

State and Nation Urged To Take Relief Burden

League of Municipalities Committee Calls for Continuance of Works Program

Raleigh, Dec. 17.—Asserting cities and towns of the state cannot take care of current relief

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burden thrust upon them, the executive committee of the North Carolina League of Municipalities today called upon the state and federal governments to assume responsibilities of financing the cost of relief.

Extension of the federal works relief program to the end of the 1937 fiscal year or until the social security program becomes a reality, "since greater efficiency and economy can be obtained by proper advance planning," was requested.

The next Congress was called upon to make additional appropriations so funds will "be available to continue the works program on a basis capable of giving jobs to all employables needing relief and to provide money needed for direct relief to supplement state and local funds, and to finance permanently the federal share of the social security program."

The action was taken after a lengthy session at which George W. Coan Jr., state works progress administrator, and Mrs. May Thompson Evans, director of the state employment service, outlined problems of jobs and employment.

The 1935 legislature appropriated \$1,500,000 in highway funds for each year of the current biennium to be used in providing road construction jobs for persons on relief, and Coan told the directors the state WPA had taken most of those on relief who are able to work on WPA projects under present regulations. He said the highway program is likely to suffer because of the lack of eligible relief workers to employ on highway construction.

The consensus was the federal government should change regulations so workers could be requisitioned from WPA projects and from the employment service registration lists, regardless of whether they had been on relief or not previously, for work on the highway program.

Mrs. Evans estimated between 80,000 and 90,000 people are barred from WPA employment in North Carolina because of various regulations of the WPA. Such as requiring them to have been on relief between May 1 and November 1.

Read Journal-Patriot ads.

Leonard Revis Taken by Death

Well Known Citizen of Moravian Falls Community Succumbs Tuesday

Leonard M. Revis, prominent farmer of the Moravian Falls community, died at his home Tuesday evening, 6:45, following a long illness. He was 67 years of age.

Mr. Revis was a member of a well known Wilkes family, being a son of the late Joseph M. and Mary Martin Revis. He leaves his wife, Mrs. Martha Revis, and the following children: Ray M. Revis, South Mills; Mrs. Maude Clark, Moravian Falls; Mrs. Mary E. Lowe, Pores Knob; Mrs. Dorothy L. Revis, Oak Hill, W. Va.; Joe M. Revis and Miss Blanche Revis, Moravian Falls.

Funeral and burial rites were conducted at Moravian Falls Baptist church Wednesday afternoon with Rev. Ernest Bumgarner, of Taylorsville, in charge. A large crowd was present, attesting to the esteem in which the life of Mr. Revis was held in the community.

Northern Alexander News

PORES KNOB, Route 2, Dec. 16.—Mr. Jno. McGee, a young ministerial student at Mars Hill College taking training for Missionary work in Africa will preach at Mt. Olive Sunday (4th Sunday) at 11 o'clock.

Dave Kerley, who had been in failing health for several years died at his home near Taylorsville last Friday. The funeral services were held at Mt. Hebron Baptist church Saturday in charge of Rev. C. C. Holland, pastor First Baptist church, Taylorsville, assisted by Rev. E. V. Bumgarner, a nephew of the deceased.

Rev. L. B. Murry, State Roads, will preach at Mt. Olive the 5th Sunday at 11 o'clock.

There will be a Christmas tree and Christmas exercise at Mt. Olive on Monday night before Christmas. Everybody invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kilby are the proud parents of a son, Chas. Jr.

Mrs. Bill Sherrill and daughter, of Valdese, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Deal.

Elkin School Building
Elkin, Dec. 17.—Contract has been awarded for the construction of a new high school building in Elkin. Fowler-Jones Lumber Co., of Winston-Salem, was the successful bidder on the construction work, and the Elkin Plumbing Co. was awarded the contract for the plumbing and heating. The total cost of the eight-room building will be \$32,879.50.

TODAY AND TOMORROW

SQUIRRELS . . . westward ho
The gray squirrels are migrating again from New England. Nobody has yet found out the real reason why so many thousands, perhaps millions, of these little animals go westward in the early winter. They have lately been crossing the Hudson River over the bridges, on the ferry boats and some of them even swimming across.

The latest theory is that they are driven out of their old homes by the smaller but more pugnacious red squirrels. Farmers and hunters have been encouraged to kill hawks, because hawks kill game birds; but hawks also are fond of busy red squirrels, and a possible explanation is that the red squirrels have multiplied, as the hawks have diminished in number, and there isn't room in the woods for both the red and the gray squirrels.

It is just one of those interesting phenomena illustrating the constant effort of nature to maintain the balance between all the various forms of life.

