

As the World Turns

A Brief Survey of Current Events in State, Nation and Abroad—the Facts Boiled Down to a Few Pithy Lines.

HOUSE APPROVES LIQUOR TAX

By vote of 388 to 5 the lower house of congress on Friday approved the emergency liquor tax bill designed to yield \$470,000,000 in revenue annually. Early approval of the senate is forecast. The bill sets a 32 per gallon tax on distilled spirits. A flat \$5 per barrel rate on beer is set.

SOVIET ENVOY ARRIVES

Alexander A. Troyanovsky, the soviet union's first ambassador to the United States, arrived in New York on Sunday and presented his credentials to the president on Monday.

30,500 AUTOMOBILE VICTIMS

The National Safety Council estimates that 30,500 persons lost their lives in automotive vehicle accidents in 1933, an increase of 3 1/2 per cent over 1932. The highest recorded toll is that of 1928 when 33,875 were killed.

TAG SALES GOING FAST

Sales of state automobile tags through the last week were 30 days ahead of the 1932 record, with 244,155 placed as compared with 121,373 for the same date of 1932. Around 2,000 motorists have been arrested for use of old tags.

452 FOREST FIRES IN NOV.

The excessive dryness of North Carolina woodlands is cited as cause of the increase in forest fires in November, state authorities reporting 452 such blazes in that month with damage estimated at \$56,152.

190 HOME LOANS APPROVED

In the week ending December 29 the Home Owners Loan corporation in this state approved 190 loans on that many homes, the loans involving \$372,423. Approved loans to that date in this state total 2,448 involving \$5,392,462.

SURVEY OF HISTORIC PLACES

A national survey of historic buildings has been approved as a civil works project and in North Carolina M. R. Marsh, Charlotte, has been named supervising officer with a personnel of 28 workers for this state.

LOAN TO MECKLENBURG

Mecklenburg county has been awarded \$438,000 of public works funds for construction of new schools and school additions, one of the 'biggest' awards that has come to the state.

C GETS \$122,000 VERDICT

In Wake Superior court last week the state won a \$122,000 verdict against three bonding companies, asking recovery on bonds covering deposits of the state park commission in the Central bank of Asheville which failed in 1930. Appeals were noted.

POSTAL DEFICIT IS CUT

Postmaster General Farley reports a \$112,374,862 deficit in the postal department for 1933 as compared with a loss of \$205,550,611 in 1932. The number of postal employees is 235,573.

GEORGIA RELIEF ROW

Harry Hopkins, federal relief and civil works chief, has dissolved the Georgia civil works and relief board and is administering the funds in that state directly through his own aides, after publicly criticizing Governor Eugene Talmadge and his board for obstructing the work.

N. C. TOBACCO TAX RISES

The internal revenue department reports \$200,727,038 paid from North Carolina in the last fiscal year in miscellaneous taxes, chiefly on tobacco products. Income taxes in the state for the year were but \$12,760,720. Due to her big tobacco industries, this state ranked next to New York as contributor to the national treasury.

BARGAIN FOR LIBERTY

Governor Ehringhaus has so far declined to grant clemency to four Transylvania county men, who have bargained to restore \$30,000 to the county if they are let off from prison terms imposed for conspiracy to wreck the Brevard Banking company in 1930. Thomas Shipman, former president of the bank, Joseph Picklesimer, C. R. McNeely and Ralph Fisher, former county officials, have placed securities worth \$30,000 in the hands of the county commissioners but they insist the payment is not to be made unless the sentences are forgiven.

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Bits of Wisdom

It's the songs ye sing an' the smiles ye wear that's amakin' the sunshine everywhere.

—James Whitcomb Riley.

URGES SOWING OF LESPEDeza

Sloan Reviews Advantages of Crop for Macon Farmers

PLANS SEED ORDER
All Interested Asked To See County Agent By Saturday.

