

TREASURY ENDS SEARCH FOR WAYS TO GET REVENUE

Begin Movement To Aid The Blind In This County

Commission Aided By Federal Funds

Survey Is Begun And Will Ascertain Number And Condition Of Blind.

A survey of the blind in Cleveland county will be started here today under the direction of the North Carolina state commission for the blind and under the sponsorship of the Shelby Lions club.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshal Farham, of Charlotte, and both formerly blind were in the city today making arrangements and distributing survey cards which will be filled out by blind persons in the county.

The state commission is in possession of a \$25,000 fund from the general assembly of last year which will be matched with a similar amount from the federal government to conduct the survey, and where possible arrange for operations and other treatment which will restore sight.

Dr. Jensen of Duke university, working with the commission said recently that 75 percent of all blindness is preventable and that a large percentage may be restored if handled properly.

Cleveland county is estimated to have from 50 to 60 blind persons. It is estimated that there are four thousand sightless and near-blind persons living in the state. That sixty-five per cent of all blindness comes in adult life and that around seventy-five percent of all visual defects can be prevented.

The definition of blindness generally accepted by workers for the blind in America is: Any person is considered blind who is totally blind or whose eyesight is so seriously defective that he cannot see well enough to read even with the aid of glasses.

Baptist Classes To End Tonight

The annual Training Union study course at the First Baptist church will end tonight and leaders said today the attendance will average close to 175 per night since it began on Monday.

Seven classes of young people have been studying methods, inspirational, and mission topics. Two hours study each evening have been held at the First Baptist church. One hundred fifty awards or more are expected to be made.

Morning Cotton LETTER

NEW YORK, Mar. 6.—Aside from small hedging sales and scattered liquidation, offerings were light during yesterday's session. Domestic trade and Europe absorbed most of the selling, mainly for price fixing purposes. Trade generally following the meetings between farm leaders and government officials now in session to adopt the program for the coming season regarding agriculture under the new farm bill.

THE MARKETS Cotton, spot ----- 11% to 12% Cotton seed, wagon, ton --- \$31.00 Cotton seed, car lot, ton --- \$34.00

New York cotton at 2:30: Jan. 10.10, Mar. 11.24, May 10.77, July 10.47, Oct. 10.08, Dec. 10.09.

Strike Leaders In Parley



Assistant Secretary of Labor, James F. McGrady (center), noted for his arbitration of strikes, arrives at New York to pour oil of peace on building service employees troubles.

Major Political Race Seen As Allen And Cline Enter

Incumbent And Former Sheriff Get Even Start By Filing Within 24 Hours Of Each Other; May Bring Others

A major political race in the Democratic primary for Cleveland county became a certainty today as announcements were recorded by two men who will seek the nomination for high sheriff.

The men are Sheriff Raymond Cline, incumbent and Irvin M. Allen, former sheriff of the county for two terms.

Mr. Allen filed with Democratic Chairman John P. Mull yesterday afternoon and made a brief announcement, stating that he will present his views and platform to the voters next week. Sheriff Cline filed early today saying that he is running altogether on his record.

Even Ground As candidates for the office, both men are beginning on comparatively "even ground", both have had two

'House-Warming' Is Planned For New Community Building

John Lane Dies Of Tuberculosis In East Shelby

John Lane, 24 year old Shelby youth died Tuesday of tuberculosis following an illness of two years. At the time of his death he was living at the home of his father in east Shelby on the old Kings Mountain road.

Funeral services were held Wednesday for the young man at Lees Chapel in upper Cleveland county. Interment was at the church cemetery. Rev. J. W. West, pastor of the Brethren church at Spindale was in charge.

Surviving are his father, W. S. Lane, five sisters, and one brother, his mother preceding him to the grave four years ago.

Post Office 'Dungeon' Doomed To Spend \$9,000 On Offices

At last the government has seen the wisdom of converting the "dungeon" basement of the Shelby post-office into federal offices and plans and specifications will be here in a few days.