TAXES . . . plain figures

I asked five intelligent people at a social gathering the other night if they knew how much they paid in taxes to the Federal Government on each package of cigarettes. Nobody knew the answer. The revenue stamp on the cigarette pack simply says "20 cigarettes" and does not disclose the fact that the manufacturer pays six cents for each stamp and adds it to the price of the cigarettes.

I think it would be a very useful law, if Congress could be induced to enact it, to require that every tax stamp tells the buyer of the taxed article just how much tax he is paying. We will never get real economy in Government until the "man in the street" realizes that he, too, is paying a share of the cost of the Government.

QUALITY . . . pays

One of the wealthiest men I know is Herbert L. Satterlee, brother-in-law of J. P. Morgan. Mr. Satterlee is still using an automobile which was built for him in 1915. The 20-year-old car has gone over 300,000,000 miles and is capable of 60 miles an hour in a pinch. Mr. Satterlee tried one or two high-priced modern cars and discarded them because they were not as comfortable to ride in as the old machine that he sticks to.

Wealthy people can afford to be unfashionable. They can also afford to buy the highest quality of goods in the first place. I know one millionaire who has worn the same overcoat for 20 winters, but he paid \$300 for it when it was new. I have spent more than that for a succession of overcoats in the same period. In the long run, it always pays to buy the highest quality of any commodity, if you can afford to tie up enough of your capital in the initial purchase.

FINGERPRINTS . . . accurate

One of the reasons why there is a popular prejudice against being fingerprinted was disclosed the other day when the Bureau of Criminal Investigation, in Washington, reported that several hundred former criminals had been detected by a comparison of the fingerprints, taken when they applied for jobs, with the fingerprint records of convicted criminals on file in Washington. Many business concerns and some municipalities and states now require a fingerprint record of every applicant for a job, and send these records down to the Department of Justice.

I have long believed that the time would come when everybody's fingerprints would be recorded in infancy as a matter of course and kept available for identification at any time in later life. There is no good reason why this should not be done.

LONGEVITY . . . but why?

An eminent scientist, Dr. William Marias Malisoff, predicted the other day that scientific research would find ways of lengthening human life until men might ordinarily live for possibly hundreds of years. In view of what has already been achieved in this direction, that does not seem to me at all impossible.

Merely longevity, however, does not seem to me of any great value, either to the individual or to society, unless some way is found at the same time of utilizing intelligently the experience which only the passage of years enables one to accumulate. It is interesting to imagine a world in which the majority of inhabitants were centenarians. It would, at least, be a world in which fewer futile social experiments were undertaken.

Car Driver Dies At Shelby After Injuries In Accident
Shelby, Dec. 16.—Clyde Stallings, 26, died in a hospital here today of injuries suffered when his car overturned near Casar.

Birds Aid Farmers
Rockville, Dec. 17.—The value of birds in agricultural life has been greatly underestimated, according to George E. Becker, junior biologist in charge of wildlife conservation in Rockville. Becker says that the loss of birds is a serious matter, and that the farmers would raise crops successfully.



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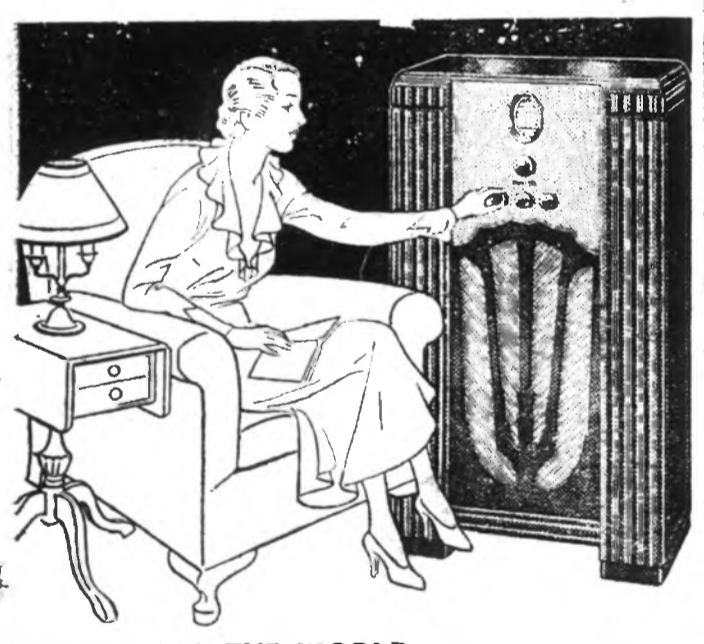
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