

Marked Upswing In Autumn And Winter Trade Is Predicted

Interesting Summary of the Happenings in the Business World

New York, July 18.—Business—Merchants, farmers and industrialists saw a number of signs in this week's news pointing toward a good business upswing next fall and winter. Retail furniture dealers, buying and talking shop in Chicago, issued an optimistic forecast of the next six months' trade. Farmers, ready to sell a bumper wheat crop at higher prices than they had expected, watched with interest the International Wheat Conference in London, where a plan to help stabilize prices in all producing countries was presented. In spite of all rumors to the contrary, no formal action has been taken by any major steel companies to cut wages. Abroad, one needle of a usually reliable barometer of world business also pointed to fair weather. The number of telephones in use in nine nations made a sharp gain during the first half of this year.

Washington — President Roosevelt's announcement of the revised budget, showing a deficit of \$3,984,000,000, met with a mixed reception. Foes of the government's lending-spending policies pointed out that the 1939 budget showed a record in plus a sharp drop in revenues. Increase in peace-time expenditures, Friends defended the budget as an investment in more employment and better business, from which John Q. Public would more than get his money's worth. The budget announcement had a quieting effect, but failed to put a damper on the general feeling of optimism.

Why Accidents? — The automotive industry examined closely last week a series of studies on the relation of car styling to driving safety. Surveys of the cause of traffic accidents shed a constant floodlight of valuable information on the problem. Yet "sudden death" on the highways takes a bigger toll of lives each year. Why? Arthur W. Stevens of the Society of Automotive Engineers, answers with the statement that many auto accidents are attributable to the faulty styling of modern automobiles, which obstructs a full vision. "Stylistic whimsies," he says, are to blame. He urges motor makers to take steps toward lowering the hood, raising the driver's seat, allowing larger window areas and constructing thinner window partitions. Mr. Stevens says that better visibility is inevitable, because "man for a million years has walked with eyes in the front of his head where they belong, and there is no (Continued from page one)

Decrease In Births Continues In N. C.

The present slump in North Carolina births continued in June, when the total was 287 less than for the corresponding month in 1937, according to the report issued by Dr. R. T. Stimpson, director of the State Board of Health's Division of Vital Statistics. The 399 gain reported for January and February was more than wiped out during the succeeding four months. With half the year gone, the number of births for 1938, so far, is 320 below the corresponding period a year ago. Decreases were reported for March, April, May and June.

Deaths so far this year stand at 57 under the corresponding six months in 1937, while there was an increase of 241 in June, when the number of deaths among infants under a year old was 612, as compared with 491 in June, 1937. Deaths from enteritis and diarrhea among children under the age of 2 numbered 232, against 183 a year ago. Tuberculosis deaths dropped from 160 to 149 for the month, while there was a gain of one in cancer deaths, the total of June, 1938, being 165. Deaths from preventable accidents stood at 119, the same figure as was reported for June a year ago.

Suicides numbered ten more than in June, 1937, with 37 reported last month, while homicides dropped from 27 to 18. Automobile accidents claimed 66 lives, against 62 in June a year ago, while deaths from railroad accidents jumped from 10 to 18. There were 11 fewer deaths from drowning.

Register of Deeds Reports an Upswing in County Business

A marked upward swing in business in the Martin County register of deeds' office during recent weeks was reported yesterday by Register J. Sam Getsinger. In a single day last week more than 100 papers were placed in the hands of the register for entry upon the books. "That was an unusually large number," Mr. Getsinger said, "but at the rate they have been coming in during the past few days we will handle more than 600 papers this month," he added.

In June and July of last year, the office reported a brisk business, but the volume during June and this month will be at least one-third greater than it was in the same two months of 1937.

The register of deeds explained that quite a number of electrical refrigerators and a few automobiles are being sold, the buyers giving

mortgages until the fall months. Most of the papers are in the form of crop liens, the borrowers finding that extra money was needed to finance the harvesting of tobacco. Most of the papers represent loans of less than \$100, a few running as high as \$500.

Ordinarily there are few papers entered for registry in the county at this time of year, but this is one period that is an exception to the rule.

