

NORTH CAROLINA ON CASH BASIS TO MEET GRAVE CRISIS

Gardner Acts to Meet Critical Money Situation. To Curtail Operations. Highway Construction Projects to Be Abandoned. All Departments Cut. Chief Executive Delivers Radio Address.

Raleigh, N. C.—North Carolina has gone on a "cash basis" to meet its financial crisis.

Governor Gardner has outlined plans to spend no more than the State's revenues. All operations not absolutely essential to the welfare of the State will be discontinued. No more money will be borrowed.

With revenues not coming up to expectations, the governor said the situation is all the more critical. He said he would wait until income taxes are paid in March before deciding whether a special session of the General Assembly is necessary to meet the emergency.

A special session at this time, the Governor added, "would mean the danger of going through the process of balancing the budget and adjourning to discover that our calculations had left us again with an unbalanced budget." If income taxes show a drastic decrease.

Addressing a mass meeting of the State department heads Thursday, the Governor outlined plans for drastic economies. The departmental chiefs backed him up. They said they were willing to take the 330 per cent. reductions ordered in their allotments in an effort to meet the crisis by reducing the cost of government to the bone.

Thursday night, Governor Gardner carried to the State in a radio address the financial situation of the State. He said the money market was "so critical" North Carolina could not borrow. The State, however, he said, would not default in any of its obligations.

Construction projects, the Governor declared, have been abandoned. The \$1,800,000 which was to be expended for new highways will not be used. Neither will the \$400,000 for the construction of a new State prison.

It was estimated the current fiscal year would close with a deficit of approximately \$2,800,000, added to the \$9,300,000 deficit carried over from the 1929-31 biennium. State general fund revenues, originally estimated to raise \$27,500,000 a year, are now estimated to yield only \$23,750,000—a decrease of \$3,750,000.

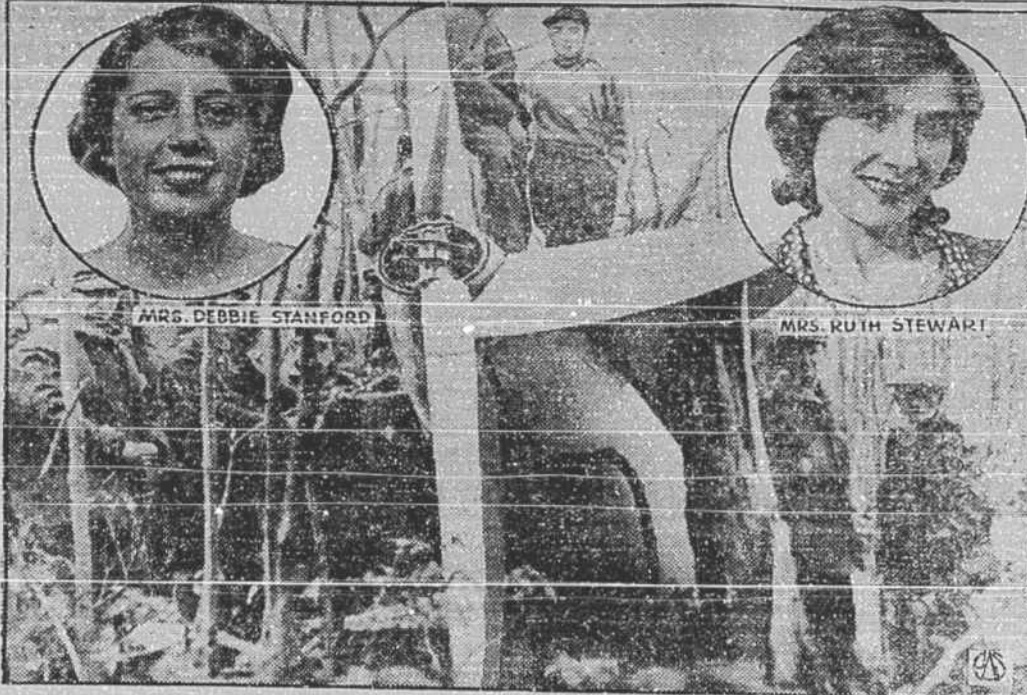
A saving of approximately \$1,900,000 is expected in departmental and institutional appropriations, but little saving is expected from the \$170,000 set aside for the judiciary.

The governor contemplates no saving at all in the \$1,800,000 appropriated for debt service, pensions and fixed charges. A saving of \$150,850,000 appropriated for the six months school term, while it is expected to have \$500,000 from the \$1,500,000 extended term appropriations as a result of the failure of local units to meet state appropriations.

This means some local units are expected to forfeit their rights to the appropriations by not paying their share of the extended terms.

Frank Dunlap, director of the department of personnel, said no horizontal salary cuts would be placed

Two Women Killed When Plane Hits Mountain



Mrs. Ruth Stewart, St. Louis, and Mrs. Debbie Stanford, Toronto, two young women flying from St. Louis to New York, where they intended to attempt a flight to Buenos Aires, crashed to their death on the side of a mountain in Pennsylvania. The accident happened when they lost their bearings in the fog. Searchers came across their bodies and the wrecked plane two days later.

into effect for State workers, but some salaries would be slashed while others may not be touched.

