

Capital Gossip

BY HENRY AVERILL

In The Sir Walter Hotel.
 Raleigh, Dec. 13.—Taking notice of the many protests made against it, Lon Folger, Democratic national committeeman, explains that the \$25 (no more, no less) contribution plan for raising \$12,500 for the national congressional campaigns of 1938 is the product of the national organization and not of the State organization.

Treasurer Quayle is quoted by Mr. Folger as saying that the plan has worked splendidly in every state where it has been tried. It is not intended to be undemocratic by keeping the "little fellow" from contributing his mite, but has been adopted on the principle that for national campaign fund purposes the small contribution costs almost as much as it is worth to get. A contribution of \$1, for example, is more of a liability than an asset, says Mr. Quayle, because of the great mass of detail work which must be done in connection with collecting it.

The smaller contributors can do their bit by contributing to their local district and state Democratic campaign funds, Mr. Quayle points out.

E. F. Arnold, secretary of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation has gone to Chicago to attend the annual session of his national organization, the American Farm Bureau Federation.

The National Labor Relations Board made North Carolina something of a battleground for labor litigation last week, with hearings on "discrimination against union" charges in Raleigh, Charlotte, Greensboro and other points.

Contrast. Raleigh folks who shivered on the streets Saturday read this cheering item (gathered by the enterprising United Press) when they reach their offices:

"Eleven persons were overcome today as Rio de Janeiro sweltered in an early summer heat wave that pushed the temperature up to 101.3 degrees Fahrenheit in the shade."

Raleigh's morning paper Saturday fired a blast at Chairman Frank L. Dunlap, of the Highway Commission, charging him with 'suppressing news.'

As the N. and O. assault said, newsmen have found the highway commission an awfully tough proposition since Capus Wayne was ousted; but there is some difference of opinion over the reason.

Some hold that Mr. Dunlap just won't talk. Others hold that he does not know anything (not even what's happening in his own department) to talk about.

These so-called "strong, silent men" are often just plain dumb, you know.

Governor Clyde R. Hoey, celebrating his 60th birthday anniversary Saturday, reasserted his allegiance to prohibition as the best solution of the liquor question.

He expressed the opinion that the majority of North Carolinians would vote against the present county liquor store system if the matter were submitted to a vote.

Freezer-lockers offer North Carolina farmers a good opportunity to store meat, fruit and vegetables and keep them fresh," says H. W. Taylor, of State College.

DWARF OAK SPECIES IS FOUND IN STATE

Petroleum Committee Chief Says They Oppose Use of Highway Funds Otherwise

Daily Dispatch Bureau. To the Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, Dec. 13.—This story is about Quercus ilicifolia.

No, it isn't a football story. Quercus is not an all-American center like Wojciechowicz. It's a "dwarf oak."

Some 25 years ago, while making a study of the timber resources of Gaston county, State Forester J. S. Holmes climbed Crowder's Mountain to look out over the surrounding country and to estimate the proportion of forest and cultivated land.

He was somewhat surprised to discover a species of dwarf oak quite common in Connecticut and Pennsylvania, but which had never been reported south of Virginia. The dwarf oak is known as "bear oak" and its botanical name is Quercus ilicifolia.

Within the past ten days, Holmes found some more of these dwarf bear oaks on Moore's Knob in Hanging Rock State Park. The trees are very small and rather difficult to recognize. They resemble the chaparral found in the west more than anything else and they form a cover so dense that even the bears have great difficulty in penetrating it.

The chief interest in finding growths of this bear oak here in North Carolina is that these thickets are examples of the persistency of some species of trees in growing at great distances from their normal habitat," Mr. Holmes said.

The oaks found on Moore's Knob were located very near the top of the mountain, which has an elevation of 2,225 feet.

Incidentally, Mr. Holmes says, there is no short walk in the Piedmont which will reward a person seeking beauty which will outdo the climb of about two miles from the parking space for automobiles and the top of Moore's Knob in Hanging Rock State Park.

