

TOBACCO AVERAGE HIGHEST HERE FOR MONTH OF JANUARY

Official State Report Shows Sales in Henderson Last Month Brought \$16.49

SEASON SALES FOR STATE 543,231,940 LBS.

Increase of 38 Percent Over Last Crop and Brought \$111,362,547; Says Outlook for Flue-Cured in 1936 Favorable, But Smaller Crop is Real Necessity.

Raleigh, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Tobacco sales by producers in North Carolina up through January totalled 543,231,940 pounds, an increase of 38 percent over last season, and brought \$111,362,547.

"The outlook for flue-cured tobacco in 1936 is rather favorable," the crop reporting service commented in its sales summary.

"The average price this season up to this month was \$20.50 per hundred pounds, a drop of about \$8 per hundred under the 1935 season average to February 1.

January sales in the Old Belt aggregated 14,753,779 pounds, and in the burley houses at Asheville 831,316 pounds were sold. The Old Belt average was \$11.81 per hundred, compared with \$16.18 for the month last year.

Henderson had the best average in the Old Belt last month, \$16.49, while Winston-Salem led in sales, with 7,051,223 pounds.

All other belts had closed for the season.

The 1935 North Carolina crop was shown to have been the second largest in the state's history, being exceeded only by the 1930 crop, when 553,990,000 pounds were sold at an average of \$12.90 per hundred. Total production in the state for 1935 was set at about 561,000,000 pounds, allowing 18,000,000 pounds to be sold in other states in excess of what was brought from other states to Tar Heel markets.

"The outlook for flue-cured tobacco in 1936 is rather favorable," it was pointed out, "although the record yields obtained in the 1935 season, and the surplus to acre that resulted, will probably result in a short crop to a point that will make some slight reduction in 1936 desirable."

Jackie Coogan and His Fiance Robbed in Chicago Street

Chicago, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Jackie Coogan and Betty Grable, film players, reported to police today that at the end of a 50-mile-an-hour chase through the Chicago Loop, two gunmen entered their car and robbed them of \$50 and jewelry they valued at \$3,500.

Miss Grable said she made an unsuccessful attempt to save the five-karat diamond engagement ring Coogan gave her December 9. One of the robbers saw her efforts to hide it on the floor of the car, she said, and threatened her.

Coogan related that he and Miss Grable, who had been dancing at the Congress hotel, started to drive back to the Sherman hotel, where they were staying during a stage engagement.

A few blocks from the Congress, he said, he saw a car following, and suspicions of it, speeded up. A second automobile followed, he said, although he drove at 50 miles an hour and finally made a sharp U-turn in an effort to shake off pursuit. But the gunmen continued to gain and finally forced him to the curb.

More Cold Sweeps Out From North

Northern Half of Country in Path of Newest Blizzard Sweeping Eastward

Chicago, Feb. 12 (AP)—New blizzards swept into the Northwest today as a cold wave was forecast for Oklahoma and more snow for most of the northern states, either tonight or tomorrow.

Corn Belt states, already near punch drunk from repeated onslaughts by sub-zero waves and blizzards, labored furiously to reopen railroad lines and highways. Many communities remained isolated. Food and fuel shortages continued acute, schools were closed and suffering proceeded unabated.

Several new deaths were reported. Many cities were forced to burn wood and in a few instances corn

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KIN WAGE WAR ON WILL OF STATLER HEIRESS



Before a jury of farmers in Superior Court at Carthage, N. C., Foster-kinsfolk of the late Mrs. Elva Statler Davidson are pressing their suit against the ill-fated bride's will which left her \$560,000 share of the Statler hotel fortune to her husband, H. Bradley Davidson, Jr., Davidson (left), 40-year-old Washington clubman, and one of his attorneys, M. C. Boyette, of Carthage, are shown entering court. Also seen as she entered the court house is Mrs. Milton Statler (right), sister-in-law of Mrs. Davidson whose death was attributed to carbon monoxide poisoning.

(Associated Press Photos.)

Restricted Neutrality Bill Approved, Keeping Embargo For 14 Months

American Republics Exempted from Application When Attacked by Non-Americans

TWO MAJOR PLANKS OF ACT LEFT OUT

One Permitting President To Impose Peacetime Quotas on War Materials and One Requiring Shipments at Owner's Risk Are Both Deleted in Draft

Washington, Feb. 12.—(AP)—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today approved unanimously an amended neutrality bill extending the present arms embargo features until May 1, 1937, but exempting American republics from its application when attacked by non-American nations.

