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EIGHT PAGES THIS WEEK

Hitchcock To Build Talc Bleaching Plant

Iron-stained talc previously discarded at the talc mines here will be reclaimed by Hitchcock Corporation in a new bleaching plant to be built at the mine using a process developed by TVA and the North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering. By using this process, thousands of tons of talc with little commercial value can be converted to a marketable product.

Development of the new bleaching process marks another step in the progress made through the cooperative efforts of Governmental agencies and minerals producers in reviving the century-old talc industry in here. Several years ago, when talc production in the high-grade Murphy talc area had dwindled, detailed investigations were made by TVA and State geologists; new talc reserves were discovered, and assistance was given producers in systematizing their exploratory and operational methods and expanding their operations.

Talc, one of the softest minerals, has many present-day uses. Acid-resistant chemical vessels are made of it; and it is used in boiler and steam pipe coverings, as a carrier for insecticides, in the manufacture of dynamite, wallpapers, firebrick, ceramics, paints, and toilet powders.

December 31 Is Deadline For Re-Instating

Only a few days remain for disabled veterans of World War II to take advantage of a special provision of the National Service Life Insurance laws, the North Carolina Veterans Commission warned today.

Veterans with disabilities incurred in service between October 8, 1949 and September 2, 1945, who desire to reinstate their insurance or apply for new insurance, must do so before December 31, 1949 to qualify under the health requirements without having those disabilities counted against them.

After December 31, 1949, all impairments to health, including those due to service, will be considered in determining insurability. Veterans who want to beat the deadline for this special benefit should contact their nearest N. C. Veterans Commission district service officer or their county service officer immediately. Payment of two months' premiums along with a physical examination is all that is required. The examination can be taken from the veteran's own physician or at a Veterans Administration center if available.

Book Of Acts To Be Studied At Baptist Church

The Book of Acts will be studied by members of First Baptist Church each evening next week, Monday through Friday, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. "Studies in Acts" by Dr. Wm. J. Fellis will be the basis of the study, to be taught by the Rev. J. A. Ton Morris, pastor.

The church will observe the Lord's Supper at the worship service at 11 Sunday morning. The pastor will preach on, "Looking Up."

A baptismal service will be held at 7:30 Sunday evening, the pastor preaching on, "In Christ Is God's Everlasting 'Yes'."

Sunday School starts at 9:45 in the morning, and Training Union at 6:30 in the evening. Deacons will meet Sunday afternoon at 2:30.

Patrolmen Aid In Issuing Late Driver's Licenses

Highway patrolmen will cooperate with driver's license examiner between now and the end of the year in issuing driver's licenses to L and M motorists.

For the convenience of drivers in this category who have waited until the December 31 deadline neared to seek renewals of their licenses, patrolmen will conduct required road tests to ease the last minute rush. Examiners will give vision, road sign and road rules tests.

Issuance of renewals to drivers whose last names begin with L and M started on July 1. N, O, P and Q drivers will be required to obtain renewals between January 1 and June 30, 1950.

Driver's license examiners form a unit of the Highway Safety Division of the Department.

Miss Wehr Dies At Age Of 91

Funeral services for Miss Emma Jacobine Wehr, 91, who died Thursday at her home in the Martin's Creek section of Cherokee County after a brief illness, were held Friday afternoon in the chapel of Townson Funeral Home.

Burial was in Sunset Cemetery. She, with her sister who died several months ago, came from Hamburg, Germany, and had lived in this section about a year.

Surviving is a nephew, W. W. Hoffman of Murphy.

O'Dell Succeeds Howse As Bus Station Manager

J. C. Howse has sold his interest in Smoky Mountain Bus station here to Virgil O'Dell, who will become the new manager on Friday, December 30. Howse announced that he does not have any definite plans for the future. He has had the local station leased for the past year.

SINGING

All singers, quartets, and classes are invited to Second Baptist Church at 7:30 P. M. Saturday, to sing the Old Year out and the New Year in, it has been announced.

Plots Reconnaissance Flight



On a recent polar navigation training flight, Lt. William H. Henderson, U. S. Air Force, is shown at his desk-in-the-sky where he performed all the logging, calculating of position, and plotting on a big plane of the 1st Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron. Cadet navigators are trained at Ellington Air Force Base, Tex., before being commissioned and awarded silver wings.

Power To Be Interrupted

The power in Murphy will be interrupted from 12:30 until 2 A. M. on January 1, for T. V. A. construction on sub station.

Methodist Services Listed

The Rev. R. Delbert Byrum, pastor of First Methodist Church, has announced that Sunday School will begin at 9:45 Sunday morning and morning worship and Holy Communion will be held at 11. Youth meeting will be at 6 P. M. Sunday, and a special service in recognition of college and high school students at 7:30.

