

Washington Notes

CONSUMER CREDIT
Outstanding consumer credit declined \$336,000,000 in January, according to the Federal Reserve Board, bringing the total consumer credit outstanding down to \$13,043,000,000 compared with the \$13,379,000,000 peak reached on Dec. 31. The drop was entirely in charge account indebtedness.

MOTOR VEHICLES
The automobile industry expects to build more than a half million vehicles during March, barring unforeseen difficulties. This would be the highest single months volume since June 1941, and would bring first quarter production well over the 1,300,000 mark.

DEFENSE
The Congressional Aviation Policy Board has warned that the U. S. must prepare quickly for atomic war by spending up to \$78,000,000,000 for national defense in the next five years. It urged these military expenditures during the five years beginning July 1: All military aviation, \$35,390,000,000 to \$39,380,000,000; aircraft procurement to \$16,840,000,000; all national defense to \$78,300,000,000. The recommendations were made in a 19,000-word report on military and civil air policy by a ten-man board, headed by Sen. Owen Brewster (R-Me.) and Rep. Carl Hifshay (R-Calif.)

EXPORTS TO RUSSIA
U. S. exports to Russia last year just about doubled this country's imports from Russia, according to the Commerce Department. Exports to Russia amounted to \$149,504,067, including \$32,072,434 in UNRRA goods and \$16,367,371 in lend-lease. This country purchased \$77,110,760 of goods from Russia, mostly in furs and scarce ores needed to make steel. The bulk of Russia's imports from the U. S. were

heavy machinery, chiefly machine-making tools, construction, mining and oil refinery equipment. Virtually all of the U. S. Russian trade is now on a "cash on the barrel head" basis.

BUILDER'S SUPPLIES
Inventories of building materials present "a considerably brighter picture" than a year ago, according to the Commerce Department. Record high quantity production was achieved during 1947 in: hardwood flooring, cement, asphalt, roofing materials, structural clay tile, gypsum board and lath, and warm air furnaces.

NEW CONSTRUCTION
A net gain of nearly 3 per cent in new construction activity was noted in the fourth quarter of 1947. The total reached \$3,782,000,000 as private construction increased 6.5 per cent over the previous quarter.

JOB INSURANCE
The National Industrial Conference Board recently reported that funds available for unemployment compensation benefits reached an all-time peak of \$7,100,000,000 on Sept. 30, 1947. From the beginning of the program to June 30, last, \$9,800,000,000 was collected by the states from employers under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act. An additional \$600,000,000 was collected by the states from employee pay roll taxes. Besides this \$700,000,000 was earned in interest on the money in the unemployment trust fund. Benefit payments during the same period amounted to only \$4,100,000,000.

TEACHERS
One million new teachers will be needed in this country during the next decade, yet fewer than 500,000 will be trained, according to the National Education Association. As a result, the United States faces a desperate shortage of teachers, which, unless checked, will seriously impair the education of millions of children.

NAVY ROCKET
A new Navy rocket sputtered 76 miles into the sky and reached a speed of 3,000 miles an hour, according to the Army and Navy. This is the highest and fastest that an American missile is disclosed to have gone. The performance of the new Navy rocket, the Aerobee, greatly exceeds the altitude of 34 miles and speed of 2,100 miles of the only other American rocket so far announced. The rocket carried 150 pounds of instruments for recording cosmic ray activity.

NEW FLAG
An official flag is being created for the Secretary of National Defense, the newest Cabinet post. The flag will be medium blue silk, with a five-pointed star in each corner. In the center is an American bald eagle, wings outstretched. The talons of the eagle hold three crossed arrows, and on its breast is a shield of thirteen stripes, alternately silver and red, topped by a blue chief.

AIR PARCEL POST
Air parcel post was opened as a service between the United States and twenty-one foreign countries on March 15th, according to the Postmaster-General. The countries are: Austria, Belgium, Congo, Bermuda, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Egypt, Eire, Finland, Gold Coast Colony, Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Tunisia, and Union of South Africa.

PLANE CRASHES HOUSE; 2 KILLED
Livermore, Calif.—When a private plane crashed into a house near here, killing its two occupants, it demolished the bedroom in which three persons were sleeping, but the three occupants, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Leeds and their two-year-old son, Stephen, escaped uninjured. Destruction of the room was so complete, however, that the legs were ripped off the child's crib.

APPALACHIAN HI SCHOOL NEWS

Girls Basketball
Friday afternoon the Appalachian High school girls team journeyed to the Journal-Sentinel Tournament in Winston-Salem for their final defeat. They met the White Plains girls in an exciting game. At the beginning of the fourth quarter the A. H. S. girls were leading by 3 points, but lost the margin with the game ending 26-34 for White Plains. This ends the season for the team this year.

The girls feel that they have had a good season and wish to thank Miss Moore for her work in behalf of the team.

Boys Basketball
Thursday afternoon our varsity boys team traveled to Winston-Salem and encountered Clements. Both teams played poor ball, probably due to the tournament excitement. A. H. S. boys were defeated by four points and this finished our basketball season.

This year we managed to add one first place trophy to our trophy case. This speaks for itself as to the success of our season. We wish to thank Coach Lovegrove who has worked with the team this year.

National Honor Society
Three members of the National Honor Society of Appalachian High School attended the State National Honor Society Convention at the Goldsboro High school at Goldsboro, N. C., on March 12. Those attending were Mary Austin, Martha Austin, and Buck Robbins.

The program consisted of several addresses and of group discussions of the activities in which the different chapters had participated. The entertainment consisted of a radio program given by the Goldsboro High School and a banquet in the school cafeteria.

Library News
The Library Club for the last month has enjoyed the study of magazines. Firstly, each magazine was studied for the type of articles and special features of the magazine. Students told why they liked or did not like the magazine. This discussion was followed by a study of the Readers Guide, the index to magazines, with a final problem in which the students tried to find magazine articles on different subjects through the Readers Guide.

The Library Assistants Club have been studying the stories behind great books. Each week a club member discusses a book, the author, and why he wrote the book. These have been profitable meetings and the discussions are based on the book, *Stories Behind Great Books* by Montgomery.

Student Council
Last Wednesday night the Student Council members, Mrs. Gragg, the sponsor; and Mr. Simpson were guests of an anonymous host or hostess at an informal party held in the school recreation room. The host or hostess who sponsored the party provided for refreshments, games, and dancing. The mem-

bers of the council expressed a sincere appreciation for the thoughtfulness of the person giving the party.

State's Farm Income Drops Nine Million

North Carolina is one of only four states in the nation whose cash receipts from farm marketing showed a decrease during 1947, according to C. Bruce Ratchford, extension farm management specialist at State College.

Although receipts for the nation as a whole rose 23 per cent—from \$24,500,000,000 in 1946 to \$30,200,000,000 in 1947—the farm income in North Carolina showed a decrease of \$9,200,000, Mr. Ratchford said. Only other states showing a decrease were Delaware, South Carolina, and Fla.

Receipts from North Carolina crops during 1947 were \$32,100,000 less, primarily caused by lower prices for tobacco; but receipts from livestock and livestock products increased \$22,500,000, the specialist added.

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