The register of deeds turned from a stack of papers and glanced into another corner of his office where the 1938 tax books are awaiting attention. Many long days of work will be required to set up the individual accounts and prepare the receipts for the 1938 tax accounts, "but we'll be starting on the big annual task within the next few days," Mr. Getsinger said.

POOL

Work on Williamston's swimming pool is going forward slowly, observers estimating that the WPA diggers will reach the bottom some time in the early fall. The project engineers would not guarantee digging would be completed by that time.

The old swimming hole is taking shape, however, and the prospects are bright for swimming—next summer.

Nearly all the material for the project has been placed on the lot.

Mr. L. D. Lindsley Dies At Oceana, Va.

Mr. Lawrence D. Lindsley, father of Messrs. Lawrence P. and Kenneth P. Lindsley, of Williamston, died in a Norfolk hospital last Saturday night at 10:20 o'clock following a four weeks' illness. Eighty-one years old, Mr. Lindsley was taken ill about a month ago and underwent an operation, his condition gradually growing worse during the weeks that followed.

A native of Palaramo, Kansas, Mr. Lindsley located at Oceana, Va., between Norfolk and Virginia Beach about 34 years ago where he successfully managed a large truck farm. He was very active all during his life and was operating his car just a day or two before he was taken ill. He married Miss Nellie Prescott, of Ticonderoga, N. Y., who died about six years ago.

Mr. Lindsley often visited his sons here and made many friends in this community.

Besides his two sons here he is survived by a son, Edwin B. Lindsley, of Virginia Beach, a daughter, Mrs. George W. Boush, of Oceana, and an aged sister, Mrs. Carrie V. Stone, of Portland, Oregon.

Funeral services were conducted this morning at the late home by Rev. Loughton, Methodist minister, and interment was in the Eastern Shore chapel yard overlooking Chesapeake Bay.

Mrs. J. Sam Scott Dies Near Hamilton

Mrs. Catherine Scott, wife of J. Samuel Scott, well-known farmer of near Hamilton, died at her home there last Saturday morning. Her death was sudden and unexpected. She was 48 years old.

Funeral services were conducted at the late home Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, and interment was in the Scott Burial Ground near Gold Point.

Besides her husband she leaves the following children, Reda Scott, Mrs. Katie Adams, of Hassell; Susie Julia, Sallie, Nettie, Alice and Jesse Scott.

Ocean Beaches Are Now Hour Removed From Here

Nags Head is just an hour removed from Williamston, members of the local airplane club having made several trips to and from the resort in recent days.

William Thomas Crawford, jumping into the club's plane after work evenings, has cruised down to the coast in time for a swim before dark. An early start the following morning puts him back here in time for work.

Tennyson Ayers, pilot, and Bruce Whitley flew down last Sunday. Starting home that afternoon the propeller struck a stump just as the pilot was turning the machine around and delayed the flight until repairs could be made the following day.

People To Vote On Proposed Change State Constitution

Propose Longer Terms for Sheriff's and Justice Department

Martin County voters will cast their ballots for or against two amendments to North Carolina's constitution which will be submitted to Tar Heel voters at the general election of November 8.

One would authorize the general assembly to set up a State department of justice, as a unit of the attorney general's office.

The other would increase the terms of offices of county sheriffs and coroners from two to four years. Both amendments, as required by the state constitution, were drafted by the legislature and passed by the house and senate in 1937, by the prescribed three-fifths majority. They will become a part of the constitution if approved by a majority of voters in the general election.

In the hubbub of the primary campaign, the proposed changes received scant attention. Sheriffs and coroners, however, soon are expected to start stumping for the amendment which would increase their terms of office.

State Peach Crop Sells Below 1937

Despite good quality and size of North Carolina peaches, growers are now receiving between 30 and 40 per cent less per bushel for this year's crop compared to last season, the State Department of Agriculture's markets division reported today.

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 \$3.00 to \$3.25 per bushel.

The North Carolina peach crop on June 1 was estimated at 2,480,000 bushels compared with a 1937 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 383,000, 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.

