

**PASS SECURITY BILL BY XMAS**

**Trailer New Problem To State Solons**

**'Mobile Home' Outside of Law**

**Industry Grew While Legislatures Were Adjourned—Action Must Be Taken**

Possible changes in the Social Security Act is one of the principal subjects being discussed by administration officials and members of Congress preliminary to the opening of the first session of the 75th Congress, which will begin on January 5.

The feeling is quite general that the act is not sufficiently comprehensive, in that it does not take in agricultural workers, domestic servants and employees of educational charitable and scientific institutions and of "instrumentalists of state and Federal governments."

The treasury's ruling that all banks which are members of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation are instrumentalities of the government removes all bank employees from the provisions of the Act as it now stands.

There is also some talk about the possibility of eliminating the individual tax on employee's pay envelopes and providing for old age retirement benefits out of general taxation. It is not considered probable that this will be done.

It is certain, however, that the whole subject of old age pensions, either by means of individual contributions of provisions for old age assistance to those in need will be one of the most actively debated questions to which the new Congress will have to find a satisfactory answer.

**S.S.B. TO BALTIMORE**

And in the meantime, nothing could provide a better demonstration of the way in which government offices have made Washington the most crowded city in America than the fact that the Social Security board had to go to Baltimore, to find a suitable building to house its departments.

The board found that it was going to require, at the very beginning of its work in connection with the Old Age Benefit Insurance part of its work, at least 120,000 square feet of floor space. Not that much space could be found in the District of Columbia.

One hundred and twenty thousand square feet is as much as is included in a ten-story building, 100 x 120 feet in area. Moreover, besides needing floor space, the board found that it would have to fill that floor space with such a heavy load that nothing short of factory construction would carry it.

There will be more than 50,000 individual filing cards for ready reference. This includes the original registration cards filled out by workers, and the official copies of them which will constitute the working file. The cards alone will weigh about 250,000 pounds.

The board found a factory building in Baltimore with three acres of floor space; is moving into it and hopes to be ready on January 1 to begin keeping the records of the earnings of the estimated 25,000,000 workers who come under the Old Age Benefits provisions of the Social Security Act. Also, a record of the payment of the income tax of one per cent of each worker's wages and the additional payroll tax of one per cent paid by his employer.

The decision of the Supreme Court by a tie vote of four to four that the New York state unemployment compensation law is constitutional is held here to indicate that the unemployment insurance provisions of the Social Security Act may also be held constitutional.

**TRADE SITUATION IMPROVES**

The international trade situation is reported by the State Department to have been greatly improved since France joined with England and the United States on an agreement to maintain the parity of their respective currencies by a stabilization agreement. Last week the remaining three nations which are still on the gold standard joined this international agreement. They are Switzerland, Belgium and the Netherlands, which is Holland.

One effect of this agreement in regard to currency is expected to be the working out of a means if checking excessive exports of gold from one country to another.

President Roosevelt not long ago expressed concern over what he called "hot money" coming into the United States from Europe. What he referred to was investments in American securities against gold credits in the United

Detroit.—Because it is not a self-propelled vehicle, because it bids fair to become the quasi-permanent home of many people and because of numerous other circumstances more or less overlooked in its sudden development, the trailer, or "mobile home," will come in for considerable attention from the dozen of State Legislatures that will convene next month.

The trailer industry has grown up rapidly during the last year while most State law-making bodies have been in adjournment. As a consequence there are few State laws controlling the merchandising and operation of the parlor, bedroom and bath on wheels. The laws that have been interpreted as applying to the vehicle lack uniformity and were enacted when trailers were designed for the hauling of tools and not for human occupancy.

The question of whether a trailer is, in the eyes of the law, a human domicile or an automotive vehicle continues the subject of much speculation although a Michigan justice of the peace has ruled it to be a dwelling and as such subject to stringent building codes in towns and other municipalities where such regulations are operative.

In some States, including Michigan, licenses as automotive vehicles are issued for trailers, so that technically they become both dwellings and vehicles, but the application of both codes presents a situation awkward to both the manufacturer and the owner.

It is to clarify confusion such as this that new laws will be sought by trailer makers.

Whether the trailer can be insured and financed under the classification of an automotive vehicle or as a domicile is another question vital to the producers, distributors and operators of the product of one of the newest and fastest-growing industries in the country.

All established makers of trailers have set heavy production schedules for next year. They would like to know, however, whether the "home on wheels" is to become the permanent home of a large number of people or is to be used mainly for summer camping and touring. The problem of future designs is involved in the answer to this question.

