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January will soon be here, and the legislature, also.

Large cash reserves work hardship on all business—Headline. Seems to us a cash reserve would help business immensely.

North Carolina ranks sixth in value of farm crops. In the past year she has climbed over two states toward the top rung in the ladder.

A commission appointed by Gov. Gardner recommends a new prison plant. If inmates continue to increase as they have in the past year or two, it will have to be a whale of a big one.

The three attorneys who helped to put the co-operative tobacco association in the hands of receivers are still tugging at the courts for an allowance of \$25,000 each. Their application has been denied at least twice. But for these the receivers would have already distributed \$500,000 to the members of the association, which would have gone a long way in relieving distress among tobacco growers.

Statistics show, for November that the United States lost in foreign trade \$153,254,000 in exports and \$133,772,000 in imports, making a total loss of \$287,026,000 in foreign trade, as compared with November 1929. For the eleven months ending with November, the loss in foreign trade aggregates nearly four and a half billion dollars. Is there any wonder that business is depressed and that unemployment is rampant? It is proof, too, that a tariff wall is not a promoter of prosperity, notwithstanding Republican preaching to the contrary.

Lack of Co-operation

President Hoover's curt letter to the senate in reply to the request of that body for a report of the emergency commission on unemployment is cited by the New York World as an instance of the president's failure to co-operate on unemployment legislation.

"Mr. Hoover's reply to this request," says the World, "is a brusque note in which he states that the commission has made no report; that he has talked from time to time with the chairman of the commission, Colonel Woods; that he has received certain notes and verbal suggestions from Colonel Woods; but that such notes and suggestions represent that confidential relation of the president with government officers which should be preserved."

"This is an unskillful letter. Mr. Hoover could easily have written a better one. He could have told congress that no information which bears in any way on the problem of unemployment can conceivably be regarded as 'confidential' at the present time. He could have offered to send to the senate any information at his disposal, however ample or however meager. . . ."

"The president seems to be convinced of the importance of co-operation between the executive and legislative branches of the government during the short session but consistently fails to co-operate when an opportunity is offered him. Whoever advises him in his correspondence with the senate continues to advise him badly."

The mission of the county home and farm agents has been magnified until now it is one of the biggest jobs in the land.—Governor Gardner.

Sixteen to eighteen months will probably elapse before there is an upward trend in the price of farm commodities, said Dr. L. H. Bean, of Washington.

U. S. Short \$200,000,000

Canada's trade with the United States fell off approximately \$300,000,000 for the 12 months ending October 31, according to figures obtained from Ottawa by the New York World. The exact decrease was \$297,295,703. Of this nearly \$200,000,000 was in imports from the United States and \$100,000,000 in exports. Canada's total world trade slumped over \$600,000,000 in 1930, according to the figures published, and more than \$130,000,000 of this was due to decline in wheat exports.

"It is predicted that for the present fiscal year (1931) Canada's unfavorable trade balance with the United States will show a reduction of \$200,000,000," says the dispatch.

Canada has been one of the United States' best customers. The expanding trade between the two neighbors was hard hit by the Hawley-Smoot tariff and the new high tariff imposed by Canada, allegedly in retaliation for the American act.

Farm Relief Wrangle

Lack of co-operation between Senator Watson of Indiana, Republican leader of the senate, and Senator McNary of Oregon, assistant Republican leader, was in evidence recently in the debate on the drought relief bill. Senator Watson, who was defending President Hoover's recommendation of \$25,000,000 for farm relief, deplored the criticism of the president, and stated that the agricultural committee had seen fit to increase that amount.

Senator McNary quickly interposed, saying: "It is not fair to say that the senate committee increased the appropriation to \$60,000,000. The joint resolution which I introduced was sent to me by the department of agriculture two weeks before action was taken. It called for \$60,000,000, and I had reason to believe that the president knew what his right hand (Secretary of Agriculture Hyde) was doing."

When Senator Watson complained that there was a lack of co-operation by the Democrats on this bill, Senator Robinson of Arkansas, Democratic leader, gave the Indiana senator another "call down" to the effect that the special committee set up by the president to make the drought survey had recommended \$60,000,000.

An explosion in the senate followed a day later when Senator Watson attempted to insert in the Record a letter from Secretary of Agriculture Hyde denying that he had sponsored the \$60,000,000 bill with the provision for loans to farmers with which to buy food. Senator McNary declared he would not be "put on a spot" to relieve the embarrassment of the administration and threatened to tell the "inside story" of this bill. Senator Watson announced later that he had torn up the Hyde letter, so that "inside story" of how this bill first had administrative support and then opposition has not been revealed.