Postmaster Frank L. Hoyle who made a trip to Washington in January and secured the support of Congressman A. L. Bulwinkle in utilizing the basement space under the addition built late last year. The space under the work room was left unfinished, without windows or doors, yet it has sufficient height for offices to which convenient entrance can be gained from East Warren street. Although the plans have not been seen, it is

Misunderstanding Seen In New AAA At Memphis Meet

Wallace Speaks To Gathering

Hard For Farmers To Understand How New Plan Will Work Out.

Some measure of dissatisfaction was being voiced yesterday and today at the preliminary surveys of the new AAA which is being unfolded to delegates to the soil conservation conference in Memphis-Tenn.

Cleveland farmers and farm leaders are watching every movement with eager eyes, hoping to catch a glimmering of what the program is going to be like.

Vague, Indefinite Only one Cleveland county man, Tom Cornwell, is attending the conference, in the capacity of a state committeeman. He will be expected to make matters clear on his return. Associated Press reports indicated that many of the representatives were looking on the new plans with some fear and distrust and that they were "vague" and very indefinite.

Secretary Wallace was scheduled to read some explanation of the new plan today which was thought would clear the situation.

Conditions Stated Tentative plans, Wallace said, would require farmers who receive soil subsidies to meet these conditions:

They must plant in 1936 an acreage of soil-conserving crops a stipulated percentage of their lands, based on their total acreage of soil-depleting crops.

They must plant in 1936 not more than a stipulated number of acres in soil-depleting crops.

They must maintain this year the usual number of acres planted in food and feed crops for home consumption.

This general outline, it was emphasized, would be temporary and would be effective for not more than the first two years of the conservation program. After that time, the program will be based on a system of Federal-State co-operation.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 5.—(AP)—This explanation of the new soil conservation farm program might work was written for newspaper men here today by J. B. Hutson, director of the AAA division of tobacco and miscellaneous crops.

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Adult Education Classes Increase 70 In Enrollment

Enrollments in the eleven Adult Education Classes being conducted in this county under the supervision of the WPA by Mrs. Ben Go-forth showed an increase of 70 pupils last month and reached what is expected to be near the peak for the year.

There are now 467 men and women engaged in the pursuit of learning in these classes, said Mrs. Go-forth today.

Enrollments by classes is as follows: Mrs. Edna Ware, 34; Mrs. S. T. Greer, 58; Mrs. C. E. Carpenter, 52; John Kennedy, 15; Mrs. E. B. Olive, 52; Summie McBrayer, 76; Edward McCloud, 47; Mrs. Annie Byers, 41; Mrs. Terrah Ferree, 15; Mrs. C. C. Carpenter, 24; Harold Hamrick, 33.

Mrs. Byers has started a new class at Stubbs at the Buffalo cotton mill and Mrs. Greer has relinquished her work since accepting work on the historical survey, but the other teachers will further the work with her pupils.

Prominent Lawyers Before E. Y. Webb

A number of prominent attorneys were in Shelby yesterday to present their cases before Judge E. Y. Webb in the case of Autrey vs. Universal Mortgage company.

Among them were J. C. Merri-mon, Alfred Barnard, Attorney Loftin of Asheville and Attorneys Poe and Carey of Baltimore, Maryland. Judge Webb did not give a final ruling on the case, but will hold another hearing May 18 at Asheville.

Fear Germany Will Denounce Locarno Pact

(By Associated Press)

A suggestion in Berlin that Germany may denounce the Locarno treaty gave a gravely important angle to the Italo-Ethiopian war today. It was hinted that Germany, long the most drastic critic of the League of Nations, from which she resigned on the basis that it was prejudiced against her, might be joined in her attitude by Italy. Italy is growing increasingly resentful against the restrictions and sanctions imposed against her by the league.

Both nations are signatories of the Locarno Pact which binds them and France, Great Britain, and Belgium to repel mutually any aggression by another signatory.