Wettest Year Ever Measured In This Region

Beginning with the record rains of November 1948 and ending with the near-record rains of October 1949, the Tennessee Valley had the wettest 12-month period ever measured in the region. The greatest amount measured in the Valley during this time was 145.48 inches at one of the Coweeta Experimental Forest gages located 14 miles west of Highlands.

Precipitation over the Valley in November 1948 exceeded any previous November. October 1949 rainfall was the greatest since 1932 in the area above Chattanooga and the greatest since 1937 in the remainder of the Valley. An outstanding feature of the year was the unusually heavy 12-month rainfall recorded in the headwaters of the French Broad, Little Tennessee, and Hiwassee Rivers.

In the portion of the Valley east of Chattanooga, the 68.05-inch average for the 1948-49 period exceeded that for any other 12 months. In the area below Chattanooga the total over the 12-month period was 71.27 inches. Over the whole Valley the total was 69.55 inches, compared to a normal rainfall for this region of about 52 inches.

To Be Closed On Next Monday

Monday will be a holiday for many offices and firms in Murphy, in observance of New Year's.

The post office, bank, and all offices in the courthouse will be closed. Retail stores contacted had not made plans about closing. Murphy Carnegie Library will remain open.

Liberty Church To Have Watch Services Saturday

Liberty Baptist Church is planning a Watch service on December 31. Beginning at 7:45, it will continue until 12 o'clock. Four preachers will take part on the program: the Rev. J. Alton Morris, Murphy; the Rev. Lester Stowe, Hiwassee Dam; the Rev. Org Foster, Turtletown, Tenn., and the Rev. Edd Cheatum, Ducktown, Tenn.

Singers are invited to attend. About two hours will be given over to singing, when the loud speaker will be used, announces the pastor, the Rev. W. B. Hankins.

Final Rites Held For Mrs. Amburn

Mrs. Laura Amburn, 73, died Friday morning at her home in the Wolf Creek section of Cherokee County after a long illness. Funeral services were held Saturday at 1:30 P. M. in Wolf Creek Baptist Church. The Rev. Freed Townsend officiated and burial was in the church cemetery, with Townson Funeral Home in charge.

Surviving are the husband, J. T. Amburn; four sisters, Mrs. Menda Morrow, Mrs. Martha Silvers, Misses Mary and Maggie Padgett; and one brother, Freeman Padgett, all of the Wolf Creek section.

Mrs. Leon Hawkes Taken At Age 31

Mrs. Beulah Edna Hawkes, 31, died in an Andrews hospital at 10 A. M. Tuesday following a month's illness.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2 P. M. in Marble Springs Baptist Church, with the Rev. Weldon West and the Rev. Algia West officiating. Burial was in Marble Cemetery with Ivie Funeral Home in charge.

Surviving are the husband, Leon; three daughters, Margaret Jeanette, Nancy Lucille, and Peggy Sue of Marble; the parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Gibby; three brothers, Sheridan and Earl of Marble and Lonnie of Fontana; two sisters, Mrs. Pauline Cook and Mrs. Mae Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Hawkes came to Marble in 1941, from Aquone when Nantahala Dam was being constructed.

Mrs. Hawkes had been a member of the Baptist Church for 18 years. Leon Axley has returned to Miami, Florida, after having spent Christmas here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Axley, and other relatives.

Babson Says 1950 Business Will Be Decreased 5 Percent Because Of Labor Troubles

BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL

OUTLOOK FOR 1950

By Roger W. Babson

1. The total volume of business for 1950 will be less than that of 1949, due primarily to the unfortunate labor conflicts. Considering that the innocent consumer will be the chief sufferer and will be obliged to pay the bills, it seems too bad that labor troubles should upset the apperant.

LABOR OUTLOOK

2. Even with all the threats, there will be few wage increases during 1950. On the other hand, all labor negotiations take the minds of both the employees and the management off their regular business. However these negotiations come out, they result in a loss from the standpoint of the country as a whole.

3. There will be fewer strikes in 1950 than in 1949, but there will not be fewer extended negotiations which are very expensive in themselves.

4. The Taft-Hartley Law will continue to stand throughout 1950, although many schemes for outgearing this law will be devised.

5. The great drive against the big companies will be for pensions and/or for sick and other benefits. These will probably be helpful to the wageworkers and may aid in ironing out the business cycle, but they will be paid for by consumers.

6. It is hoped that all parties will begin to realize during 1950 that the real road to national progress is through increasing production and greater efficiency. This is the bright light we see in the labor situation.

COMMODITY PRICES

7. Movements in commodity prices during 1950 will vary with different groups of industries and of products, but altogether there will be a general lowering during 1950.