The conference committee finally agreed to appropriate \$45,000,000 when Democratic leaders announced there would be no holiday recess until the bill was passed.

Efland Woman Commits Suicide

Efland, Dec. 23.—Mrs. T. R. Fitzpatrick committed suicide at her home east of Efland about noon today. Death was instantaneous. She placed a shotgun on a table and as she sat upon a bed in the east room of her home sprang the trigger with a walking cane. The deceased was a highly respected citizen of Efland and Orange county, having taught school in the county for a number of years.

Surviving are here only son, Harry Fitzpatrick, of Delray Beach, Fla.; her husband, T. R. Fitzpatrick; one brother, John Miller, of Mebane, and three grandchildren. The deceased had been in very poor health for several weeks.

Definite funeral arrangements had not been made pending the arrival of her son, Harry, from Florida.

Demonstration poultry cocks in Caldwell county paid their owners \$2.51 a bird above all feed costs last year.

One Million Deficit Probable

Raleigh, Dec. 21.—North Carolina will probably face a deficit of one million dollars when the present fiscal year ends and the 1931 general assembly must launch a statewide program of retrenchment, the biennial report of the state tax commission says.

Despite reductions in a \$3,125,000 curtailment of maximum appropriations made by the 1929 general assembly, it is said, "it is now quite apparent that at the end of this fiscal year we shall not only have absorbed a two-million dollar surplus brought over from the previous biennium but in addition shall have a substantial deficit. The amount of this deficit cannot be closely proximated at this time on account of the uncertainty as to income tax payments next March, but we shall be fortunate if it does not exceed a million dollars."

All lines of state revenue, the report says, are showing a falling off. It is pointed out that "even the highway fund," which in all previous years has shown progressive increases, will yield a million dollars less of revenue this year than last.

The report points out that of the \$100,000,000 tax burden on North Carolinians, a total of 75 per cent of each tax dollar is spent by and through local county governments. "If, as a part of a universal policy of retrenchment," the report sets forth, "there can be a substantial reduction of costs throughout this whole structure, we can effect a substantial relief for local taxpayers."

"The tax commission recommended this general policy two years ago when even in prosperity the weight of our tax burden seemed unbearable."

"If a policy of retrenchment seemed advisable two years ago when in prosperity we had a two million dollar surplus, it seems absolutely imperative now with a deficit and adversity."

Pointing out the unbearableness, even in good times, of the combined tax burden for state and county purposes of \$100,000,000, the report states "we should first give place in our thinking to a re-adjustment of the size and weight of this burden."

Forest Insects Thrive in Wake of Big Drought

Drought has weakened forest trees in many parts of the country this year and the United States department of agriculture reports armies of bark beetles following in its wake and preying on weakened trees. The beetles are not only killing many trees, but they are re-enforcing their ranks for a threat against timber next year.

Damage by drought and beetles together is particularly severe throughout the southern Appalachian mountains. An appreciable percentage of the pine timber throughout most of the region near the junction of Tennessee, North Carolina, and Virginia is dying. Large patches on mountain sides, normally green with pine at this time of year, are now red or brown. Many hickory trees likewise suffered from the drought and beetles have attacked them. Reports from Ohio and other North Central states show that drought and insects together have killed many hardwoods there.

Drought alone killed some trees, but in most cases beetles have added the finishing touches. Bark beetles do not attack vigorous trees when there are enough weakened ones to satisfy their appetites.

Entomologists of the Division of Forest Insects, department of agriculture, suggest that unless sub-zero, killing temperatures occur during this winter precautionary measures should be undertaken in order to prevent the development and possible spread of the beetles next spring and summer. These measures consist of destroying, by burning, the developing beetles present in and under the bark of infested trees left in the woods, or present in slabs left at the sawmill. Dying trees should be cut first to get the beetles. Dead trees can wait, for the tree-killing insects have already left them.

There was a difference in income per acre of \$90.71 where the new tobacco fertilizer formula 10-4-6 was used over where the old 8-3-3 formula was used in demonstrations conducted in Person county by farm agents H. K. Sanders last season.

Ned Johnson told D. H. Osborne, county agent of Alexander county, that he was going to start right in 4-H dairy club work so he sold a grade cow and calf to secure additional funds needed to buy a registered heifer.



HAPPY BREAKFASTS

To start the day properly, breakfast should by rights be the happiest meal of all. In too many households, however, it is a mad scramble and dash as the different members of the family swallow their food quickly and streak off to school or to the duties of the day, leaving mother behind feeling exhausted and flurried to start with!

