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Social Security Officer Approves Tar Heel Law

Parker Believes Legisla- ture to Speed Enact- ment of Other Security Laws.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The Social Security Board today placed its stamp of approval on the North Carolina unemployment compensation law and plans were immediately set in motion to get this phase of the Social Security program under way in that State.

G. R. Parker, director for Region Four of the Social Security Board, announced from his office that just as soon as he receives from the North Carolina Compensation Commission a requisition for allocation of funds it will get prompt approval. This will enable the commission to begin functioning without delay.

"I am very decidedly encouraged over the progress of the Social Security program in North Carolina," Parker declared. The General Assembly has passed the law essential to be enacted before January 1 and I am sure the other laws will follow right along."

Parker commended the cooperation he had received from Governor Ehringhouse and Governor-elect Clyde Hoey. He said conferences that he held with governor-elect Hoey had caused him to believe that the North Carolina legislature during the early part of its regular session next year would pass the necessary laws to enable the State to participate in the Federal program to provide old-age assistance and aid to the blind in need, and dependent children.

Approval of the North Carolina unemployment compensation law today, which was given at the same time the Oklahoma, New Mexico and Virginia laws were approved, brings the total number of states, which have approved laws to 23. It is estimated that 14,000,000 persons are covered and this represents 50 per cent of all the employees who would be protected against unemployment if all states have approved laws. All states in Region Four have enacted unemployment laws.

Report On Study Of Cotton Farm Not Encouraging

Serious Economic and Social Evils Found by Federal Relief Investi- gators — North Caro- lina One of States In Survey.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Economic and social evils of the South's cotton plantations "call for a coordinated attack on all fronts" to rehabilitate both landlords and farm tenants, Federal relief investigators reported tonight.

The two-year study pictures the seven-state area as threatened with complete decay. It will be used by President Roosevelt's farm tenancy committee as a partial guide in seeking to rebuild the section.

The Works Progress Administration research experts reported the plantation system is grinding operators and sharecroppers into slow ruin. They made this broad recommendation:

"Programs of protection and rehabilitation should proceed in conjunction with programs of ownership promotion. The task is sufficiently important, sufficiently challenging, and sufficiently vast to call for a coordinated attack on all fronts."

"The situation points to the need for a Federal program of grants-in-aid for the equalization of educational opportunity, justified by the fact that the surplus wealth of the Southeast is concentrated in other sections, and the further fact that such a large proportion of youth educated in the rural areas make their life contribution in industrial cities."

The conclusions were based on a survey of 646 typical medium-sized and large plantations in Mississippi, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Louisiana and Arkansas.

Declaring the average cotton farm in 1934 was operated by five or more families on its 307 acres, with a total value of \$28,700, the report said:

"The detailed analysis which follows does not present a complete picture of landlord-tenant relations in the Southeast, since the study on which it was based was limited to medium-sized and large cotton planting operations in the Eastern cotton belt."

Demise of NRA increased activities. Federal trade body reports.

Grain prices soar to a seven-year high in world-wide buying wave.

Community Tree Service a Success

Baskets Are Distributed by Junior Women

A number of baskets, which will bespeak the goodwill and Christmas spirit of Farmville citizens will be distributed on Christmas Eve by the Junior Woman's Club, which sponsored the Community Christmas Tree service, held on Sunday evening, at five o'clock, at the Christian Church.

The Ministerial Association conducted the program, held at the Christian Church, and underneath the Annie R. Lang Tree, with appropriate musical selections rendered by the quartette of the Farmville Symphonic Chorus.

Among the most generous contributors to the Tree were Mr. Baroody and Mr. Crumpler, fruit dealers, who sent a large quantity of fruits and candies.

Xmas Opportunities Have Been Taken

Further Contributions Acceptable and Are Needed.

Farmville has rallied to the call made by the Junior Woman's Club to assist in bringing cheer to many unfortunate families here during the Christmas season, and appreciation of this group, headed by Mrs. Jesse Moye and the committee in charge, Miss Pennie Keel Lang and Miss Mary Friar Rouse, is hereby expressed to all who have contributed to this special community service.

A list of those taking care of the opportunities listed in these columns during the past two weeks, follow, with the assurance that further contributions will be acceptable as new calls are coming in daily:

- No. 1—Taken by Mrs. T. C. Turnage, Miss Serene and Bernice Turnage.
- No. 2—Opportunity Class of the Christian Church.
- No. 3—Literary Club.
- No. 4—Home Demonstration Club.
- No. 5—Lovelace Class, Methodist Church.
- No. 6—Christian Endeavor, Christian Church.
- No. 7—Young People's Circle, of Methodist Church.
- No. 8—Mrs. Nonie Barrett's Circle, Methodist Church.

Churches Observe Christmas Season

Pageantry and Song Feature Services On Sunday and During the Week.

Christmas messages were brought to the various congregations here by their leaders on Sunday with appropriate music being rendered by the choirs.

At the Presbyterian Church, Sunday morning, the children took part in the service. On Wednesday evening a beautiful pageant, depicting the Nativity, was presented by adults and children of the Baptist Sunday School. Directors of the pageant were Mrs. John D. Holmes, Mrs. J. M. Wheelers and Mrs. Fred E. Davis.