Checking Bus Routes

Professor D. N. Hix, of Virginia Beach is spending a few days here making plans for the coming school term. The school man is checking the 1938-39 school bus routes in this district.

Mr. S. B. Harrison, one of Martin County's oldest farmers, was a business visitor here this afternoon. Despite his advanced age, Mr. Harrison is very active.

Scrap Tobacco Law Sustained By Judge J. Paul Frizzelle

E. B. Ficklen Tobacco Company Appeals to Supreme Court

The North Carolina law requiring a \$1,000 license of all dealers in scrap tobacco stood its first test in the courts last week when Judge J. Paul Frizzelle handed down a ruling favoring the license tax. J. Con Lanier, representing the E. B. Ficklen Company, of Greenville, who are testing the constitutionality of the \$1,000 license on tobacco scrap dealers, has announced an appeal would be made to the North Carolina Supreme Court for a final decision.

It is hardly possible that the court machinery will turn rapidly enough to get out a final decision in the case before the markets open next month but it is believed action will have been taken before the bulk of the scrap is offered for sale during the latter part of the marketing season.

The Ficklen Company paid the \$1,000 tax last year under protest and brought suit testing the constitutionality of the license. The measure was sponsored by the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation and other farm organizations with the idea of restricting sales in scrap tobacco and thereby boosting the price of the better grades in Eastern North Carolina.

The act originally was passed in 1935, but was held unconstitutional in the case of State vs. Morrison. It was amended in 1937 and Attorney General Harry McMullan, who upheld the validity of the measure in a hearing before Judge Frizzelle in Snow Hill July 2, said "the defects in the former act pointed out in the Morrison case were corrected in the 1937 enactment."

Promise Study Of Water Pollution

Appearing recently before a meeting of the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development authorities, a delegation representing approximately 1,000 fishermen were promised a thorough study of alleged pollution in fishing waters of the eastern shore territory would be made soon.

The representatives claimed that pollution of the Roanoke and Chowan Rivers had caused a marked decrease in the number of fish, that nearly 1,000 fishermen were affected by the new conditions which the delegation declared were traceable to the pulp plant in the lower part of this county.

Roanoke fishermen experienced their worst season in 1938 than in many years, but the rock and shad catches were larger than usual. L. D. Perry, of Colerain, told the board that the annual catches of herring had dropped in the last six years from an average of eight to ten million fish to five and one-half million in 1938.

Engineers for the department stated that there was little in the way of relief the department could do immediately but that the situation would be studied. He explained that laws would have to be changed to afford the relief sought.

Several Injured In Wreck Near Here

Isabella Williams, colored, suffered a broken arm, and Queenie Bell Allen, also colored, was painfully hurt about the knee and several others were slightly bruised in a car-truck accident on the Everetts road, near the county home, last Saturday noon.

Driving toward Williamston, Muriel Jean McLaughlin, of 311 S. Juniper Street, Philadelphia, and Chapel Hill, started to pass a truck driven by Mr. S. C. Griffin and ran off the concrete. In trying to turn back on the hard surface Miss McLaughlin lost control of the car and in an effort to avoid a crash, Mr. Griffin ran his truck off the road and into a ditch, injuring the Williams and Allen women.

Mr. Griffin and several others on the truck escaped unhurt, and very little damage was done to the machines.

The injured were treated in the offices of Drs. Saunders and Brown and are getting along very well.

More Cultivated Hay Crops Produced By N. C. In 1937

North Carolina produced more cultivated hay crops in 1937 (824,000 tons) than in any year in its history, reports the State Department of Agriculture.

Town Authorities Preparing Application for Loan-Grant

Town authorities are now preparing an application for a grant and loan from the federal government to finance a proposed \$65,000 improvement program here. Two days or more will be required to offer all the information required in detail, it was learned yesterday from Engineer Henry Rivers.