8. We, therefore, advise going

1950 IN A NUTSHELL

General Business:	Off 5%	Building and	
National Income:	Off 5%	Construction:	Off 7%
Farm Income:	Off 15%	Natural Gas:	Up 5%
Bituminous Coal:	Up 5%	Foreign Trade:	No change
Anthracite:	Off 5%	Airline Passenger Miles:	Up 5%
Crude Oil Products:	Up 5%	Military Activities:	
Steel Output:	Off 5%	Including Aircraft:	Up 20%
Automobile Manufactures:	Off 15%		
Retail Trade (\$ Volume):	Off 3% to 10%		



Roger W. Babson

MAKES FORECAST—Roger W. Babson, internationally known business commentator and investment adviser, whose forecast for business in 1950 is given here.

American business has no more inspiring personality than Babson. An outstanding feature of his philosophy has been his lifelong insistence on the importance of religion in business.

Born in 1875, reared in an old-fashioned atmosphere of hard work and hustle on a farm in Gloucester, Mr. Babson went to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Upon graduating in 1898, he turned instinctively to financial and business activities.

Mr. Babson founded Babson Institute for men; and, in cooperation with Mrs. Babson, developed Webber College for women,—both nationally-known educational institutions.

More recently he founded "Utopia College" for men, located in Eureka, Kansas, the center of Mr. Babson's "Magic Circle". Only this year he has been active in the establishment of still another medium of service to the public, the Gravity Research Foundation, located at New Boston, New Hampshire.

Of unbonded energy, Roger W. Babson has probably done more than any other man to bring statistics to life, to instill a broader vision in businessmen, and to publicize the ups-and-downs of the business cycle.

easy on inventories. 1950 is a time to get out of debt and stay out of debt. Speculation in commodities should be discouraged in 1950.

9. We believe that the cost of living index has turned down for the present. The average for 1950 will be less than for 1949.

10. Practically all retail prices will average less in 1950 than in 1949, notwithstanding the excess of money mentioned under 27 - 28 and 29 below.

FARM OUTLOOK

11. The total farm income for 1950 should be less than that of 1949 which means lower prices on the average for wheat, corn, pork, poultry, eggs and certain dairy products. Farmers should diversify more in 1950, get out of debt and put their surplus money into savings, in preparation for the next crop failure.

12. The supply of certain canned vegetables and fruits (except

citrus) should be greater during 1950 than at the same time during 1949. The prices of these products should fall off, barring some weather, insect or blight catastrophe.

13. Poultry and dairy products will especially increase in volume during 1950 with prices averaging less than in 1949.

14. Farmers will continue to work to hold present subsidies. It is popular to criticize the vast amount of crops which the Government owns or is making loans on, but this surplus in storage may be a great blessing when the next crop failure or war comes.

TAXES

15. The Federal Budget will be increased during 1950 over that for 1949.

16. Over-all Federal Taxes will not be increased during 1950 and there may even be some readjustments to encourage venture capital. Moreover, some of the nuisance taxes may be eliminated or reduced.

17. The long-term capital gains tax of 25% will remain unchanged.

18. There will be many increases in local and state taxes, and more reaching for relief by "sales" taxes or other forms of raising needed funds.

RETAIL TRADE

19. Goods on counters will be of better grade in 1950 than they were in 1949.

20. Markdown sales will continue during 1950 as consumer spending slackens due to a decline in employment and other factors.

21. The dollar value of all retail sales in 1950 will be moderately downward, and the unit volume of retail sales will also be less in 1950 than in 1949.

22. Less will be spent on new building and equipment by stores and factories during 1950.

FOREIGN TRADE

23. Our exports will be down during 1950 and our imports will be up during 1950. - comparing both with 1949. This will partly be accounted for by the devaluation of the English Pound and other foreign currencies.

24. Foreign credits will continue to be granted during 1950, but some of these will be direct by American business firms and investors. If our Government will get foreign governments to agree that such investments will be exempt from any new tax or other legislation by the foreign country in which the investments are made, considerable progress would be noticeable along foreign trade channels.

25. American interests will have more competition from foreign producers of raw materials and of manufactured goods during 1950 than they had during 1949. This will benefit some American concerns, but be harmful to others.

26. Fear of war with Russia will continue during 1950. World War III will come sometime; but it will not start during 1950. Those in large vulnerable cities should use these years of peace to get some small farm or country home to

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BLOODSHED BOXSCORE ON N. C. HIGHWAYS

Killed December 20 through December 26	21
Injured December 20 through December 26	346
Killed through December 26 this year	826
Killed through December 26, 1948	729
Injured through December 26 this year	9,467
Injured through December 26, 1948	7,393