A pageant will be given by the small children of the Episcopal Sunday School at 7:00 o'clock Christmas Eve, under the direction of Mrs. J. H. Darden and Mrs. R. T. Martin, and a midnight service will be held by the rector, Rev. Jack Rountree, beginning at 11:00 o'clock, the service, including special music by the choir, with Mrs. J. W. Joyner as soloist.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES AT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A special service of praise and adoration will be held at the Episcopal Church on Christmas Eve, from 11 to 12 o'clock, with carol singing and a Christmas message from the rector, Rev. Jack Rountree.

The public is cordially invited to take part in the worship of the Babe of Bethlehem at this service in which there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion.

Treasury puts debt on Dec. 15 at \$34,232,370,000.

Business is getting better—our subscription payments show it, and that is what might be called the last test.

GOOD OLD SANTA CLAUS

I WISH you lots of happiness,
And merriment and cheer;
Not only now at Christmas time,
But right straight through the year!
—Mary Graham Bonner

THE NIGHT AFTER CHRISTMAS

By ANNE P. L. FIELD

'Twas the night after Christmas in Santa-Claus land
And to rest from his labors St. Nicholas planned.
The darlings' delight in a gift-laden tree!
The reindeer were turned out to pasture and all
The ten thousand assistants discharged 'till the fall.
The furry great-coat was laid safely away
With the boots and the cap with its tassel so gay,
And toasting his toes by a merry wood fire,
What more could a weary old Santa desire?
So he puffed at his pipe and remarked to his wife,
"This amply makes up for my strenuous life,
From climbing down chimneys my legs fairly ache,
But it's well worth the while for the dear children's sake.

I'd bruise every bone in my body to see
The darlings' delight in a gift-laden tree!"
Just then came a sound like a telephone bell—
Though why they should have such a thing I can't
tell—
St. Nick gave a snort and exclaimed in a rage,
"Bad luck to inventions of this modern age!"
He grabbed the receiver—his face wore a frown
As he roared in the mouth-piece, "I will not come down
To exchange any toys like an up-to-date store,
Ring off, I'll not listen to anything more!"
Then he settled himself by the comforting blaze
And waxed reminiscent of halcyon days
When children were happy with simplest of toys;
A doll for the girls and a drum for the boys—
But again came that noisy disturber of peace—
The telephone bell—would the sound never cease?
"Run and answer it, wife, my patience has fled,

If they keep this thing up I shall wish I were dead!
I have worked night and day the best part of a year
To supply all the children, and what do I hear—
A boy who declares he received roller skates
When he wanted a gun—and a cross girl who states
That she asked for a new Victor talking machine
And I brought her a sled, so she thinks I am 'mean!' "
Poor St. Nicholas looked just the picture of woe,
He heeded some auto-suggestions, you know,
To make him think things were all coming out right,
For he didn't get one wink of slumber that night!
The telephone wire was kept sizzling hot
By children disgusted with the presents they'd got,
And when the bright sun showed its face in the sky
The Santa Claus family were ready to cry!
Just then something happened—a way of escape,
Though it came in the funniest possible shape—
An aeronaut, sorely in need of a meal,
Descended for breakfast—it seemed quite ideal!
For the end of it was, he invited his host
Out to try the balloon, of whose speed he could boast.
St. Nick was nothing if not a good sport,
Was delighted to go, and as quick as a thought
Climbed into the car for a flight in the air—
"No telephone bells can disturb me up there!
And, wife, if it suits me I'll count it no crime
To stay up 'till ready for next Christmas time!"
Thus saying—he sailed in the giant balloon,
And I fear that he will not return very soon.
Now, when you ask "Central" for Santa-Claus land
She'll say, "Discontinued"—and you'll understand.

Immediate \$500,000,000 Relief Appropriation is Requested By Roosevelt

Christmas Cantata Brings Season Spirit

Symphonic Chorus Is Greeted by Large Audi- ence at Second Ap- pearance Sunday Eve- ning.

The second public appearance of the Farmville Symphonic Chorus in the Christmas cantata, "The Adoration," by George B. Nevin, commanded the attention and admiration of every person making up the splendid audience, which filled the main auditorium of the Methodist Church, on Sunday evening.

The height in spiritual ascendancy of the listeners occurred during the portion containing the message of the angels, "Glory Be In the Highest," carried by the women's voices and offering fine contrast in the male chorus, which, as the voices of the shepherds sang, "Hark! What Mean Those Holy Voices?"

The solo parts, rendered by Mr. and Mrs. John D. Holmes and Elbert C. Holmes and Mrs. Ruby Arnold were well done and of interesting variety.

Christmas music offers more of the rich treasures of melody and poetry than any other and so much of thrill and inspiration, experienced by the audience was due to the nativity story and message of Christmas itself, but the union of heart and voice in the choral singers, which is so apparent in their work, gave to the whole cantata a delightful interpretation and rendition.