BY F. S. SLOAN
(Macon County Farm Demonstration Agent)

For general purposes and from the results obtained, lespedeza has proved to be one of the best and most valuable legumes ever grown in Macon county. It has so many uses, and values that some of it should be sown on every farm in the county. The value of lespedeza is shown by the increased use of it by farmers since 1930. The first year only 3,400 pounds of seed were sown by thirty-five farmers, and last year approximately 20,000 pounds were sown by 196 farmers. These farmers used this lespedeza in several different ways, such as: In pastures, in orchards, for hay, for soil improvement, and for seed. For all of these uses it has proved a real success. As a pasture plant it fills a place during July, August and September. When we usually have our very dry season and the grasses in pastures do not furnish much grazing, lespedeza makes its best growth and proves its value. It will make better growth during a favorable season, but will withstand more dry weather than grasses. Another point worthy of consideration, when used in a pasture, is that it will not be grazed so close that it will not reseed. On old pastures it is recommended that at least 100 pounds per acre be used and then for new pastures at least 300 pounds per acre in a mixture of other seeds.

Good Cover Crop
To seed lespedeza at the rate of 25 pounds per acre in orchards we find that it makes a very good cover crop and that it will reseed each year. By doing this and letting it reseed it will place nitrogen in the soil and eliminate the use of much commercial fertilizer, especially nitrate of soda.

The use of lespedeza for hay is becoming more extensive each year. The analysis of lespedeza hay shows that it is almost as good as alfalfa and that it is better than clover or soybeans. It is also much easier to cure than soybeans, because of the fine stems. On a good clear day it can be cut early in the morning and put in the barn that afternoon, so there is not so much chance of losing it on account of rain.

Yields Good Hay
The yields of cured hay have run from one thousand pounds to five thousand pounds per acre in this county. The yield, of course, depending upon the fertility of the soil, the rate of seeding and the available moisture.

On good bottom land it will give as much, and in some cases more, hay per acre than soybeans, while on upland the yield is also good if we have a favorable season. The general method of estimating the hay yield before cutting is that for each four inches of lespedeza above the cutter bar of a mowing machine it will yield one (Continued on page four)

Highway Chairman Hopes New Federal Allotment For Roads Will Be Made

RALEIGH, Jan. 10.—Chairman E. B. Jeffress of the state highway and public works commission is hoping that Congress will appropriate another \$400,000,000 for use in the further construction of federal aid highways, since North Carolina would then get another \$9,500,000 to use in completing or rebuilding highways now included in the 6,100 miles of roads now in the federal aid system in the state. At the present time almost all of the \$9,500,000 which the state received last year from the public works administration for highway construction, has been allocated, though not all of the work has yet been contracted for. There are still hundreds of miles of highways within the federal aid system that either need improving or rebuilding, however, Chairman Jeffress pointed out.

"If we can get another \$9,500,000 from the government for use on the federal aid roads in the state, we can put these roads in excellent condition," the chairman of the state highway and public works commission said. "If we do not get this additional money, however, a great many roads that really need improvement are going to have to stay as they now are for a long time, since there is nothing to indicate that the state will have any money to spend on new highway construction for a long time yet."

Hopes For New Allotment
Chairman Jeffress is very hopeful that this Congress will again make another appropriation of at least \$400,000,000 for federal aid highway construction. He has received a letter from Congressman Lindsay Warren, in which Congressman Warren said that he regarded highway construction as among the most beneficial of public works undertakings and that he was going to continue to work for another appropriation for that purpose. Other of the state's congressmen are also understood to be in favor of another federal appropriation for roads.

Unless another appropriation to continue the highway building program is forthcoming, thousands of those who have been given employment on projects now underway will have to go back into the ranks of the unemployed as soon as the present projects are completed. Jeffress pointed out. Since the primary purpose of the entire public works program, in which the highway building program is one of the largest parts, is to put men to work and keep them there, Jeffress does not see how Congress can refuse to make the second (Continued on page four)

Bond Continued Examination Waived by Billy Pickens

A large crowd gathered in the county courthouse last Friday afternoon for the preliminary hearing before Magistrates Sam Murray and George Carpenter in the case of Billy Pickens, 63, held under \$5,000 bond in connection with the fatal shooting of Fred Stiwinter, 34, at a candy pulling on Walnut creek the night of December 23. The crowd, however, found little excitement besides a minor verbal barrage between counsel for Pickens and private prosecution. Pickens waived examination and not a single witness was placed on the stand, although a number had been summoned to testify. George Patton and R. D. Sisk, Pickens' counsel, suggested that the defendant's bond be reduced; but when McKinley Edwards, retained by the prosecution, voiced objection, they made no point of the matter and waived the hearing.

