Let us pray! God is just, He tries us;

God is pitiful, He will comfort us; let us pray!

#### Cood Christmas **Eusiness Ahead**

The common question this time of year-"what are the porspects for a good Christmas business?"

The prospects are better than in several

First of all, the area had a tourist season that was favorable in every respect.

Crops are good, and experts point to the f jest grade tobacco in Haywood of the en-

Christmas Club savings are up over

Employment is at a higher level than in many past seasons.

You asked the question, and this is our answer. It looks very encouraging.

#### Vant To Win A Bet?

Citizens Public Expenditure Survey suggests that "if you want to win a bet, bet your neighbor he can't tell you how much taxes he pays in a year." The odds are overwhelming that he can't - because of the vast number of hidden, indirect, and so-called "painless" taxes that exist.

Here's the way the tax bill works out, according to a recent authoritative computation. If you make \$67.30 a week, you pay \$1,043 a year in taxes. If you make \$86.54 a week, you pay \$1,425 a year. And if you've got a job paying \$7,500 a year, the tax collectors will get \$2,637 of it - more than a

The Survey states: "At \$86.54 a week, you work more hours to pay your taxes than for food and clothing combined!" Tell that to those who still say that taxation is a serious problem only to the rich!

### Heavy Travel In This Area

Travel on the Parkway and into the Smokies continues to be heavy, according to the latest official figures.

The Parkway showed 505,516 for October of this year as against 614,880 last year, a d crease of 110,364. This was attributed to the rains in the area. The Park showed a s'ight increase of 1,501, with a total of 224,-419 this October as compared with 242,918 la st-year.

Fontans Dam was down 17,800 from last year, with a total this year of 122,000 as compared with 139,899 last year.

The state highway index, however, showed travel up two per cent for the month. This was based on 20 counters across the state.

The tourist bureau of Colorado has just found that the average visitor to their state s ayed 7.4 days this year as compared with 81 days last year. Some of the travel officiels of North Carolina feel that about the same figure would apply to Western North Carolina. The recent travel survey made in this area will soon be released, and should s' ow exactly. Present predictions are that the figure will run close to that of Colorado.

In six years the population of North Caroli a has grown 250,000, according to the U. S. Census Bureau. The present population is listed at 4,344,000.

## VIEWS OF OTHER EDITORS **Federal Spending Rise**

The high cost of political campaigns, notably for the presidency, has occasioned serious concern in this country, and a collateral consideration, reported by the Council of State Chambers of Commerce, has been heavy spending by Congress in this election year, as well as the year previous

The survey by the research staff of the council states that no other Congress, in peacetime or cold wer, has appropriated as much to run the federal government as did the 84th Congress. The study fu ther reports that no previous session of Congress in 10 years approved practically the entire budget request of the President as was done this

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SCAL CARRIER DELIVERY

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### The Matter Is Left To Public Sentiment

During any term of superior court here, we are brought face to face with the facts that there are too many motorists who drive on the highways while drunk. One only has to stay in court a few hours, especially on the first day, to realize this fact.

From Dr. B. Throckmorton Tally, Albemarle, we received a letter, deploring the increase of highway accidents. He pointed out that he had been a surgeon for 26 years, and had seen the ghastly sights of mangled, and broken bodies brought to the hospital. He blames most of it on the fact that some drivers have licenses to drive that are not entitled to them.

The doctor, who takes the matter of safe driving to heart, pointed out that "I think definitely that our courts and legislative branches are going to find it necessary to impose more severe penalties than they have in the past."

Dr. Tally is of the opinion that any person caught driving while under the influence of alcohol should be taken to a hospital laboratory and the exact amount of alcohol in the person's blood determined. The doctor then suggests that those persons found to be intoxicated, after the scientific examination, be sentenced 10 years in the penitentiary without an opportunity for parole. He feels the stiff penalty would reduce the number of people driving under the influence of alcohol by 98 per cent.

The doctor continued by suggesting that the same penalty be given the morphine addicts, and for those addicted to barbiturates, the Albermarle man suggests their license be revoked for life.

He would put in drivers training courses, increase the highway patrol, and make certain safety precautions on cars.

Dr. Tally has some definite ideas as to safe highways, and what he has observed through the years in the hospital, has brought him to realize that something must be done to curb the increase of accidents.

We think some of his suggestions rather extreme - yet perhaps that is exactly what it is going to take to stop the alarming trend of more accidents.

