.

- 1. Be prepared for the unexpected. A child may suddenly dash into the street from a play area.
2. Be sure to familiarize yourself with and observe school zone times and reduced speed limits in effect.
3. Give yourself an even greater margin for safety in rainy weather when streets are slick.
4. Be especially careful for children hurrying to board or depart from a school bus.
5. Watch out for the increasing number of cyclists who will be traveling to and from school.

LITTER COSTS YOUR FAMILY ABOUT TWENTY DOLLARS A YEAR, according to a recent study. The cost of picking up litter from parks, highways, and streets comes to about 32 cents per item — or an annual total of nearly one billion dollars. And every taxpayer shares in the expense.

Who is responsible? Travelers, picnickers, passers-by — people who don't think before they throw. Who pays? Everybody. What can you do? Keep a litter bag in your car. Put trash in garbage cans, where it belongs. And teach your children to do the same.

Just think of all the more important things that twenty dollars could do.

THE CASE OF THE MISSING PHONE NUMBER...

One child who wanted to remember a phone number painted it on the shell of his pet turtle. An ingenious idea. Unfortunately, though, it didn't work. The turtle escaped, taking the phone number with it.

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