



Washington, Feb. 6 (AS).—Official Washington believes that economic recovery is so near to being an accomplished fact that by May there will be plenty of work in agriculture, business and industry for all who are now dependent upon the CWA.

The President's new monetary program, his supporters believe, has put the major doubts at rest. It is quite clear to everybody now that Mr. Roosevelt is firmly opposed to anything like uncontrolled monetary inflation.

Equalization of Currencies With all the authority which he needs now in his hands, to back him up much more fully than he was backed up last Summer, the next move of the President, or one of his first moves, will be to reopen negotiations with foreign countries looking toward equalization of all the world's currencies on a new and stable gold basis.

The belief that any complete readjustment of world currencies can take place without bringing silver back into its old money position has pretty well vanished. The Pittman amendment to the gold bill strengthens the President's hands in dealing with the silver question, and the likelihood that the currencies of the Orient and other silver-money nations will be equalized with gold seems better than it was.

How all this discussion about gold and silver affects the ordinary citizen of the United States is one of those things which is not apparent on the surface, since an American dollar is still an American dollar, so long as the credit of the United States holds good, whether it has gold or silver or only a promise to pay back of it.

But what the Administration is aiming at is to raise the price of basic commodities, such as cotton, corn, wheat, copper, steel, and a long list of other things of which we have and produce more than we can consume. The prices of international trade goods are fixed in the world market, not in our own alone.

The "Supply" Policy Such a readjustment of the world's money systems, however, would not mean that farmers could again run wild and grow unlimited corn or cotton or wheat or what not, regardless of the world demand.

More and more the rest of the world is becoming self-sustaining, (continued on page 2)

Approximately 400 Men Share Payroll Of CWA Last Week

C. A. Miles And Attorney Gambill Go To Raleigh In Interest Of Proposed Fair Grounds Project

The CWA payroll for Alleghany county last week amounted to \$2,603.22, and was distributed among approximately 400 men. This did not include the amount paid 29 women employed on service projects, nor did it include the amount spent for direct relief, such as food and clothing orders, meat, eggs, etc.

Material for the two new gymnasiums at Sparta and Piney Creek high schools has been purchased and is expected this week. The Midkiff Hardware company, of Mount Airy, was the low bidder on the material and was given the contract.

C. A. Miles, local director, and Sidney Gambill, attorney, went to Raleigh Monday in the interest of an Alleghany County Fair Grounds project. It is understood that the County Board of Commissioners has agreed to purchase ten acres of land, one-half mile north of Sparta on the old Galax road, on condition that it be improved by CWA funds.

Investigating CWA Complaints In State

Raleigh, Feb. 6.—The work of cleaning house "from within without outside complaints" has been undertaken by the civil works administration in North Carolina. A statement, signed by Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, state CWA administrator, and Capus M. Waynick, state re-employment director, said local committees were "unearthing some mistakes through complaints" and the administration was "going ahead right now to clean house from within without outside complaints."

"Without complaints being made we are making a new and careful check to be sure only worthy cases are being used on civil works," the statement said. Wayne cited a Union county case where he said investigation had resulted in removal of two men from CWA jobs because they had misstated facts in securing work.

Meanwhile, E. G. Padgett, state safety director for civil works, estimated on the basis of incomplete records that an average of more than 300 persons weekly were being injured on CWA projects. He said this was "mighty good" in view of the fact there are approximately 75,000 persons on the federal emergency pay rolls in the state.

Approval of new CWA projects to give work to 1,264 persons at an aggregate payroll of \$160,501.82 and total cost of \$264,190.46 was announced Monday by Mrs. O'Berry.

BEAUFORT SPICER SUFFERS SERIOUS INJURIES SUNDAY

Beaufort Spicer, the five or six year old son of Luther Spicer, of Cherry Lane, was seriously injured Sunday afternoon when he was caught in a mill wheel, the lower part of his abdomen being torn open.

The wounded child was taken to the Elkin hospital, where his intestines were replaced and the wounds closed. Hospital authorities are said to be of the opinion that he will recover if no complications develop.

EMPLOYMENT INCREASED

New York.—NRA officials report an increase of 201,000 employees in manufacturing, retail, and wholesale fields since last August, when the NRA began.

Governor Celebrates 52nd Birthday Mon.

Raleigh, Feb. 6.—With a happy birthday behind him, Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus last night was on his way to Baltimore to head North Carolina's delegation to present the state's plans for the park-to-park scenic highway.