Mr. Lewis Bullock is not only a gifted, but an earnest director, whose work reveals a desire for a real musical interpretation of his selections rather than a meaningless display of voices.

Giving to the chorus fine support and confidence was Mrs. Haywood Smith, the accompanist.

A decided musical progress was noted in the work of the group; the text was more understandable, the ensemble had improved and the subsidence of each of the closing notes of the choruses was particularly pleasing, being so well controlled as to draw out every gradation of resonance, and resembling the distant reverberation of a church bell.

So inspiring was the cantata that the hundreds of people present enjoyed singing the familiar carols, which brought the program to a delightful close.

The Symphonic Chorus continues to be augmented by new voices weekly and is generally recognized as a great force in the cultural life of the community.

Death Toll Cut By 7.7 Per Cent

State to Reduce Fatalities Below All-Time Record In 1935.

Raleigh, Dec. 23.—North Carolina has managed, in spite of prosperity, to reduce automobile fatalities for the first 11 months of the year 7.7 per cent below the all-time high mark of 1935.

Prosperity has resulted in a record registration of motor vehicles, congesting the State's highways and streets more thickly than ever before.

Nevertheless records of the State Division of Highway Safety yesterday indicated that the year's death toll will drop nearly 100 below the 1935 mark. The division reported 101 deaths in November, nine more than in the same month of 1935, making a total of 904 fatalities for the year to date, as compared with 920 during the same period last year.

There were 606 accidents during the month, resulting in death in 101 and injury to 702. In October, 679 crashes caused 114 deaths and 747 injuries; in November of last year, 551 accidents, 92 killed and 710 injured.

Speeding caused 36 fatal and 105 non-fatal accidents last month. Seven drivers in fatal accidents were reported drunk and 65 in non-fatal crashes. Thirteen fatal and 108 non-fatal accidents were caused by reckless driving.

"AVERAGE MAN" PLANE

Washington.—Today, a half dozen aeronautical companies are manufacturing low-cost airplanes which can be bought for "a little down and the balance in easy payments," according to air commerce officials, who predict that the "average man" plane is near at hand.

Quick Congressional Approval Is Sought— Current Funds Expect- ed to Last Only Anoth- er Month Making Ac- tion Necessary Early in January If Work Relief Program Is to Proceed Without Interruption.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Quick congressional approval was sought today for President Roosevelt's request for an immediate \$500,000,000 relief appropriation.

Current funds are expected to last only another month, making action necessary early in January, if the work relief program is to proceed without interruption.

Mr. Roosevelt said yesterday he would ask for the appropriation, designed to meet WPA costs until June 30th, during the first week of congress. It convenes January 5th.

Estimates for relief needs in the next fiscal year will not be submitted until spring in order to obtain a better idea of future needs.

Board Members Go To Capital

Job Insurance Commis- sioners Carrying Bud- get to Washington.

Raleigh, Dec. 23.—Members of the newly organized State Unemployment Compensation Commission left Raleigh last night for Washington to spend a day studying job insurance administration and to obtain approval of a budget for their expenses until January 1.

They expect to leave the Capital tomorrow night and to open their offices here in the Griffin Building on lower Fayetteville Street, possibly on Monday. The second floor of the building is being remodelled for the commission.

No personnel has yet been employed by the commission, beyond the 200 or more persons in the State Employment Service, which was transferred by the Unemployment Compensation Act to the commission from the Department of Labor. Checks for the Employment Service were being signed by commission members yesterday.

Chairman Charles G. Powell, Mrs. J. B. Spilman and Commissioner of Labor A. L. Fletcher, members of the new board, all went to Washington last night.

The resignation of Mrs. Spilman as vice chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee has not been announced. Commission members are prohibited by the act from holding political office.

MOORE GETS SENTENCE FOR ASSAULTING GIRL

Snow Hill, Dec. 22.—Judge N. A. Sinclair sentenced Reginald Moore, local man, to from five to ten years in State Prison, after Moore had been found guilty by a Superior Court jury here of an attempt to criminally assault 16-year-old Azora Waller, a Greene County girl, several months ago.

Moore is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moore, of Greene County, prominent rural people.

PROMINENT PITT COUNTY RESI- DENT PASSES

Allen W. Williams, 59, well-known Pitt County farmer, died at his home near Ayden Sunday. Apparently in good health, Mr. Williams went out to feed his stock before breakfast and when he did not return his wife went out to look for him, finding his body a few feet from the barn. According to an inquest, death resulted from a heart attack.

Funeral services were conducted at Reedy Branch Church by the Rev. A. M. Woodard and the Red Men of Winterville Tribe. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Laura Williams; two daughters, Mrs. Sadie Haddock and Miss Mary Elizabeth Williams, and three sons, Jessie, Odel and Earl Williams, all of the Ayden community.

WHAT IT TAKES

New York.—It might be news to the average man to learn that if he would be "well dressed," he must have at least 18 outfits. These include six business suits, one sports suit, a host jacket, dinner suit, cutaway, full dress (of midnight blue barthea cloth), a riding suit, yachting uniform, three topcoats, one overcoat and guard's coat and suitable accessories for each outfit.