The compromise, which brought several divergent factions into line, completely omitted two major provisions of the administration act. One would have permitted the President to impose peace-time quotas on "materials of war," such as oil, cotton and steel, and one would have permitted, the chief executive to require that trade proceed with belligerents at the shipper's risk.

Attached to the bill, as agreed upon by the committee, however, was an authorization for the President to embargo credits to belligerents.

A move to force consideration of permanent legislation at this session apparently awaited the bill on the Senate floor.

Army Plane Cracks Up In Georgia

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 12.—(AP)—An army bomber, part of a flight of 24 planes en route from Langley Field to the Panama Canal Zone, was reported at Candler field to have crashed about five miles southwest of here today, shortly after taking off for Randolph Field, San Antonio, Texas. First reports said no one was injured.

Eastern Air Line attendants said they heard a "ship with three passengers aboard" was involved, casting some doubt on the identity of the plane.

Motorists on a highway near Stone- wall, Ga., southwest of Atlanta, said they saw the plane falter in the air overhead, heard the motor sput-

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Three Lose Lives In Jersey Flames

Lakewood, N. J., Feb. 12.—(AP)—At least three persons were killed and a score of others injured, seven seriously, in a fire which destroyed a three-story hotel in this winter resort today.

The bodies of a man and two women were taken to a morgue, but none was officially identified.

The fire started about 7 a. m. and made rapid progress through the frame structure.

NORMAN THOMAS IS SEEN AS A FACTOR

Socialist Leader Might Swing Enough Votes To Carry Election

By LESLIE EICHEL, Central Press Staff Writer

New York, Feb. 12.—Both Republicans and Democrats have been paying considerable attention to recent speeches of Norman Thomas, erudite Socialist leader. There is a reason—perhaps two reasons.

Reason Number One concerns political wooing. If, as believed, the Socialists "control" 4,500,000 votes at present, that may be the balance of power in states which count in a close election.

The Socialist vote in the states of New York, Ohio and Illinois, if diverted either to the Republican or the Democratic candidate might give the candidate the entire electoral vote for those states—and that would mean election.

There is a possibility that, in the final stretches of the campaign, President Roosevelt or a Borah would

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OUR WEATHER MAN



FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Increasing cloudiness, followed by rain Thursday and beginning in west portion tonight; rising temperature tonight and in central and east portions Thursday.

FARM BUREAU AND GRANGE TO BATTLE FOR N. C. FARMERS

Race as to Which Can Organize Them Is Now on As Result of Greenville Meeting

MONDAY'S MEETING IS SIGNIFICANT ONE

Decided Political Angle Read Into Gathering Addressed by Edward A. O'Neal, President of Farm Bureau Federation; He Urges Organization

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hotel, By J. C. BASKERVILLE

Raleigh, Feb. 12.—Possibility of a race between the American Farm Bureau Federation and the National Grange to organize the farmers of North Carolina, with a particular view to obtaining more and better legislation for the farmers of the nation is seen by some as the result of the mass meeting of farmers in Greenville Monday, which was addressed by President Edward A. O'Neal, of the American Farm Bureau Federation, and the adoption of a resolution favoring the organization of North Carolina farmers into a militant, politically-minded farm organization. The resolution did not mention the Farm Bureau Federation, but it was the only organization mentioned during the meeting and then only nationwide farm organization which is admitted politically in its objectives and methods.

Saturday of this week Master L. J.

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BORAH IS SEEN AS GENUINE CANDIDATE

Entrance in Ohio Primary Makes Him Full-Fledged G. O. P. Aspirant

By CHARLES P. STEWART, Central Press Staff Writer

Washington, Feb. 12.—Senator William E. Borah's recent entrance into the Republican presidential contest in Ohio is of far less consequence than the fact that his Ohio candidacy automatically makes him a G. O. P. presidential aspirant everywhere.

The Idaho statesman's strength has been hard to calculate hitherto for the reason that his would-be supporters have been uncertain whether or not they could count on him.