Most of this is due to mismanagement and bad training. Inflexible system, order and regularity will overcome much of this early morning confusion. Well-planned, interesting and tastefully served breakfasts will do the rest. Don't always serve the same thing for breakfast and show the family, at least two or three times a week, that it is worth a little effort to give the day a good send-off by serving a delicious hot bread, fresh from the oven.

How about a quick coffee cake, for example? This is how it is made: 2 tbsp. fat, 1 egg, 2 cups self-rising flour, 3 tbsp. sugar, 1/4 cup milk.

Cut or rub the fat into the flour; beat the egg with the sugar and rub it, add it to the milk. Add this liquid to the flour, spread the batter in a greased pan until one-half inch thick, cover with a top mixture and bake in a hot oven (400 degrees F.) for fifteen minutes.

The top mixture consists of four tablespoons butter, one tablespoon self-rising flour, one-half cupful confectioners' sugar, one teaspoonful cinnamon, two dozen raisins or currants. Rub the butter into the flour, sugar and cinnamon. Press the raisins into the coffee cake batter at regular intervals, and sprinkle this mixture over the top.

The aroma of this delicious breakfast bread floating upstairs is better



To start the day right, breakfast should be a happy meal. A delicious hot coffee cake, fresh from the oven, will make the breakfast the happiest occasion. The homemaker using ready-prepared or self-rising flour can have such a coffee cake for her breakfasts.

than a dozen gongs or shoutings to get the family down to breakfast on time!

And not only coffee cake, but all sorts of delicious hot breakfast breads, such as waffles, griddle cakes, doughnuts and hot rolls are easily and quickly made by the use of self-rising soft wheat flour. And in addition, it saves from 25 to 40 per cent of one's time in mixing them when time is the essence of success with the morning meal.

Self-rising flour is only soft wheat flour to which the miller has added pure mono-calcium phosphate and bicarbonate of soda, which is really baking powder, and salt for seasoning. So it is after all a ready prepared pre-leavened flour, ideal for breakfast use.

Big Income Tax Refund is Favor of James N. Williamson, Jr.

More than \$108,000, the largest income tax refund on record in United States court at Greensboro, will be recovered by James N. Williamson, Jr., of Burlington, under the terms of a judgment signed by Federal Judge Johnson J. Hayes last Friday evening.

Of this amount, \$87,615.60 was sought as a refund of actual taxes paid in to Gilliam Gressom, collector of internal revenue. Interest on this amount from October 20, 1926, was also asked and obtained in the judgment filed in the federal clerk's office.

The defendant, Collector Gressom, represented in the matter by District Attorney E. L. Gavin, filed exception to the judgment, the exception being allowed. However, the attorney general must pass on the matter of an appeal by the government.

The proceeding was started more than a year ago by the plaintiff, who alleged that the government had wrongfully collected the sum of \$87,615.60 from him as income tax for the year 1919. A motion to strike out certain stipulations was started by the defendant, and the hearing Friday resulted in Judge Hayes overruling the motion and signing the judgment.

A total assessment of \$92,269.87 was made against Mr. Williamson on his 1929 tax return, the assessment being taxable net gain received by the plaintiff as the result of the sale of stock in James N. Williamson and Sons company. This was wrongfully and illegally levied, the plaintiff contended.

The government had already refunded the plaintiff \$5,173.12 principal and interest subsequent to the levy in controversy, and the judgment is for the balance.

"School Facts" Give Causes of Increase in School Expenses

Raleigh—Presenting a table showing that the current operating expense of the public schools has increased from \$4,215,178.28 in 1914-15, fourteen years ago, to 927,961,531.85 in 1928-29, this month's issue of state school facts in its new box feature gives several reasons. "Why school costs have increased."

"Largely due to the following reasons," the educational publication points out, "the cost of public education has increased in this state."

1. "The cost of living as a whole has increased,
2. "The purchasing power of the dollar has decreased,
3. "The kind, quantity and quality of educational service has increased as follows:

(a) Enrollment. "There are 250,000 more school children to educate today than there were in 1914-15.

(b) Attendance. Children attend school much better now than they did years ago.

(c) Length of term. "The average term in 1914-15 was 123.0 days and now it is 152.9 days.

(d) High school enrollment. "High school costs are approximately two and a half times elementary costs. In 1914-15 there were 16,783 pupils enrolled in public high schools; today (1928-29) there are 109,506.

(e) Training of teachers. "The best teachers are paid the highest salaries. More than a year has been added to the average training of North Carolina teachers within the past few years.