RURAL LIFE TO BE EXTENSION THEME

College Station, Raleigh, Dec. 13.—"Rebuilding North Carolina's Rural Life" will be the keynote of the annual conference of the State College Agricultural Extension Service, January 11-14.

County farm and home agents from over the State will gather at the college to meet with extension specialists and district agents and study plans for the 1938 extension program, said John W. Goodman, assistant extension director.

Members of the Farm Security Administration and the Soil Conservation Service staffs will also participate in the conference, Goodman added.

These three organizations are working to advance agriculture and help farm people "attain a higher standard of living," he continued, "and we are coordinating our work in an endeavor to render a greater service."

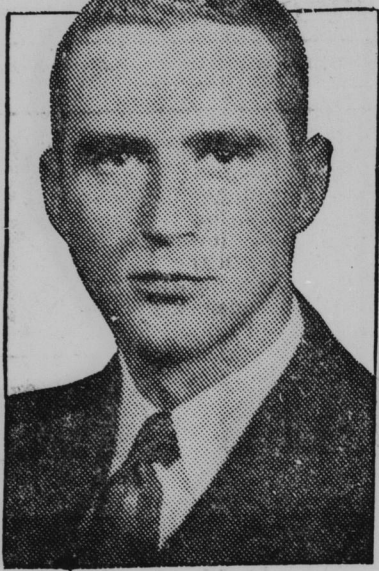
ERODED LAND MADE INTO GOOD PASTURE

College Station, Raleigh, Dec. 13.—Approximately 1,400 acres of steep and eroded land has been retired to permanent pasture by farmers cooperating with the Soil Conservation Service and State College Extension Service in the erosion-control demonstration area near High Point. An additional 630 acres of old pasture has been treated, giving 2,000 acres of improved pasture in one area.

While this is only a part of the complete erosion-control program which cooperators are putting into effect on their farms it is a phase of the work that has enabled them to work out a better balanced farm program and a more even distribution of farm labor, James M. Parks, project agronomist, points out.

1927—Col. Lindbergh's good-will flight from Washington to Mexico City.

New President



J. H. CAMPBELL

College Station, Raleigh, Dec. 13.—J. H. Campbell, of Alexander county, has been elected president of the State College Agricultural Club for the mid-winter term.

A senior in agricultural education Campbell expects to graduate in March at the close of the winter term. He has taken an active part in the work of the agricultural club, and while he was chairman of the program committee, attendance at meetings increased 10 per cent.

FINDS PEOPLE ARE AGAINST DIVERSION

State Forester Makes New Discovery of Tree He First Located 25 Years Ago

Raleigh, Dec. 13.—Sentiment of North Carolinians is running strongly against diversion of highway funds to other purposes, State Senator S. Gilmer Sparger, secretary of the North Carolina Petroleum Industries Committee, said today.

Senator Sparger is conducting a series of meetings all over the State, at which oil men and others interested in the subject of diversion and the taxes on gasoline are being given the benefit of information collected by the N. C. Petroleum Industries Committee.

"There is no doubt that the people of the State are opposed, in principle to the diversion of highway funds to other purposes," said Senator Sparger, "and if the 1939 General Assembly can be induced to pass an enabling act submitting the question to a vote of the people, I have no fear about the result. An anti-diversion amendment would be adopted by an overwhelming majority."

He pointed out, however, that a two-thirds vote in both houses of the assembly is necessary to submit an amendment to the people.

"Legislators are like the rest of the people," he said. "They are personally against the principle of diversion, but they do not see any way to get the money for the State's general fund except by the levy of new taxes which would bring a tremendous howl from those affected by it. Diversion has become the easy way to save them this embarrassment."

It will be necessary to arouse public opinion to the point where voters will demand from their candidates for the assembly pledges to favor an anti-diversion amendment, he said, in order to assure its submission.

Dickens' Christmas Carol

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SCROOGE HAD RETIRED, BUT AWOKE SUDDENLY ON THE DEEP DULL STROKE OF ONE. LIGHT HAD FLASHED UP IN THE ROOM, AND HE FOUND HIMSELF FACE TO FACE WITH THE GHOST OF CHRISTMAS PAST.