Another possible repercussion from the Fascist operations in Africa was indicated by the report from Addis Ababa that a retired British major, G. A. Burgoyne, had been killed by an Italian bomb as he served with a Red Cross unit behind the Ethiopian lines. He was a member of the unit which the British foreign office had advised Italy was operating in the area.

An authoritative London source said Great Britain would deliver a stiff protest to Italy against the action. Official quarters were plainly indignant. The Red Cross flag, which was spread on the ground, actually was hit by a bomb official sources said.

Choose Marshals For High School Closing Events

Election of marshals for 1936 at the Shelby high school was announced today by Principal W. E. Abernethy, giving to 12 sophomores and juniors one of the highest honors that can come during high school.

The office is coveted and held in high esteem because of the method followed in selecting the marshals each year. Mr. Abernethy said:

"To be eligible for it one must be nominated and elected by the faculty; must have made an average of at least 85 on all school work; and must possess poise, friendliness, neatness and a fine attitude.

"In order that as many boys and girls as possible may have this honor, marshals are not eligible for election. They serve as ushers at all public entertainments of the school and help in every way to maintain good conduct at these affairs."

The following pupils have recently been elected to serve as marshals for 1936: sophomores, Catherine Bailey, Ann Smart, Mildred White-mer, Sims Blanton, Avery Willis Mc-Murry, James Sanders; juniors, Floyd Best, Lloyd Best, Clifford Best, Clifford Hughes, Nancy Line-berger, Agnes Silver and Ada Wall.

Miss Era Wolfe Is Buried Today At Beulah Church

Funeral services were held today at 2 o'clock at the Beulah Methodist church for Miss Era Wolfe, 68 year old resident of the Sandy Plains community. She died yesterday following an attack of paralysis several days ago.

At the time of her death she was at the home of her sister, Mrs. G. W. Jenkins. She had been a semi-invalid practically all the time since she was a young girl, but had taken an active interest in her friends and was a constant reader of the Bible. She joined the Beulah church in early womanhood.

Surviving Miss Wolfe are two brothers, George F. Wolfe of Shelby and L. M. Wolfe, of Kings Mountain. There are three sisters, Mrs. D. F. Grigg and Mrs. G. W. Jenkins of Sandy Plains, and Mrs. W. N. Blanton of Sharon.

Marooned On Ice

YONKERS, N. Y., March 6.—(AP)—A man floated down the Hudson river on a cake of ice this morning while police looked on the ice choked channel helplessly from shore. He was being rapidly carried down stream. New York City police were notified.

Million Workers Under WPA Lose Jobs By July 1st

Will Drop Workers By July 1

Effect On This County Uncertain; Need More Finds For Work.

Effects in this county of the new drive on the part of Harry L. Hopkins, national head of the WPA, to force relief workers to seek private employment could not be ascertained today, but it was not thought that it would cut the number seriously enough to hamper the work now started.

A conference at the White House in Washington yesterday failed to reach any conclusion as to the amount of money leaders should ask congress to appropriate for the continuation of this form of relief. It now appears that a full million men and women will be cut by July 1.

Associated Press reports said that before going to the White House Hopkins disclosed that work relief employment rolls would be slashed from its present 3,804,886 total to 3,300,000 during the next four months.

On Relief Although he insisted that in most cases jobs in private industry would be available to the 500,000 dismissed WPA workers, he acknowledged that some would be forced back on direct relief.

Each state, Hopkins said, will make a gradual reduction in its work relief employment, and WPA will be cut from its present 3,037,444 jobs to 2,300,000 by July 1. This big cut, however, will be offset by some additional employment by other relief agencies.

In some quarters there had been advance estimates that Mr. Roosevelt would ask for one billion if a six months' program is decided upon or two billion for the full year.

Hopkins told reporters about his plans to cut the relief rolls a short time after Secretary Perkins, forecasting better business ahead, said she was "strengthening the employment services in the belief that they are going to be busy this spring."

Thompson Named Publicity Head For Clyde Hoey

RALEIGH, March 6.—Clyde R. Hoey's publicity as a candidate for governor will be handled by Robert L. Thompson, formerly with the Greensboro Daily News, then the Raleigh News and Observer, later with the United Press, then the Associated Press, the Baltimore Sun and the News and Observer again.