Defense counsel announced, however, that they had witnesses who would testify that Stiwinter had threatened Pickens and that the small, aged man had acted in self defense. Mr. Edwards professed amazement at this announcement, declaring that only that morning he had questioned the witnesses referred to (the names were not mentioned) and that they had told him Pickens shot Stiwinter in cold blood.

TO HOLD CONFERENCE

The first quarterly conference of the Macon charge will be held Sunday at Union church, according to an announcement by the Rev. J. B. Tabor, Jr., pastor. The Rev. L. B. Hayes, presiding elder of the Waynesville district, will preach at the 11 o'clock service.

Forged Vouchers on State Treasury Are Discovered

RALEIGH, Jan. 10. — Another forged check on the State of North Carolina—the sixth to come in within the last few weeks—has come to the office of the state treasurer for payment, it was learned there. Several days ago State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson issued a statement warning all banks and merchants not to cash any state checks or vouchers without proper identification of the persons presenting these checks.

These last six checks or vouchers have been forged on counterfeit vouchers similar to those used by the state highway and public works commission and have ranged in amounts from \$35 to \$97.50. This last check was for \$47.50 and was made payable to and endorsed by Raymond Smith of Troy, N. C., RFD. The voucher was made out on a typewriter and to a casual

observer looked like a genuine state highway and public works commission voucher. It was cashed by the J. C. Penny company store in Rockingham. Four of the other forged checks were cashed in Asheboro and one in Wadesboro. These forged checks are very easy to detect by authorities here who are familiar with the various forms of checks and vouchers used, since they have two very glaring defects, according to State Treasurer Johnson. Otherwise they look almost exactly like the state highway and public works commission vouchers. The two defects are that on the two lines for signatures, they are signed "Baxter Durham, State Auditor" and on the second line "E. B. Jeffress, Chairman," while the genuine highway commission voucher are not signed by State Auditor Baxter Durham at all.

MANY FARMERS RECEIVE LOANS

Rural Debt Burden Being Decreased through Refinancing

COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 10.—In closing 6,280 loans amounting to \$8,322,361.50 during the month of December, The Federal Land Bank of Columbia, for itself and as agent of the land bank commissioner, established an all time record for transactions handled in one month in the third district.

December loans practically doubled the 3,541 loans closed in November for the sum of \$4,528,479 and were four times greater than the October figures.

According to figures just published by the Farm Credit administration in Washington, about 85 per cent of the money now being lent to farmers is for the purpose of refinancing indebtedness. This is a decided increase over the 48 per cent of loan funds used for this purpose in 1932.

Many people are of the opinion that the Farm Credit administration is merely increasing the farmers' debt burden when the opposite is the case, for in about 17.5 per cent of the loans made farmers secured a reduction in their debt and for loans from the land bank commissioner's fund the average reduction was 23 per cent. Using the December figure as an illustration, the \$4,500,000 in commission's loans, as a basis of calculation, farmers in the third district reduced their indebtedness approximately \$1,500,000 on commission's loans only in one month. Further, this refinancing was at a low rate of interest and on the "amortization" plan of repayment, permitting borrowers to pay off the principal in gradual installments over a long period of years.

According to President Frank H. Daniel of the land bank, effects of loans already made in the Carolina's, Georgia and Florida are shown by improvement in merchants' receipts and a better state of repair on many farms. Said President Daniel, "We have reports showing that taxes paid out of loans obtained through the land bank enabled counties to keep their schools open and many banks are in a more liquid condition because of mortgages refinanced with our institution."

MILK WAR IN CHICAGO

Milk ran in Chicago streets on Monday, milk trucks were toppled into rivers, and truck drivers were attacked by dairymen representing 130 farm organizations which have declared a blockade on milk moving into the city until milk prices are restored to the recent level of \$2.10 per hundredweight. Large companies had reduced the price to \$1.40.