THE GHOST TRANSPORTED SCROOGE FAR FROM THE CITY, ALONG THE COUNTRY ROAD, SCROOGE RECOGNIZED EVERY GATE AND POST AND TREE. "GOOD HEAVENS!" HE CRIED AS HE LOOKED ABOUT, "I WAS BRED IN THIS PLACE. I WAS A BOY HERE!"



LEAVING THE ROAD, SCROOGE AND THE GHOST ENTERED A SCHOOLROOM WHERE A LONELY BOY SAT READING. "THE SCHOOL IS NOT QUITE DESERTED," SAID THE GHOST. SCROOGE LOOKED, AND WENT TO SEE HIS POOR FORTUNATE SELF AS HE HAD USED TO BE.



THE GHOST NOW SHOWED HIM HOW HE LOOKED BEFORE LEAVING SCHOOL ON A CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY. "I REMEMBER," SAID SCROOGE, DRYING HIS EYES. "THAT GIRL, YOUR SISTER, DIED A WOMAN," SAID THE GHOST. "HER CHILD IS YOUR NEPHEW."

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THE GHOST OF CHRISTMAS PAST LED SCROOGE INTO A BUSY CITY. IT WAS CHRISTMAS TIME. AT ONE SHOP THEY ENTERED. "WHY, I WAS APPRENTICED HERE," SAID SCROOGE. "THERE'S OLD FEZZIWIG! BLESS HIS HEART, IT'S FEZZIWIG ALIVE AGAIN!"



"YOHO, MY BOYS," SAID FEZZIWIG TO YOUNG SCROOGE AND HIS FELLOW APPRENTICE. "NO MORE WORK TONIGHT. IT'S CHRISTMAS EVE. LET'S HAVE THE SHUTTERS UP BEFORE A MAN CAN SAY 'JACK ROBINSON'."



IN A TRICE, THE SHOP WAS TRANSFORMED INTO A SNUG, CHEERY BALLROOM. ALL THE FEZZIWIGS CAME IN, AND THE COOK, THE BAKER, THE MILKMAN AND HOUSEMAID. SOON ALL WERE DANCING TO THE FIDDLER'S MERRY TUNES.



COOLING HIS FACE IN A POT OF PORTER, THE FIDDLER STRUCK UP "SIR ROGER DE COVERLY." THEN OLD FEZZIWIG STOOD OUT TO DANCE WITH MRS. FEZZIWIG. CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FILLED THE AIR WHEN THE CELEBRATION ENDED.

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Wind, Sleet and Snow Play Havoc With Eastern States



Here is what a 70-mile-an-hour gale did to the waterfront at Provincetown, Mass., on the tip of Cape Cod. This is all that is left of a huge cold-storage wharf, which collapsed under the lashing of mountainous seas. The knife-like northeast caused heavy damage along the New England coast.



Just to give you an idea of what Old Man Winter has in store, this picture from Buffalo, N. Y., illustrates the effect of an 11-inch snowfall, the worst that city has ever recorded in any December in its history.

Secret Bride for Year



Virginia Moore, described by McClelland Barclay, artist, of New York, as the "loveliest girl in the world," in the world, has been Barclay's secret bride for more than a year, it has been disclosed. The two were married at Lake Worth, Fla.

MERELY 19—ON "LAST MILE"



Gladys George—in—"Madam-X" Stevenson Wednesday and Thursday

TO GET HIGH IRISH POST?



Count Howard Taaffe and wife

Will this man, Count Howard Taaffe, an Austrian nobleman, be named titular head of the Irish Free State under the new constitution? Such is the report from Dublin, where this picture of Count Taaffe and his wife was taken several years ago. Count Taaffe's family left Ireland 600 years ago. His wife is an Irish woman. He has sold all his estates in central Europe and plans to live in Ireland. Should he be appointed to the high Irish post by President Eamon de Valera, the latter would not lose any power for he would most likely hold the office of president of the council, a much more important post.



The stars of the funny picture "Stand In" now at the Vance