The fact remains, that when the people of North Carolina want the slaughter on the highways stopped, it can be done by the right legislation being passed to enforce the stiff penalties such as suggested by Dr. Tally. The matter rests in the hands of public sentiment. Until the people want stiffer laws, no legislature will ever make them.

Most of the time, it appears that "unfavorable" publicity goes out on an area or the state, but not so this time, when a syndicated story said there were more than 500 mountains in Western North Carolina over a mile

The truth of the matter there are 223 peaks in Western North Carolina with an altitude of 5,000 feet or over.

More interest is being shown in North Carolina by the rest of the nation, as mail to the Advertising Division received 811 more letters this past month than a year ago. The department serviced 7,497 inquiries this past month. A sizeable bit of mail for one department.

#### year. The peak in overall federal expenditure was rached in World War II when the total passed the

\$90 billion mark in a year, This year's peacetime record has been described by Senator Byrd as being a "congressional spending spree". A total of \$59.7 billion in appropriations, not counting more than \$7 billion interest on the national debt and other charges not requiring annual action by Congress, was approved by that body for this fiscal year. Presidential requests amounted to \$59.9 billion. The total anticipated expenditure for this year is set at \$67,294,667,461, and for the previous fiscal year Congress approved an

A major non-defense item approved by Congress this year was the expanded federal aid-highway program, which was responsive to the popular demand for better roads. It provides an annual average of \$1.9 billion for interstate highways and about \$1 billion for other roads for the next 13 years. This program creditably is being financed from additional taxes to put it on a pay-as-you-go basis rather than to add to the national debt,

outlay of \$60.6 billion.

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Social security liberalization, authorized by Congress this year, will add to the taxpayers' eosts. The soil bank plan cost of \$776 million this year will be financed by the Commodity Credit Corporation, later to be reimbursed by appropriations from the Treasury. The survey also lists 82 public works projects, not included in budget recommendations and estimated to cost ultimately more than \$1 bil-

After reductions by the present administration previous years, the about-face in spending by the 84th Congress has been at least "discouraging." as the council survey termed it. The implication of the rise in an election year is clear. Some comfort may be found in the survey forecast that boomtimes revenue this year should result in another balanced federal budget, despite the rise in expenditures .- Fort Worth (Texas) Star-Telegram.

### Views Of Other Editors

This wheel tread was 4 ft. 81/2 in wide, And, the theory goes, when early railroad builders put flanges on stage coaches and 'wains," the rails they laid had to be 4 ft. 81/2 in, apart. Enough of such trackage has been laid during the ensuing years so that when a move toward standardization got under way it swept toward a dimension set, perhaps, in some unknown ancient wheelwright's shop. Today, says the magazine Railway Progress, fiveeighths of the world's 800,000 miles of railroads are "standard gauge"

#### DEPOSIT INSURANCE

One of the Government's least advertised agencies has been slightly in the news recently. It is the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., a New Deal creation of 1933 set up to protect bank depositors from the kind of losses which bedeviled the country around that time

Senator Fulbright of Arkansas, chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, has been nibbling at the FDIC operation as part of his inquiry into the Illinois scandal which sent the state bank auditor to the pen for embezzling state funds.

The senator seems to think the FDIC might have smelled out this scandal before it developed. Maybe so, although the senator is a little unclear on just how. But he -rather minor. This is one government agency

which doesn't tap the Treasury. and hasn't been building itself into an ever-bigger and more costly outfit. In the beginning, it had 150

million dollars from the Treasury and 139 million dollars from the Reserve Banks to get started. All that has been paid back, plus more than \$80,500,000 in interest. The FDIC now runs on its own steam, with a hand-

It is an insurance operation guaranteeing depositors against losses up to \$10,000 if their banks go sour. Most of the deposit banks in the country are in it. About 116 billion dollars in deposits now are insured.

In the last 10 years banking offices have increased by 14%. while assets have grown nearly 75 billion dollars, Yet the FDIC actually has 50 fewer employees than it did 10 years ago.

All in all, this is a good time to salute both the original idea of the FDIC and its subsequent administration.-Cleveland Press.

### TACTFUL

A defendant in superior court was unrepresented by counsel and therefore needed a few of the finer points of courtroom procedure explained to him as the trial went along. After the solicitor announced that the state was content with the jury, the judge told the accused that he had the right to dismiss any member of the jury up to the number of six without any reason whatsoever.

"Now, look at the jury," Judge Hamilton Hobgood said to him. "There are twelve men over there, and if there are any you don't like, just say so, and we'll get another one to take his place."

The defendant looked at each of the faces on the panel and after pondering a minute, said, "No judge, these all look like nice, intelligent, clean-cut, honorable citizens to me.'