Iredell Negro Finds Gold Nugget in Coal Ashes

(Statesville Landmark)

When Robert L. Reeves, colored of Statesville (better known as Bob), read in the papers a few days ago that a Henderson man had found a gold nugget worth \$100 among the clinkers raked from a stove, he recalled that while raking ashes from his own stove, he had found among the clinkers a small lump of bright substance that certainly looked like gold. Fortunately he had kept his find, though at the time he believed it of little value. After reading the item in the newspaper he carried the substance to Mr. D. H. Lazenby, local jeweler, and Mr. Lazenby examined it and pronounced it gold. "I cannot say just how pure it is or what its value. Weighed in a local drugstore, the lump was found to weigh 22 1-2 pennyweight, or a little more than an ounce in troy weight. Mr. Lazenby will send it away to have it analyzed and find its worth. As the Henderson case, the local man remembered having seen some queer looking pieces, resembling rock or slate, among the coal. The hot fire melted this down evidently, and the gold appeared.

Meanwhile the local colored man is no doubt regretting that he didn't give those clinkers a more thorough examination for other nuggets, and of course he's hoping that his find will be worth as much as the Henderson man's.

Wilkes County dairymen are preparing to sell milk to the new cheese factory recently established at North Wilkesboro.

ANCIENT TREASURES OF GREAT VALUE ARE TAKEN FROM TOMB IN OLD MEXICO

Mexico City.—A Mexican tomb just uncovered near the city of Oaxaca was revealed Monday to be a veritable storehouse of historical and material treasures from the fifteenth century of Mexican civilization.

Alfonso Casa, chief of the government's archaeological mission, reported that the sepulchre represented the richest and most important discovery ever made in North America and rivals—historically and intrinsically—the tomb of King Tut-Ankh-Amen in Egypt.

The excavations produced more valuable relics, he said, than similar work in the Mayan ruins in Yucatan.

The tomb located at Monte Alban contained among other things the bodies of ten Mexican warriors covered with mementos of gold, jade, pearl, amethyst and alabaster, some of which were finely carved and of great beauty.

The chiefs apparently were slain in battle, Senor Casa said, and were buried with all their wealth in great secrecy during a bloody conflict with the Zapotecan people, who eventually wrested their land from them.

Three Zapotecan vases were discovered broken at the entrance to the mausoleum, but all the other finds were intact in spite of the great damage caused by earthquakes in Oaxaca for centuries.

Among the valuables uncovered were several crowns of pure gold, beautifully wrought relics of gold, pearls as large as pigeon eggs, jade necklaces, rings of gold and precious stones, vases of pure gold, rock crystal, onyx and alabaster—engraved with hieroglyphics—and a golden mask described as the most unique and valuable thing of its kind ever found.

Senor Casa, saying it was almost impossible to portray the beauty and workmanship of many of the relics, expressed the opinion that the discovery proved the Mexican civilization was the most advanced in America at the time, placed just before the Spanish conquest.

The finds have been transferred to the vaults of the Bank of Mexico in Oaxaca City and Raygadas Vertiz, director of Mexican archaeology, has gone to the scene with a crew of experts to further investigate and evaluate them.

DRY LAW PUZZLE WORRYING G. O. P.

Attempt to Upset Hoover's Stand on Prohibition May Be Made at National Convention. League to Renew Its Dry Appeals.

Washington, D. C.—An attempt to shape a prohibition policy independent of President Hoover's stand is to be made in the Republican national convention, it has been learned here.

Persons high in the Republican party organization say a showdown fight will be made on the convention floor. It would be the first important struggle in a Republican convention, for the prohibition question has hitherto been easily disposed of by a simple law enforcement pledge.

Republicans have become much concerned over the prospect that the Democrats may vote for a referendum under the Raskob plan. Even earlier there were signs of growing agitation. Several anti-prohibition leaders registered quiet warning at the recent meeting of the Republican national committee that the party could not hope to hold the younger votes unless it modified its stand on prohibition. There is additional fear now that if the Democrats are left alone standing in favor of permitting the people to pass on the question, Republicans will be left at a disadvantage in wet Eastern states.

The Anti-Saloon League is expected to renew its appeals that the Republican party stand its ground on prohibition.

The referendum question forged forward in Congress Thursday when leaders of Republican and Democratic anti-prohibition groups in the House agreed unanimously to seek a Congressional vote this session on a proposed Constitutional amendment which would resubmit the 18th Amendment to a popular referendum. Leaders in both houses have indicated they would grant a test vote if the membership insisted. The anti-prohibition leaders in the House planned to urge their program before the full membership of the anti-prohibition bloc at a meeting Friday.

Sentiment favors the referendum proposal over other suggestions, because it is felt that it would be supported by many Congressmen who do not care to go one record in favor of repeal or modification at this time.

Three lots of feeder cattle have been purchased by Catawba County farmers in the last ten days. These men will sell their surplus roughage through these beef cattle.