**Expect Biggest Christmas In History Here**

With Christmas just two weeks off, the pulse of the city is quickening steadily with the approach of the Yuletide season.

Shelves and counters, groaning with the burdens of holiday goods, are luring huge crowds of shoppers daily and are being rapidly relieved of their weight. The generous spending of these shoppers indicate the current Christmas will be the merriest since the palmy days before 1930.

Beautiful window displays in all stores have also been installed, much to the delight of the shoppers. Quite a number of lighted Christmas trees are also adding to the decorations.

**SHOOTING SUSPECT GIVES UP**

Spartanburg—James Poole, 64, negro, ordered held by a coroner's jury for the shooting of Mills French near Enoree, surrendered after an eight day search.

**CAMERAGRAPHS**



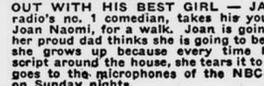
SKI-JORING they call it! A pair of moose pull two ardent skiers thru a mountain pass just north of Montreal, while Ski-Trains (lower left) operate around New York and New England taking city folks to and from hilly regions.



KING'S VOICE ON THE NEWS-REELS: Jean Paul King, famous radio announcer and master of ceremonies who has just signed a contract to describe the latest world events on the "News of the Day" newsreels, which is released by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.



WHILE SOME SHIVER, or partake of winter sports, June Travis, in a more summery climate, waits for the tide as she displays her new bathing suit.



OUT WITH HIS BEST GIRL — JACK BENNY, radio's no. 1 comedian, takes his young daughter, Joan Naomi, for a walk. Joan is going on two and her proud dad thinks she is going to be a critic when she grows up because every time he leaves his script around the house, she tears it to pieces. Benny goes to the microphones of the NBC-Red network on Sunday nights.

BEHIND THE SCENES WITH PHIL BAKER—The popular funster (in shirt sleeves) has a meeting with his cast preparatory to going on the air Sunday night over the Columbia network. At his right is his celebrated butler, Bottle, played by Harry McNaughton. Agnes Moorehead is on the other side and looking over Phil's shoulder; is announcer Harry Von Zell.

**OUR OWN SNAPSHOTS**

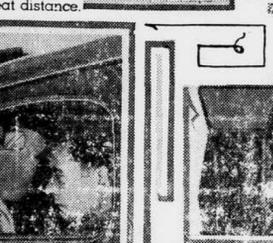


A WHITE CHRISTMAS—Helen Burgess, plans to distribute her girls while dressed in bright green ski trousers, snowy white jumper and cardigan striped lighter green. A white woolen muffler knitted white cap and fleece lined mittens complete the costume.

With more than forty patents on optical instruments and machinery to his credit, Dr Edward Bausch, 83-year old board chairman of Bausch & Lomb optical Company, was awarded the A.S.M.E. Medal by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers for distinguished service to science and engineering. He is shown with the first microscope he designed, in 1872, and latest research model.



The Fiery Breath of War—One of the latest Italian Army Tanks going into action. It throws flames to a great distance.



A STUDY IN TAXES!—Motorists throughout the country are receiving from filling station attendants "tax dollars" which show that a large part of every dollar spent for gasoline really goes to pay the 40 per cent gasoline sales tax.

Interest to women—Eleanor Howe, nationally known home economist conducts a sparkling, new and different "Home Makers Exchange" radio program over C. B. S. coast-to-coast hookup every Tuesday and Thursday at 11:45 A.M. E.S.T. Women exchange their own household hints, recipes and homemaking experiences.

**New Officers Rowan County Are Installed**

Rowan county's new officers, who were elected last month, were formally inducted into office in a fitting ceremony Monday morning in the Superior Court room before a large audience. The courtroom was filled with spectators despite the inclement weather which prevailed. Retiring Judge Charles Price presided.

The following officers were sworn in, the oath of office being administered by Clerk of Court, B. D. McCubbins:

County Commissioners: R. Linn Bernhardt, O. L. Linn, J. T. Graham, T. M. Byrd and C. A. Long. Sheriff: J. H. Krider. Senator: E. C. Gregory. House of Representatives: Geo. R. Uzzell and Walter Murphy. Judge: W. V. Harris. Solicitor: John C. Kesler. Register of Deeds: W. D. Kiziah.

Auditor: J. E. Haynes. Coroner: Dr. W. L. Tatum. Surveyor: J. D. Justice. Constable: F. C. Talbert.