SCENIC ROUTE GAINING FAME

Pawnee Bill Highway Passes Through Highlands And Franklin

TRAVERSES U. S. 64

Carolina and California Linked by Surfaced Highway

BY MRS. T. C. HARBISON
(Highlands Correspondent of The Press-Maconian)

The most direct scenic highway, from Carolina to California, U. S. 64, known as the "Pawnee Bill Route," is coming into limelight from coast to coast. Briefly, this route is a ninety-eight per cent paved highway system, starting from Manteo, N. C., and passing through Carolina towns, including Highlands and Franklin, westward to Murphy; thence through intervening states to Los Angeles and San Francisco. Pawnee, Oklahoma, is the half-way point on this east to west highway.

Through the efforts of Major Gordon W. Lillie, Pawnee, Oklahoma, president of the U. S. Highway 64 association, and of Jack de Lysle, executive manager, and with the cooperation of various towns and cities along the way, the advertisement of the Pawnee Bill Route is proving highly successful.

Historic Highway

Major Lillie, or Pawnee Bill, for whom the highway is named, is a well known pioneer and scout, and is the Great White Chief of the Pawnee tribe of Indians in Oklahoma. Major Lillie says that U. S. 64, besides being the shortest of all routes from east to west, is the most scenic and the most historic highway in America today. States along the route have their Ozarks, their Rockies, their lakes and deserts; and they all possess some section famous and historically interesting, and North Carolina has much to offer of both historical interest and of natural beauty. Western North Carolina is especially noted for its wonderful mountain scenery. This new route passes through noted sections of Western North Carolina, including the Pisgah National Forest, the Blue Ridge, famous in song and story, and the Great Smoky Mountains.

Highlands and its vicinity, atop the glamorous Blue Ridge, offers to the travelers of the Pawnee Bill route a veritable wonderland of rugged mountain sides, precipitous rocky headlands, deep ravines and misty water falls.

Offers Beautiful Scenery

Five miles from Highlands on the high road near the Macon-Jackson county line is the magnificent panoramic Sunrise View, beautiful scene of sharply etched nearby cliffs, culminating in the outlines of distant mountain ranges. A few miles nearer Highlands is the centuries old Primitive Forest with its tall "murmuring pines and hemlocks."

Those who have leisure time to spend in Highlands may sense the romance of moonlight over Lake Sequayah; may thrill to the rumbling of an approaching storm hastening towards Wolf Ridge from the hills beyond Horse Cove; observe the flaming beauty of a dying day over westerly hills from (Continued on page four)

2 New Projects Supplying Work For Unemployed

Kidnap Hearing Set for Friday

Preliminary hearing for Warfield and Alley Turpin, brothers, and Dock Turpin, their uncle, charged with kidnaping Frank Rhinehart, Webster school principal, was continued by Justice S. H. Monteith at Sylva Monday until Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

Bonds of the defendants were continued until Friday. The continuance of the case was by mutual consent of the defendants and private prosecution.

HELP OFFERED FARM WORKERS

Re - Employment Office Seeks To Aid Landlords And Tenants

John W. Edwards, manager of Macon county re-employment office announced Monday that his office is now ready to register landlords and farmers who are in need of farm labor of any kind. Likewise, families desiring to rent a farm and unemployed farm labor are urged to register.

Families who left farms for work in towns or factories and are now interested in going back to the farm are urged, Edwards said, to register and give the government a chance to help them find the kind of employment they prefer. There may be some families applying for farm placement who do not have enough food and clothing to "run" them until the crop is made. Under certain conditions, provision will be made to extend help to such families, he said.

Funeral Services Held For Mrs. M. L. Angel

Funeral services for Mrs. M. L. Angel, 76, of Smith's Bridge township, who died at 6:45 o'clock Tuesday evening, were held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at Clark's Chapel with the Rev. Mr. Lefler, pastor of the Franklin circuit, officiating.

Mrs. Angel had been ill for three weeks with influenza and pneumonia. She was a member of the Sugar Fork Baptist church.

Surviving Mrs. Angel are her husband, three sons, Walter, of Jolia; Earley, of Franklin; and Alex, of Smith's Bridge; six daughters, Mrs. Joe Smith, of Tellico; Mrs. Addie Vanhook, Mrs. Sam Vanhook and Mrs. Otto McClure, all of Prentiss; Mrs. George Poindexter and Miss Annie Angel, both of Smith's Bridge; 36 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

TRAIN HITS SCHOOL BUS

Monday brought another school bus horror, this one at Bassfield, Miss., where a passenger train plowed through a bus on a crossing, killing three and hurting 20, six of them very badly.