Starting out with a proposed \$73,000 improvement program, the town has already effected a contract with WPA authorities for the construction of a swimming pool costing \$8,000. The town is now turning to the Public Works Administration for a grant of 45 per cent and a loan for the remainder. Town authorities are considering entering an application for approximately \$118,200, the amount representing grant and loan. With the town furnishing \$65,000 or 55 per cent, the government is expected to donate outright around \$53,200 or 45 per cent. The town is also asking to borrow its share from the government, the bonds to run for a period of 25 years at four per cent interest.

Chicken Evidence Is Offered In Case In County Court

Two Men Caught Saturday In Second Chicken Coop Raid

Arrested early last Saturday morning, Collin Smith, 21, and Ira Clark, 21, both colored, had little defense testimony to offer when their case was called in Judge H. O. Peel's recorder's court Monday morning. They pleaded guilty and were sentenced to the roads for sixty days each.

Smith and Clark went to the coop of Farmer Fate Everett, near Robertsonville, about one o'clock Saturday morning. Unable to break into the coop, the two men are alleged to have taken three setting hens and one biddie hen near the coop. From there they went to the coop of Farmer Lemman Roberson on the same farm. They placed two chickens in a sack there and had others under their arms when Mr. Roberson heard a noise and frightened them away. Sheriff C. B. Roebuck was called and after making a hurried investigation he went to the home of Smith on the Everett farm. Smith, in hurrying from the Roberson coop, ran through a field of beans and got his feet and overalls wet, and when the sheriff entered, the man threw his shoes under the bed and wrapped the wet overalls up in the bed clothing. Clark was arrested soon thereafter and the two of them were placed in jail.

Returning to the Everett farm later that morning officers found the chickens still sacked and in the woods. Roberson identified his two chickens, but Mr. Everett was not quite sure the other four chickens were his. In court, Sheriff Roebuck stated that in order to determine ownership of the chickens, he turned them loose a short distance from the house. All of them went to the usual watering place, and after drinking water, three of them went around the house to their nests, the fourth one going to another corner of the yard where she gathered her biddies and went under a grapevine and started scratching for worms.

The raid was the second reported during the week and one of several reported in the county during recent months. More than 500 chickens have been stolen in this county this year, one raid some time ago netting the thieves over 100 fancy hens. The arrests of Smith and Clark were the first made recently as a result of chicken thefts.

Must Register To Vote In Special Bond Election

To vote in Williamston's special bond election on August 9, one must register on or before July 30. One who is qualified to vote in a state or municipal election, will not be able to vote in the special election unless he registers again, Registrar C. B. Hassell pointing out that quite a few citizens were under the impression that because they had registered and voted in previous municipal elections they would not have to register again.

"This is an entirely new registration," Mr. Hassell said, adding that around thirty people had registered so far. The books are open each Saturday in the town treasurer's office in the town hall, but citizens may register at the office of Mayor J. L. Hassell on other days in the week.

The vote will be against the registration. In other words, if a citizen registers and does not vote in the election the opposition will gain the vote.

DOG VACCINATIONS

Beginning next Saturday a last opportunity will be made available for all owners to have their dogs vaccinated, the county authorities issuing an order recently warning that prosecutions are to be expected by owners who have not had their dogs vaccinated already and who fail to have them vaccinated during the next few days.

Vaccination stations will be held at Oak City beginning Saturday, followed by others at Poplar Point, Robertsonville, Jamesville and Williamston.

Young Men Take Trip On Roanoke

Starting out from Steel Bridge, Va., on Monday of last week, two young men paddled their canvas canoe more than 200 miles down the muddy Roanoke, reaching here last Saturday afternoon tired and weary of the long trip. They had planned to paddle their way to Manteo, but the old Roanoke whipped them down and they were ready to call the trip off when they reached here. There was no argument when one of the travelers suggested stopping, and they wired relatives to come for them here.

The trip was made in the frail little boat without serious mishap, one of the young men stating that they were thrown out twice while "shooting" the rapids a few miles above Roanoke Rapids. The water wasn't deep, and they regained the boat without much difficulty.

Two nights they camped in hunting lodges. On the other nights they slept on the river bank in folding cots covered with mosquito netting. On the first day they traveled about fifty miles, but from then on they began to lose mileage rapidly. Last Friday night they camped near Hamilton, and despite an early start the following morning they were a long time reaching here. While waiting for relatives to call for them the young men camped and slept on an oil company's wharf, near the river bridge.

