

Brief Review Of State, National And World News During The Past Week

ROBERTSON HEADS MEDICAL SOCIETY

Wilmington—Dr. J. F. Robertson of Wilmington has succeeded Dr. Frank A. Sharpe, Greensboro physician who died Thursday, as president of the North Carolina Medical Society.

Dr. Robertson's automatic elevation to the presidency was announced by Dr. S. E. Warshauer, secretary of the New Hanover County Medical Society and confirmed in Red Springs by Dr. Roscoe MacMillan, secretary of the North Carolina Medical Society.

As president designate, to which position he was elected by the State society last June, Dr. Robertson, according to the by-laws of the organization, automatically assumed the presidency upon the death of Dr. Sharpe. The Wilmington surgeon will serve out Dr. Sharpe's term and begin his own term as president in May 1948, it was announced.

MT. MITCHELL ROAD TO PEAK PROMISED

Raleigh.—Thomas W. Morse, director of the Division of State Parks, said he hoped to have a trail from the end of a road up Mt. Mitchell to the top of the mountain completed by next Spring.

Morse said that Charlie Stott, assistant parks director, and J. C. Walker of Asheville, divisional highway engineer, are to meet at Mt. Mitchell soon to make plans for the trail.

The trail, Morse said, would be about 200 yards long and from six to eight feet wide. He said that it would be laid out to avoid cutting of virgin timber, would follow the easiest grade possible, and probably would be graveled. He had no estimate of the cost.

TO LAY CORNERSTONE OF MOREHEAD BLDG

Chapel Hill.—The cornerstone of the University of North Carolina's Morehead Building and Planetarium will be laid at ceremonies on Saturday.

The building, which is being built on the central square of the campus, represents a two million dollar gift by John Motley Morehead, former U. S. minister to Sweden, who was graduated from the university in the class of 1891. Work began on the structure,

WITH TEST FARMS



Cecil D. Thomas, 35-year-old native of Rockingham county, will join the State Department of Agriculture, Dec. 1, as executive assistant superintendent of the Test Farm Division.

ROBERT SCHUMAN IS NEW FRENCH PREMIER

Paris, Nov. 22.—Robert Schuman, 61, a Popular Republican and a financial expert, was confirmed as premier by a 2-1 majority in the national assembly and began work at once on a cabinet he hopes to present to the assembly on Tuesday.

The assembly approved Schuman, 412-184, with 22 abstentions. He was supported by virtually every party in the assembly, with the exception of 182 Communist and fellow-traveling deputies.

He intended forming an all-party cabinet but excluding only the Communists, who oppose him as "a reactionary" and a "tool of American capitalism."

which is to house the rare \$75,000 Zeiss instrument and the Morehead art gallery, valued at \$250,000, in September and is to be completed in 18 months. The equipment for the planetarium is due to arrive aboard the S. S. Bloomington Victory Sunday at Baltimore, Md. The equipment, in 14 separate cases, was purchased from the Zeiss glass works. Originally it was on display in Stockholm, but more recently has been on public display in Gothenburg, Sweden.

PALESTINE DIVISION IS UNDER DISCUSSION

Lake Success, N. Y.—In the first test vote on the future of Palestine, the United Nations Palestine committee rejected an Arab move to delay any recommendation until the International Court of Justice rules whether U. N. has the legal right to act.

The vote against the delay was 25 to 18, with nine nations abstaining.

The committee also rejected, 21 to 20, with 13 abstaining, an Arab move to ask the court whether U. N. has the right to recommend the partition against the wishes of the Arab majority which lives there.

ONE OF OLDEST U. S. CITIZENS DIES IN VA.

Lynchburg, Va.—One of the nation's oldest citizens "Aunt Martha" Payne, Negro, died at her home here Saturday. Her age was estimated at between 125 and 127.

She remembered until a few weeks before her death events that took place long before the war between the states. She was able to sew and perform other handwork without glasses, and neighbors said she was "spry" until her fatal illness.

In 1943 she applied for—and was granted—a liquor ration book. She explained to alcoholic beverage control staff members that she was "tired of imposing on" her grandchildren.

Safety Council To Meet Dec. 5

The first quarterly meeting of the Western Piedmont Safety Council for the year of 1947-1948 will be held in Lenoir, Friday night, December 5, at the East Harper school auditorium at 7:30 it was announced this week by J. Roy Moore, secretary.

Robert "Pat" Orsby, of Winston-Salem, who will be the speaker, will present a talk on "Safety." Awards and certificates will also be presented to the winners in the annual State Safety contest.

The Western Piedmont Safety Council is composed of members from Ashe, Alleghany, Alexander, Avery, Caldwell, Catawba, Watauga and Wilkes counties.

Cost Of Soil Erosion Passed On To Consumer

Who foots the bill for the conservation that is not carried out? Who pays when soil is washed away and water wasted? Under the Agricultural Conservation Program, assistance from public funds go to help pay the cost of carrying out approved conservation practices. This assistance averages about 50 percent of the "out of pocket" costs of the practices. The farmer pays his half of money costs and usually does the work. In this way the public shares with the farmer the expense of saving soil and water. But who pays for soil erosion? Who will pay for the third of the Nation's topsoil already gone? Who will pay for the half-million acres of farmland now being lost each year? It is estimated that farms in this country have an annual loss of \$400 million from erosion.

The cost, however, according to Herbert Osborne, Chairman of

the Alleghany PMA Committee, cannot always be measured in dollars and cents. Eventually human lives and human happiness must be figured in on the balance sheet. The desolation of today in parts of the world where mighty nations once flourished is mute evidence of the cost of who pays the bill when soil is neglected.

In China, where fertile soil and abundant food made possible a high civilization as early as 44 B. C., soil in many parts of the country has been worn out and washed away until famine is common, and a perpetual struggle against hunger and starvation is taken for granted. The assistance given farmers through the Agricultural Conservation Program to help carry out conservation practices is an investment in food. Bread, eggs, meat, vegetable production—now and in the years to come. The pro-

gram is a check against muddy streams and dust-filled skies which mean just that much less food. Bread, eggs, meat, vegetables, milk, and fruit are the real loss when soil goes down the river.

But who pays for the loss? According to Mr. Gambill, the consumer pays. Lost soil means lower yields. Lower yields mean less food on the grocery shelves. That leads to higher prices to the consumers. In the end the consumer pays, as in China, with a lower standard of living. The Agricultural Conservation Program gives assistance to farmers as a direct method of getting the con-

servation job done. It provides the means for consumers to cooperate with farmers for abundance. The alternative is neglect of the soil with resulting higher cost later.

BIRTH ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Royal announce the birth of a daughter, Elizabeth Frances, on November 10.

Both mother and daughter are doing nicely.

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Fish Fry

7:00 P. M., Dec. 3

At Community Bldg.

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For Her

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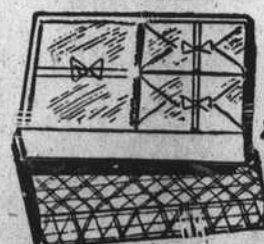
Beautiful dresser sets make lovely gifts for girls. They are priced as low as \$7.50 and up. Other Jewelite Sets sell from \$3.50 up.

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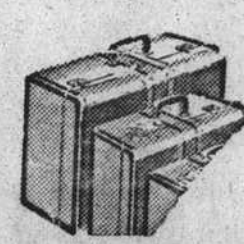
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