To which His Honor remarked, 'Son, I expect you've about halfway won your case already." -Sanford Herald.



ALL FROM THE ROMAN

While we're thinking about improvements in communication which, slowly but surely, are bringing the world closer together, let us not forget one heritage from those extraordinary engineers of ancient Rome.

The highways they built throughout the empire endured through many centuries following. Buried stretches of them are always being dug up here and there. And by accident or design, the "tread" of so many Roman chariots and carts measured the same that the ruts worn in these wonderful roads established a sort of "gauge" which medieval wagon-makers, perforce, had to

From such little fountains do large streams flow. -The Christian Science Monitor,

# My Favorite Stories

COLDWAR

FISHERMAN'S LUCK

Mr Bunn Frink is a resident of Southport, Brunswick County. He is a lawyer and is well known throughout that section, as well as elsewhere in North Carolina. He served two or three terms in the General Assembly where everybody had the highest

But, after all is said and done, Mr. Fink is just a plain country boy. He was reared in the country, he worked on a farm during his boyhood days and it was seldom that he ever went beyond the boundaries of Brunswick County

He was eighteen or nineteen years old when this little incident took place.

Bunn had an elderly uncle living in Goldsboro at the time. The uncle had extended him repeated invitations to come up to Goldsboro and visit with him a week or so. In response to one of these invitations, Bunn decided to go. He found out that a neighbor

was going to drive up to Wilmingsuggests some changes in the law ton on the same day that her planned to leave, so he got a ride that far with him. The neighbor was a man by the name of William Saunders. It was a big event for young Mr. Frink, However, he was some-

what frightened over the prospect of a railroad trip. He never had been on a train before and somewhat nervous in anticipation of the experience, He also confided in Mr. Saunders that he didn't even know how to buy a ticket

"What am I supposed to do?" he inquired.

The older man laughed at him "Shucks, Bunn," he said, "there's nothing to be frightened about. It's perfectly simple. All you have to do is to watch the way other people do, and you'll get along all right."

It sounded like good advice. The drive to Wilmington was without special incident and Mr. Saunders put Bunn out at the Coast Line depot. He was impressed with the roar and bustle on every side, with the heavy traffic around the station.

Carrying his bag in his hand, he went into the waiting room and on looking around, saw a window over which was a sign bearing the word: "TICKETS." 'That's the place, I reckon,'

said Bunn to himself He got himself a seat close by the window and waited. It wasn't long before an attractive young lady walked up to the window, Bunn stretched his ears in her direction so that he might be able

to follow the procedure. "I want a ticket for Rose Hill," she told the man inside the little

He stepped back to his file,

pulled out a ticket and handed it to her. She gave him some money, picked up the ticket and walked away Rose Hili, in case you don't

know is a little community in Duplin County Mr Frink settled back in his seat with a sigh of relief. After

all, buying a railroad ticket wasn't so difficult and he began to feel ashamed of himself for having been worried about such a little matter In a few minutes he decided he

might just as well purchase his own ticket, because it wouldn't be long before the train would be pulling out. Walking up to the window, he stood there until the man came up to wait on him. "Yes sir?" said the man,

"I want a ticket for Bunn Frink," said Bunn in a yery confident manner. The man looked at him in sur-

manded. "I said I want a ticket for Bunn Frink."

"Who's Bunn Frink?" "I am, of course."

Where do you want to go?" By that time Mr. Frink was beginning to get a trifle annoyed. He regarded this curiosity on the ticket agent's part as being rath-

"What difference does it make where I'm going?" he asked. The man laughed, "Why," he said, "before I can sell a ticket

I've got to know where you're go-"Oh, you do, do you?" 'Well, if that's so, why the hell didn't you ask Rose Hill where

she was going?" The ticket agent collapsed



TALK LIKE BIG WHEELS

MERELY SPOKESMEN ?

MRS. THELMA BITNER

QUAKERTOWN, PENN

POST CARD YOUR PUN TO NOAH.

FRIED CHICKEN -- I GUESS

OVERDID IT --- SHOO!!!