Textbook Board Planning To Change History Course

RALEIGH, Jan. 10.—The tentative course of study in history for the elementary schools of the state has been completed by the elementary textbook commission, which also plans for hearing representatives of publishers of the various books that have been presented for its consideration, it was learned.

Superintendent Clyde Erwin of the Rutherford county schools, is chairman of the textbook commission, and Mrs. A. R. Wilson, principal of the Lakewood school in Durham, is its secretary.

The commission is hoping that the tentative course of study which it has set up, will save the state, or rather the school children of the state, some money and at the same time increase interest in history in all the grades. The present history books have been in use for some 11 years and are considered badly out of date. The new course of study is designed to increase emphasis on North Carolina history, so that the school children may gain a deeper insight into the history of their own state and correlate this history with their general history.

It is contemplated to develop a better co-ordinated course of study that will extend from the elementary grades into the high school grades without leaving the wide gap that heretofore has existed between elementary and high school history courses.

"Our main objective in working out this course of study in history has been to try to select a course that will arouse the interest of the children and give them a better understanding of social and governmental problems and thus better prepare them to meet the problems they will come face to face with in living their lives," Mrs. Wilson said.

Construction of 1,200 Modern Privies Planned

OTHER WORK LIKELY

Tennessee Valley Authority Building Water Gauge Stations

Work under the C. W. A., the N. R. A. and the T. V. A. in Macon county moves on apace with new projects turning up here and there almost as rapidly as the change of acts in a five-ring circus. It fairly makes the head swim to try to keep up with all these varied activities under the government's far-flung recovery program. This week brought two new projects, each promising work for more idle men and each bringing new improvements to the county.

Building Privies
Tuesday morning 16 men went to work at Rainbow Springs on a sanitary project which has as its purpose the construction of 1,200 modern privies throughout the county.

At a point on the Cullasaja river just below C. T. Bryson's store a crew of eight men started Wednesday to build a water gauge station for the Tennessee Valley Authority. S. C. Council, T. V. A. engineer, is in charge of the work.

Other Work Expected
Other work of a similar nature is contemplated by the T. V. A. in this county and it is thought likely that more men soon will be employed in these projects.

J. A. Porter has been placed in charge of the sanitary project and an expenditure of \$11,668 for labor has been authorized. It was stated at the county Emergency Relief office, however, that most of the men to be employed in this work would have to be transferred from other projects. Eight of the sixteen men who began work at Rainbow Springs Tuesday were newly employed carpenters, while the other eight were common laborers transferred from other C. W. A. projects.

The sanitary project is under the supervision of the State Department of Health, which has long urged the necessity of modern privies to public health. Funds allotted for this work provide for labor only and families which wish to take advantage of this opportunity to have a new privy constructed are required to supply all materials. The cost of materials for a privy is estimated at from \$5 to \$8. Those interested in securing new privies are advised to get in touch with Mr. Porter.

Other men are expected to be placed at work on this project in the near future and crews will be put on the job at Franklin, Highlands and in the rural districts.

Work is well under way on the construction of buildings and timber stand improvement at the Coweta branch of the Pisgah experimental station, with 112 men employed and 37 more yet to be employed.

There have been unofficial reports of various highway projects to be launched, with the likelihood of several hundred more jobs being created; but as yet no official confirmation has been received on any of these projects.

55 Go To Camps
During the past ten days about 55 men, two-thirds of them negroes, have been recruited from Macon county for service in the Civilian Conservation camps located in the county.

Since the Reemployment office opened in August with John W. Edwards in charge, 2,200 men and women have registered as applicants for work and 492 have been placed and many others are being placed.

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FRENCH MINISTER RESIGNS

Colonies Minister Dalimier has resigned from the French government, after he had been revealed as a sponsor for a huge false bond issue in 1932 through a Bayonne bank. Alexander Stavisky, head of the bank who had been a fugitive since the \$30,000,000 crash of the institution, on Monday attempted suicide by shooting himself in the head after police had