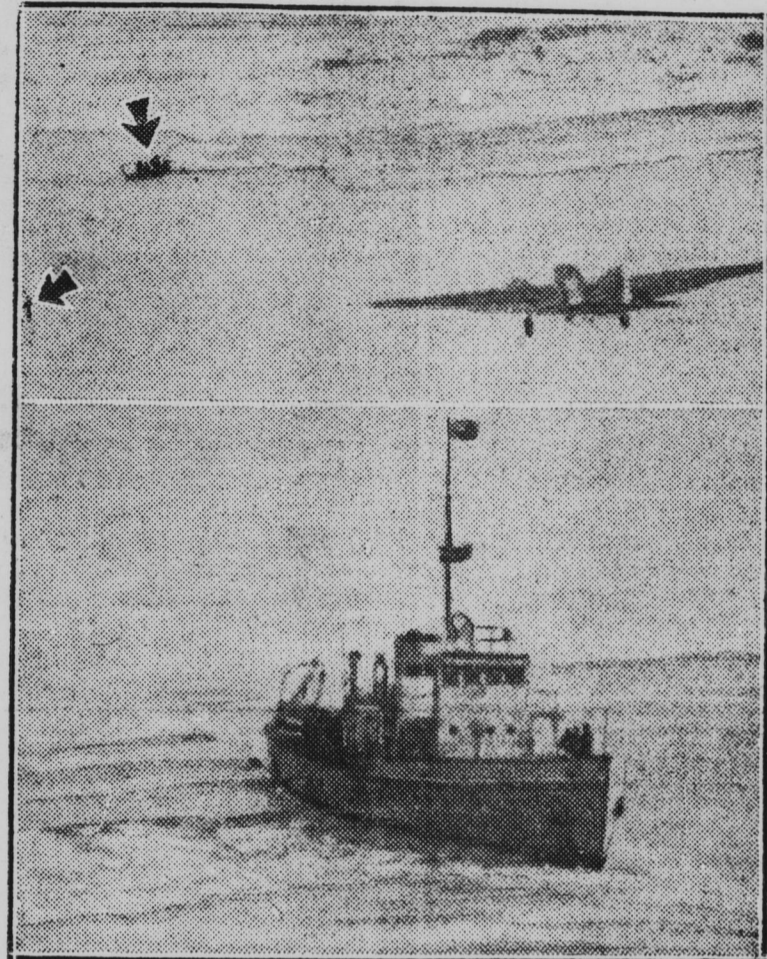
Enthusiasm for a possibly unavailable candidate naturally was decidedly restrained.

Now that the senator agrees that

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Norris Again Attacks Court For AAA Decision In Speech In Favor New Farm Program

Plane and Ship in Ice Rescue



Blankets and food for the seven CCC boys marooned on the ice of Cape Cod Bay off Brewster, Mass., for 22 hours before rescue, were dropped by the crew of an army bombing plane. The plane is shown, top, approaching one of the groups of marooned boys; below, a view of the patrol boat Harriet Lane attempting to push through the thick ice to the rescue. A small boat launched by the patrol ship effected the rescue. (Central Press)

Snow, Ice And Cold Costing State Million Dollars In Lost Revenue On Gasoline

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Raleigh, Feb. 12.—The snow, ice and cold weather has already cost the highway department at least \$1,000,000 in revenue from the gasoline tax by reducing the consumption of gasoline, in addition to the damage done to the roads, estimated as amounting to at least \$2,000,000, Chairman Capus M. Waynick pointed out today. Revenue from the gasoline tax was off about \$300,000 in December and estimates are that it will be at least \$800,000 below normal for January, although the total collections for January will not be available until February 20. It is also expected that the February collections will be reduced proportionately with the result that the total loss in revenue due to the extreme winter weather in December, January and February will amount to at least \$1,000,000.

"The facts are that we really are

not able to tell yet how badly the roads have been damaged by snow, freezing, rain and then freezing weather or again, since we have not yet been able to make any comprehensive survey of the damage done so far," Waynick said. "But we know that the damage must amount to at least \$2,000,000 and that in addition we have lost at least \$1,000,000 in highway revenue from the gasoline tax, since the weather has been so bad that people who have not been compelled to use their cars have been leaving them in the garage."

"This means that we will need at least \$2,000,000 to repair the damage done by rains, snows and below-freezing temperatures and that we will have at least \$1,000,000 less to do it with, even if we have no more bad weather from now until spring."

Another obstacle faced by the highway department is that it was "the only hope."

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BORAH, KNOX ENTER ILLINOIS PRIMARY

Meanwhile, Lincoln's Birthday Is Basis for Heated Political Talks

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 12 (AP)—Senator William E. Borah, of Idaho, and Colonel Frank Knox, of Chicago, today filed their entries in the Illinois advisory presidential preferential primary April 14.

It was the first formal step taken by Colonel Knox, Chicago publisher, to announce his candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination. Petitions on behalf of the two men were filed with the office of Secretary of State Edward J. Hughes, qualifying them for places on the April ballot.

LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY IS OCCASION FOR SPEECHES

Washington, Feb. 12 (AP)—Lincoln's birthday brought much political campaigning, as President Roosevelt and the great emancipator were compared by the New Deal's friends and contrasted by its foes.

By Secretary Ickes Mr. Roosevelt was described as "the man who bravely tilts his lance against special privilege and entrenched greed."

To Senator Hastings, Republican, Delaware, the President appeared as "the profligate son" "who rushes on in his wild career."

The skirmishes within the Republican party were livened with the news from Illinois that Senator Borah would compete in the primary there with Colonel Frank Knox, Chicago publisher.

Coincidentally, Governor Alf M. Landon, of Kansas, another whose

MORE EVIDENCE IN STATLER WILL CASE

Buffalo "Interests" Dragged Into Trial To Break Will Of Heiress

Carthage, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Belief that Mrs. Elva Statler Davidson could not have fallen into the position in which she was found dead of carbon monoxide poisoning in her garage last February was expressed by Dr. W. W. Marr in testimony today to the jury trying the \$560,000 suit over her will.

Dr. Marr was the physician first called when a Negro butler discovered the death of the Statler heiress. Emanuel Burch, the butler, testified yesterday that the body was not moved before Dr. Marr's arrival.

Describing the position of the body as kneeling on the running board, the upper part slumped on the floor boards, Dr. Marr gave it as his opinion that Mrs. Davidson could not have fallen into that position.

Questioned about a bruise on Mrs. Davidson's arm, he said it was caused by a hypodermic given her in an effort to revive her.

Carthage, Feb. 12 (AP)—Buffalo, N. Y., interests were charged with "try-

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BORDER CLASHES IN MONGOLIA CONTINUE

Tokyo, Feb. 12 (AP)—A detachment of Japanese and Manchukuoan soldiers was reported today to have defeated a group of 100 Mongolians in a battle of several hours at Olahudka, southwest of Lake Bor.

GROWS SARCASTIC WITH REFERENCES TO HIGH TRIBUNAL

Declares People Can Change Congress, But Only God Can Change the Supreme Court

CALLS PROCESSING TAXES GREAT GIFT

Says AAA Decision "Cannot Stand If Our Country Is To Live and Prosper"; Much of Work of Congress Unconstitutional if AAA Law Was, Nebraskan Says

Washington, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Senator Norris, Republican, Nebraska, declared today that "the Supreme Court is, for all practical purposes, a continuous constitutional convention," and added its AAA decision "cannot stand if our country is to live and prosper."

Taking the floor to defend the administration's new farm program, the Republican independent made the first speech of the day in the debate that is expected to bring a final vote on it Friday night.

"The people can change the Congress, but only God can change the Supreme Court," he said.

Referring to Secretary Wallace's description of the court's processing tax refund order as "the greatest legalized steal in American history," Norris observed that might be erroneous, but that it undoubtedly was "the greatest gift since God made salvation free."

He said the soil conservation crop control program "yet may be declared unconstitutional, under existing court conditions," but that it was "the only hope."

Referring to the court's opinion that Congress had no power to regulate agriculture production, he said that if that decision stood, "then a large portion of the laws Congress passed in the last 100 years are absolutely unconstitutional."

In this group of laws, the Nebraskan listed relief for drought, the jobless, insect control, and even the creation of the bureau of reclamation, and the department of agriculture.

Governor Urging South Carolina to Reclaim Huge Tax

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 12 (AP)—Governor Olin Johnston urged the South Carolina legislature in a special message today to reclaim Federal "processing taxes for the people who paid them" by a special State levy.

The governor advocated a levy of 75 percent on what he estimated at 60 percent of the \$7,797,911 in South Carolina's processing taxes remaining in the hands of processors.

"To allow the processors to retain and use this extraordinary and excessive profit," he asserted, "would be rank discrimination of the worst sort in American industry."

He quoted Secretary of Agriculture Wallace as saying the decision of the United States Supreme Court authorizing the return of the processing firms was "the greatest legalized steal" in the history of this country.

Communists, Catholics In Rhine Held

Hitler's Government Accuses Them Of Treasonable Acts Against the Nazi

Berlin, Feb. 12 (AP)—Charges of collusion between Roman Catholics and communists were heard in Germany today as at least 100 Catholics and Communists were under arrest after simultaneous raids by secret police.

Catholics were particularly charged with conspiracy with communists in the Rhineland, the center of the police round-up.

The official organ of Adolf Hitler's

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