Follow Eight "C's" To Healthier Chicks

The eight "C's" for better chicks may be grouped as clean eggs, clean incubators, clean chicks, clean brooder houses, clean range, clean litter, clean feed and clean management.

"Right now, the North Carolina poultryman is entering his busiest season and is looking for the best methods to use in growing healthy, hardy chicks which will pay him a profit," says C. F. Parrish, extension poultryman at State College. "We do not know the best way to grow healthy chicks, but we do know a program to follow which will almost invariably make for success in the industry."

No one can produce healthy chicks without clean eggs produced by hens that have been blood-tested and found free of bacillary white diarrhea, Mr. Parrish believes. These eggs must be placed in incubators that have been thoroughly cleaned and dried before the eggs have ever been put into them. Then, every poultryman should be careful about the chicks which he brings to his place from some other breeder or practical poultryman. Only strong, clean chicks from disease-free stock should be purchased. North Carolina chicks out of blood-tested flocks are better than anything that can be imported into the State at this time.

The next step is to have clean brooder houses and place these on ground where chicks have not been reared before. Good range is also important. It is wise, says Parrish, to grow out the chickens on range where no poultry droppings have been spread and where some green crop has been planted. Clean litter on the floor is needed. Straw shavings or peat moss is good for chicks. Sawdust is poor.

The dote system does not work in feeding chicks. Give them all they will eat in such containers as the chicks cannot foul or waste the feed. Feed for maximum results, Mr. Parrish recommends.

SERVICE PLUS DIVIDENDS

Approximately 14,000 members of the Washington Co-operative Egg and Poultry Association are receiving regular annual eight per cent. dividend checks, in addition to the services and economies their co-operative has afforded them throughout the year. For the entire State the dividends will total over \$237,000. The chief objective, the most fundamental activity under the Agricultural Marketing Act, is the systematizing and the strengthening of co-operative marketing to the point of rendering valuable service on a sound financial basis, as in this case.

Backers of President Hoover Not Worried

Washington.—Anti-Hoover Republicans carefully gauged their prospects the first of the week with their hopes centering on the still silent Hiram Johnson, of California.

Inquiries in North Dakota led the friends of Hiram Johnson who have invited him to run in the primary there to understand that his name did not necessarily have to be filed

by January 22, and a delay in the California's decision is believed likely.

Meanwhile, the name of Senator Borah, of Idaho, came back into the picture as a possible Republican candidate. It is known he has received new requests to get into the contest, including one from California.

Also it is understood that while Borah would do nothing in the way of declaring a candidacy he probably would make no move either if his name were entered in some primary.

ANNUAL REPORT OF CLERK'S OFFICE

NORTH CAROLINA, WATAUGA COUNTY.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

I herewith present my annual report of Trust Funds and all other funds in my hands on the first Monday in December, 1931.

Table with 2 columns: Description of funds and amounts. Includes items like 'For the heirs of Lillie Hodges', 'For Willard Castle', etc.

TGTAL.....\$5,240.12

I have for security for the above Trust funds the following: Watauga Building and Loan Certificate of Stock \$ 600.00

Watauga County Bank Savings Department 1,641.49

Peoples Bank & Trust Co. Savings Department 255.48

Notes secured by endorsement and deed of trust 2,743.15

TOTAL.....\$5,240.12

Respectfully submitted, A. E. SOUTH, Clerk Superior Court.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this December 28, 1931. J. D. HORTON, Notary Public.

(My commission expires December 1, 1933)

Mr. Farmer Just One Thing and Another

Use "FIGARO" Liquid Smoke. It is guaranteed to keep meat free from skippers and mold. It is very easy to apply with small paint brush. Meat is hard to keep during warm weather.

Blow out those stumps and stones in the field you will plow this spring. We have a special price to farmers on DYNAMITE this year. See us.

You should be planning to prune and spray your orchards. We can furnish you the proper tools for pruning and LIME-SULPHUR for spraying. Also spray pumps.

We have "JUDY'S PRIDE" and "WHITE BURLEY" tobacco seed, 35c per ounce. Mail orders promptly filled.

"LESPEDEZA" (Japan Clover) has proved that it will grow and reseed in Watauga County. It cannot be beat for pasture, especially on thin land. The price is less than one-half what it was last year. Common, 10c per pound; Korean, 15c per pound.

Watch this spruce from week to week. It will pay you!

Farmers Hardware & Supply Company

Make your dreams Come True

Those dreams that some day you'll have the money with which to buy the things you desire to have—or money for a higher education, or for music or art, or for travel —

No matter what your dreams are, if money is necessary, a savings account in this Bank will help to make your dreams come true.

To what you deposit, we will add interest regularly. This will make your savings grow even faster than you expect.

Watauga County Bank

THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR A SAVINGS ACCOUNT IN THIS BANK

MOTOR EXPRESS SERVICE

We are now operating a daily motor express line from Boone to Lenoir, Hickory and Asheville, connecting at these places with lines to all parts of the east or south. WEEKLY TRIPS TO RICHMOND. Our rates compare favorably with railroad rates, and we solicit your business.

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