Much game, especially wild duck and deer, was seen by the two boatmen as they traveled quietly down the crooked stream.

Meat Stolen Near Hamilton Saturday

While friends held an all-night watch over his wife's body in the home, thieves raided the smoke-houses of Farmer J. Sam Scott, near Hamilton, some time during last Saturday night.

No official report had been filed with county officers yesterday, the husband and other members of the family having little time to think about the dastardly act during their time of distress. It is reported, however, that the thief or thieves stole eight or ten hams and a quantity of side meat.

Officers are expected to investigate the case shortly, but no progress has been made toward running down the guilty party or parties up until now.

Hunters To Protest Short Quail Season

The short season set for taking quail by the State Board of Conservation and Development last week is almost certain to meet with objection from sportsmen throughout this section. It has been rumored that a number of hunters will protest the change for taking quail from Thanksgiving to December 15.

Martin Jail Is One Of Thirty-two Up To U. S. Standards

Federal Prisoners From a Number of Counties Confined In It

The Martin County jail is one of the only thirty-two in North Carolina measuring up to federal standards according to Dr. J. Wallace Nygard, director of the division of institutions and corrections of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, who has just completed a survey of jail conditions in the state just a few days ago.

Martin County handles quite a number of federal prisoners in its jail each year, the government paying for their keep at a higher rate than is allowed for county prisoners.

"There are too many jails in the state," Nygard said, following his recent survey, "because the counties are not taking advantage of the legislative provision allowing two or more adjacent units to maintain district jails."

"Counties with small financial resources could provide socially satisfactory institutions in district jails with a great saving of money to the taxpayers of the cooperating counties."

"Seventy-eight thousand committals, many of them repeating offenders, were made in North Carolina jails in 1937, and at any stated time during the year one could find some 1,600 persons confined."

About 30 per cent of the jail population was serving sentence, while the rest was awaiting trial or sentence, or being held as witnesses. Sixty-five per cent of women confined were serving sentence, although they comprised only eleven per cent of the total jail population.

"Despite the fact that there is a statute requiring medical examination of all prisoners within 48 hours after incarceration, about half the jailers in North Carolina call in a physician only on complaint of illness from a prisoner."

"Under the present practice syphilis, insane, tubercular, feeble-minded, juvenile accidental offenders and vicious criminals often are herded together, although the recently constructed units have made other provisions."

"Under the law now, plans for new jails must be approved by the state fire marshal, the sanitary engineering division of the Board of Health, and by the Board of Charities and Public Welfare."

"Five separate apartments must be provided with accessible toilet and bath, adequate air, light and heat, exercise space, and quarters for an attendant to be on duty at all times."

"A separate juvenile section in the jail does not meet the requirements as ruled by the attorney general calling for segregation of children from adult prisoners."

"Too many children are being confined in jails and there should be more cooperation between the local welfare departments and juvenile court officials in finding disposition other than jail detention for children."

Deed Is Pending For Postoffice Site

A deed to the Main Street site for a proposed \$70,000 postoffice building here is awaiting acceptance in the United States attorney's office in Washington, unofficial reports reaching here this week stating that title to the property should change hands within the next few days.

The property ownership was traced back more than 100 years, but the delay in accepting the title followed when the property could not be definitely identified. Affidavits, identifying the property as that mentioned in the old original town maps, have been forwarded to Washington, and if they are not accepted, it is likely condemnation proceedings will follow.

It is now believed that work on the building will possibly get underway in early fall.

Locates Here For The Practice Of Medicine

Dr. R. G. McAllister, graduate of the Medical College of Virginia, has located here for the general practice of medicine and will be associated with Drs. Rhodes and Eason. Dr. McAllister, a native Virginian, just recently completed a year's work in the McGuire Clinic, Richmond, where he gained recognition as a young doctor.

The young doctor and Mrs. McAllister are at home in the Tar Heel pent house on Baltimore street.