Announcement was made that Mr. Thompson has resigned his staff position on the News and Observer and will go into the Hoey headquarters at once. Mr. Hoey has not yet announced his manager but that statement is expected within the next 48 hours.

A circumstance of unusual interest is Mr. Thompson's sign-up with Mr. Hoey. The young man lived a good deal of his boyhood in Greensboro. His biases, if any, have not been generally in the Hoey direction. Mrs. Thompson, who is also an exceedingly clever newspaper writer, prepared the articles which went out from Fountain headquarters four years ago. It was generally agreed that she did Mr. Fountain more good than all his other assistants combined.

Carolina Store Here Withdraws Its Unit

The Carolina Grocery store, heretofore operating in the Miller block at the corner of LaFayette and Warren streets, has closed, the merchandise being consolidated with the Homes Stores in Shelby and Cherryville. The chain of Carolina stores was recently purchased by the Homes Stores, so having a Home store unit here, the stocks have been consolidated.

WPA Historical Survey Begins; Valuable Records Being Found

Interesting and historical things that claimed the attention of Cleveland county people from 80 to 100 years ago, and the long and voluminous accumulations of the decades since that time are being dug up in the court house.

Mrs. Pauline Weaver and Mrs. Sam Greer, working under the latest WPA project, a historical research project are finding a number of things that will interest the county and preserving them in a way to keep them more permanent.

Attention Is Centered On Corporation Funds; Tax Outline Is Given

Leaders Are Ready For Debate On Measure; Expect Stiff Opposition; Cover Ground Very Thoroughly

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Indications that the treasury has completed presentation of possible major methods of raising money emerged today from a session of the House Ways and Means tax sub committee.

Not Premier



Prince Fummaro Konoye, the young man pictured above has just refused the task of forming a cabinet in the Japanese government. The cabinet was broken up in the recent military revolt.

Chairman Samuel B. Hill, Democrat, Washington, told reporters after the meeting that "We just re-hashed what we have gone over before."

While indicating that attention centered today on a tax on undistributed corporation earnings—Hill said no discussion was given over to permitting corporations to build up a cushion of reserves which would be tax exempt or assessed at a low rate. It appeared the sub-committee sessions were about to resolve themselves into debate over the relative merits or demerits of money sources already suggested by the treasury and agriculture department officials. These included:

- The Methods 1. A graduated tax, averaging 33 1-3 percent on undistributed net incomes of corporations. 2. A general manufacturing excise tax. 3. Revised income taxes with lower exemptions and higher rates. 4. Processing taxes on farms and competing commodities. 5. A "windfall" tax to bring back government revenue lost by return or non-payment of processing taxes. 6. A 1-3 increase in present tobacco taxes. 7. Lower exemptions for admission taxes.

President Roosevelt has suggested the corporation, windfall and processing levies.

The other proposals were submitted at the request of the sub-committee in order to give it a well-rounded view of all possible means of augmenting the government's income.

Speaker Byrnes said at his press conference he did not anticipate any general tax revision this session. "I hope not," he said on questioning. "That takes months and we haven't time of course unless we want to stay here until next September."

No Bids Submitted On Byrum Hosiery

No bids for the entire stock and equipment of the Byrum Hosiery mill were submitted to Marion Ross, referee in bankruptcy in Charlotte yesterday, so the mill will continue operation under D. W. Royster, trustee, who has been operating the plant since it entered bankruptcy last April.

The Hemphill Machinery Co. offered to buy for \$13,500 the hosiery machinery in which it holds a mortgage, but the sale was denied by the Greensboro Daily News, then the Raleigh News and Observer, later with the United Press, then the Associated Press, the Baltimore Sun and the News and Observer again.

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The bill would establish a new rural electrification administration and empower it to lend to states, rural municipalities, utility districts, farm co-operatives, or limited dividend corporations to install and operate generating, and distributing systems where none now exist.