(f) Curricula. "The curricula offered in many schools have been broadened and enriched: Courses in vocational, industrial and fine arts, as well as other subjects, have been added in many large schools."

Craven county growers increased their corn crop by 117,405 bushels in 1930. This was done by increasing the acreage, using some land idle in 1929 and by better methods, says C. B. Faris, county agent.

Receiver's Re-sale of Real Estate

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed of trust duly executed by R. B. Thomas and wife, Mabel B. Thomas, in favor of Piedmont Trust Company, Trustee, on the 6th day of April, 1920, and securing the payment of a series of bonds numbered from 1 to 7, both inclusive, bearing even date with said mortgage deed of trust and payable to bearer, each in the sum of \$400.00, default having been made in the payment of said indebtedness as in said mortgage deed of trust provided, and by the further authority of an order of the Superior Court of Alamance county in an action therein pending, and being No. 3682 upon the civil issue docket, the undersigned Receiver of Piedmont Trust Company will, on the second Monday in Jan., 1931, at 10 o'clock, a. m., the same being the

12th DAY OF JAN., 1931, at the courthouse door in Alamance county, offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real property, to-wit:

A certain tract or parcel of land in Alamance County, North Carolina, being lot 43 in block C, in what is known as the Ireland property, described as follows:

Beginning at an iron stake on Grace street, adjoining No. 42, C. B. Thomas' lot; running thence with said lot 170 1/2 ft. with the line of C. B. Thomas to an iron stake; thence with the line of Jim Hayes 50 ft to an iron stake; thence parallel with the line of C. B. Thomas back to Grace street 170 1/2 ft to an iron stake; thence with the line of Grace street 50 ft to the point of beginning.

Said mortgage deed of trust is recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Alamance County in Book 87 at page 10.

The terms of the sale will be cash upon the date of the sale and the purchaser will be furnished with a certificate by said Receiver certifying the amount of his bid and receipt of the purchase price, and the sale will be left open ten days thereafter for the placing of advanced bids as required by law.

This is a re sale and bidding will begin at \$808.22.

This the 24th day of Dec., 1930.

THOMAS D. COOPER, Receiver Piedmont Trust Co. J. Dolp, Long, Atty.

NOTICE! Sale of Real Estate Under Mortgage.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed executed and delivered by Willie Hightower and wife, Sophronia Hightower, to Dr. J. L. Kernodle, under date of January 6th, 1926, which note and mortgage deed were transferred and assigned to the Bank of Gibsonville and which mortgage is duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Alamance County in Book 99 of Mortgage Deeds, page 277, default having been made in the payment of principal and interest at maturity of the mortgage thereby secured and the holder of said note having demanded sale of the said property hereinafter and in said Mortgage Deed described and subject to the conditions hereinafter stated, the undersigned will on

MONDAY, JAN. 26, 1931, at 12:00, noon,

offer for sale at public auction at the courthouse door in Graham, Alamance County, North Carolina, the following described real estate, to-wit:

A certain piece or tract of land lying and being in Alamance County, State aforesaid, in Pleasant Grove Township, and defined and described as follows, to-wit: the following tract or parcel of land lying and being in Pleasant Grove Township in said County and State, bounded and described as follows; BEGINNING at pointers on Stag Creek, the N. E. corner of Turner Moore's land; thence with his line N. 83 1/2 W. 46 chs. 15 lks. to a stake, Moore's N. W. corner on the public road; thence up said road N. 28 1/2 E. 2 chs. to a stake, a corner of lot No. 5, B. S. Benson; thence with his line S. 89 1/2 E. 51 chs. 20 lks to pointers on Stag Creek; thence down said creek as it meanders to the first station. Containing 23 8-10 (Twenty three and eight tenths) acres more or less. The same being a part of the Gri fis lands, being lot No. 4 in subdivision of J. H. McLeod.

Increased bids may be placed, as provided by law, only within ten days from date of sale.

This the 19th day of December, 1930.

Dr. J. L. Kernodle, Mortgagee, Bank of Gibsonville, Assignee.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Mrs. Maggie Martin, deceased, late of Alamance County, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned at his office in Burlington, N. C., on or before the 29th day of November, 1931, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This the 29th day of November, 1930.

W. LUTHER GATES, Administrator of Mrs. Maggie Martin, Long & Ross Atty's.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as Administrator upon the estate of Mrs. W. J. Quakenbush, late of Alamance Co. this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the undersigned duly verified on or before the 21st day of November, 1931, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate settlement. This November the 20th, 1930.

D. V. QUAKENBUSH, Adm'r.

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