Prior to the ceremony, the audience listened to a radio address by Governor-elect Clyde R. Hoey via a radio specially installed for that purpose. Mr. Hoey's address was state-wide and dealt with the installation of new officials in the 100 counties of the state.

Following the induction into office, Walter H. Woodson, Sr., District Solicitor Charles L. Coggin Representative Walter Murphy, Retiring Judge Charles Price, Judge W. V. Harris, and County Solicitor John C. Kesler made appropriate talks.

In the organization of the Board of County Commissioners, the following were renamed to the following positions and committees: R. Linn Bernhardt, Chairman; O. L. Linn, Chairman pro tem; finance committee, Linn and Byrd; Long and Graham, county home committee; Kerr Craig, Attorney; Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Edmiston, superintendent and matron of the county home.

Sheriff Krider reappointed all of his deputy sheriffs. They include: David Graham, chief deputy and jailer; Arthur J. Shuping, Lewis E. Tatum, Q. J. Scott, L. D. H. Brown of Granite Quarry, S. P. Ford and J. H. Barnhardt of Kannapolis; John Beaver of Landis, W. B. DeMarcus of China Grove; G. B. Turner of Dukeville; Coleman Grubb of Yadkin, D. H. Harkey of East Spencer, Glenn Holshouser of Rockwell, Graham Barber of Barber and L. H. Talbert of Spencer.

**Claim Agent Of Southern Dies**

**Charles Vuncannon of Chattanooga Buried In Salisbury**

Charles H. Vuncannon, 58, chief agent for the Southern railway, with headquarters in Chattanooga, and former Spencer resident, died in Chattanooga Saturday after an operation for appendicitis several days before.

He is survived by his wife and one son, Dr. Leon Vuncannon of Chattanooga; a brother, B. F. Vuncannon of Athens, Ga.; two sisters, Mrs. Sam Hedrick of Lexington, and Mrs. Ida Delk of High Point. He was a native of Davidson county, former Spencer alderman, chief clerk for the Southern railway, prominent in fraternal circles and had been steadily advanced by the Southern.

The body was brought to this city for burial. Funeral services were held Monday at Wright's Undertaking parlor. Burial was in Chestnut Hill cemetery.

**Governor Hopes Solons To Act Next Few Days**

**Special Session To Consider Measures Met in Raleigh Thursday**

**STATE TO SAVE 2 1-2 MILLIONS**

Raleigh.—Governor Ehringhaus expressed the hope that the Social Security measures for North Carolina will be enacted into law by Christmas.

The unemployment insurance bill, designed to save the State an estimated \$2,500,000 in social security benefits, is being drafted by the attorney general's office here, the Governor said.

The 170 members of the Legislature, chosen in the general election of November 3, are on hand and party caucuses are the vogue.

Governor Ehringhaus pointed out he had taken no precautions to prevent discussions of matters other than the unemployment insurance question.

"The Legislature has a constitutional right to discuss what it pleases," he said.

The unemployment insurance bill—a revenue measure—must pass three separate readings on three separate days in each house of the General Assembly. Consequently, even assuming the legislators will do everything in their power to rush passage of the statute, the special session would last at least six days.

Apparently expecting some red tape, however, the Governor said he was hopeful the measure would be approved by Christmas.

**KING QUILTS**

King Edward VIII abdicated his throne Thursday.

He is expected to marry Wallis Warfield Simpson, attractive divorcee, in the near future. His abdication is the result of his desire to marry Mrs. Simpson which was bitterly opposed by the aristocrats of England.

Albert, 40-year old brother and Duke of York, will succeed Edward to the throne. He will reign as George VI.

King Edward, in renouncing the British throne, said in part: "I have determined to renounce the throne."

"After long and anxious consideration I have determined to renounce the throne to which I succeeded on the death of my father and I am now communicating this, my final and irrevocable decision. "Realizing as I do the gravity of this step, I can only hope that I shall have the understanding of my peoples in the decision I have taken and the reasons which have led me to take it.

"I have accordingly this morning executed an instrument of abdication in the terms following: "I, Edward VIII, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British dominions beyond the seas, king and emperor of India, do hereby declare my irrevocable determination to renounce the throne for myself and for my descendants and my desire that effect should be given to this instrument of abdication immediately.

"In token whereof I have hereunto set my hand this tenth day of December, 1936, in the presence of the witnesses whose signatures are subscribed. "Signed, Edward R. I."

139 CARS REPORTED STOLEN

Raleigh—A hundred and thirty-nine stolen cars in November, 81 of which were recovered, set a new North Carolina record. Twenty-five cars stolen previously also were recovered during the month.