# Rambling 'Round

By Frances Gilbert Frazier

A group of us were discussing "People, places and things" (thank you John Daly) when a lady passed. One of the men remarked "There goes Mrs. Poorly. I wonder what is her latest ailment . . . " The lady in question was known to be a chronic victim (in her own mind) to every symptom to which the body is heir. She had allowed this delusion to develop until it had put her in the class of semi-invalidism

Why do some people "enjoy their misery" to the extent of feeling so sorry for themselves that they expect the same reaction from everybody else? We regret to say that this situation prevails far more among the feminine world than the masculine. Somehow, a man resents the implication that he isn't in the best of health, while a woman seemingly revels in it. Is it a desire to be noticed, pitied or simply a case of frustration and an ardent wish to occupy the center of the limelight? Haven't you noticed that those people who are really ill, keep it hidden as much as possible? And here's the queer thing about the people who create ailments that do not exist, they meet the reality of serious illness with a heroic calmness that i

Heard in passing: "He's the sort of a boy I wish was my son." -1- -1- -1-

Personal Column: Lost: Twenty minutes watching brick masons working across

the street. Found: A couple of copper-tinged clouds rolling away in front of the sunrise

Wanted: An alibi for day dreaming.

For sale or trade: A worrying complex.

For rent until April: Forty degree weather, sleet, snow and

Will exchange beautiful panorama of mountain scenery for anything of equal value. Article must be suitable for framing. -1- -1- -1-

Should there be no tomorrow, are you satisfied with what you have done today?

When we read of the brutalities occurring every day, we wonder if civilization has ceased to exist, and what the coming years have in store for those remaining. Cruelty in every form is taken so matter-of-factly that it ceases to horrify, and the word "kill" is jammed into the consciousness of every day life until its fearful meaning is completely lost

Children are given toy pistols, and allowed to point them indiscriminately until their real use is obscured so that they absorb the fact that bullets won't kill because those in their toy guns are

War has done much to lessen the value of life, 41- -1- -1-

Perhaps, after all, the fellow who doesn't have to select a car from the many new ones shown, is pretty lucky

# "What did you say?" he de- Looking Back Over The Years

20 YEARS AGO.

Hilda Moody celebrates her birthday with a party.

Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Davis visit their son, Paul Davis, student at State Colelge, Raleigh,

Charles R. Allison entertains a number of friends at a turkey dinner in observance of his

Dr. N. F. Lancaster, Grady Rogers, Clayton Walker, and Wayne Rogers leave for hunting trip near Wilmington

10 YEARS AGO

4. Dispatch

5. And (L.)

S. Stick to

7. Rendered

sorcery

9. The chief

(Amer.

Indian

tribes)

10. Complete

(var.)

8. West Indian

Hundreds of people join in welcoming Homer L. Ferguson

ACROSS

1. Stop

6. Shut

11. Beginning

12. Father-in-

law of

picture

(Gr. Ch.)

13. Sacred

14. Manage

15. Nobleman

16. Remnant

17. Hawaiian

18. Erbium

Islands

(abbr.)

(sym.)

(mus.)

gazelle

#### back to Haywood County. Dr. and Mrs. R. S. Roberson

and Mr. and Mrs. Whitener Prevost attend Tulane-Tech game in

Miss Nancy Killian visits friends at Agnes Scott College in

Miss Betsy Siler; student at St. Mary's, spends Thanksgiving at

### 5 YEARS AGO

Lawrence Davis becomes mayor of Hazelwood succeeding Clyde Fisher, who is moving to Nash-

Dr. Frank Hammett and his wife, Dr. Doris B. Hammett, open offices here

Senior high students fill 45 food baskets for needy.

Miss Merrill Green is to Lt. Hugh D. Ogburn.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sma Balsam Road celebrate 5 niversary.

#### CROSSWORD DOWN 14. University 19. Covering of false hair 2. Demand for 20. Garden repetition 3. Hebrew amphibian 22. Journey musical instrument 23. Point

24. Canine

shore bird

31. Remove

26. Fuel

fat of swine 29. Small per-

Yesterday's Answer

27. A catchword forated ball 37. Egg-shaped 30. Long-legged 38. Missile weapon (So. Am.)

(Print.) 40. The eye: in 33. Affirms symbolism 36. Culture 43. Virginia (abbr.) medium

#### THE OLD HOME TOWN By STANLEY 19. A wit 20. Thrice NOPE! YOU DIDN'T SMELL . 21. Keep MY LITTLE PAL HERE BACKED UP TO WARM HERSELF AND MESSE 24. Vaulted roof 25. Equip 26. Black-tailed

(Tibet) 27. Slender 29. Capital of Iraq 32. Fold over 33. Roman 84. Norse god

35. Ahead 36. Polynesian 37. Ancient Silver coin (Gr.)

39. Estimated 41. Voice (mus.) 42. Oil of rose petals 43. Gentlemen's servant

44. Approaches

45. Winged