Governor Ehringhaus celebrated his 52nd birthday anniversary with little change in his normal routine. His best gift was a visit from his 80-year-old father, Erskine Ehringhaus, of Elizabeth City.

It was the first time Erskine Ehringhaus has remained away from his banking duties in Elizabeth City to visit his son. He spent the week-end at the executive mansion.

A family dinner was served last night. There was a birthday cake with candles but Mrs. Ehringhaus said it did not have 52 candles.

E. B. Jeffress, chairman of the state highway and public works commission, already was in Baltimore for the appearance before the regional public works administration director today.

The North Carolina plan calls for the scenic highway from Virginia to the Great Smoky mountains national park to follow the crest of the Blue Ridge in this state with a "loop" roadway to the Tennessee section and a "return" route.

Recovery Program Sound Is Opinion Of Auto Magnate

Henry Ford Says Recovery Of Business Is Gradual But Healthy. Announces 10% Wage Increase

Detroit, Feb. 6.—"The recovery is healthy..." "Dollar devaluation won't make a filip of difference..." "The policies of the Administration are sound."

Henry Ford made these statements today, a few hours after his company had announced 10 per cent wage increases which have already affected the pay envelopes of 20,000 of his employees throughout the country.

The automobile magnate, in an interview packed with surprising statements, announced a program for decentralizing the manufacture of Ford parts.

Ford, hatless and coatless, looking very much like a man hard at his favorite work, declared that American business looks healthier to him than at any time in the last five years. He said: "The best thing about the recovery is that it's healthy—it's coming gradually. The country has actually come to believe that work is the main thing, that work is the answer. Men are finding jobs. A lot of them are going back to the farm."

Asked whether he believes the country is out of the depression, he replied: "Well, there will always be spots. Some lines go ahead faster than others but they pull the others with them. My company has used the last four years as a period of experimentation. We believe the opportunity has now arrived."

"We believe the time is here when we can go ahead." In contrast to his opposition to President Roosevelt's election and his recent refusal to become a member of the NRA, Ford declared "the policies of the Administration are sound—or they wouldn't have lasted."

Asked how the NRA motor code is working, he replied: "The code is for those who need it. We didn't need it." He has never signed the code, although conforming to its provisions in accordance with the recovery law.

The PWA and CWA have helped in the restoration of confidence and buying power, he said. "They wouldn't stand if they had accomplished nothing." Asked about the tremendous cost of such programs, he replied: "Well, I can answer that the same way I answered the question about the dollar: It won't make a filip of difference."

High Court Agrees With Judge Hayes' Liquor Law Ruling

U. S. Supreme Court Upholds Refusal To Try Cases After Repeal. Hughes Gives Decision

Washington, Feb. 6.—Buttressing its legal philosophy with conclusions of John Marshall, the United States Supreme court yesterday affirmed the decision of Judge Johnson J. Hayes, of the middle district of North Carolina, in the case of the United States of America, appellant, vs. Byrum Gibson and Claude Chambers, appellees, a decision which put in writing the final chapter, perhaps, of the 18th amendment and the Volstead act.

Chief Justice Hughes delivered the opinion of the court, which held that persons charged with violating the prohibition law before its repeal cannot be tried for such offense. Popular interest in the North Carolina case was even more marked in court and congressional circles than was manifested when the court rendered its decision in the Minnesota mortgage case, a few weeks ago, when the court, with the chief justice supporting the court "liberals," rendered a decision in behalf of a property owner, whose home had been sold by a building and loan association, a ruling that gave great comfort to those in full sympathy with the general recovery program of the administration.

In the instant case the defendants Gibson and Chambers, represented by Z. I. Walser, William M. Hendren, Don A. Walser and Leland Stanford, had challenged the power of Judge Hayes to proceed with the trial and possible conviction of the men charged with violation of the prohibition laws, because, as they contended, the repeal of the 18th amendment was then an accomplished fact. In deciding with the defendants Judge Hayes rendered a decision which made a stir in court circles throughout the country, that was found altogether disconcerting to the department of justice, but members of the bar who concurred in the wisdom of the judgment rendered by the North Carolina jurist predicted that it would be adopted by the Supreme court, a prophecy for which justification was found today.

Rarely has a case been decided by the court which directly affects such great numbers of people. There are now pending in the federal courts 9,000 or more cases, involving alleged infractions of the dry laws, and these will automatically be expunged from the record. Some of the officials said there are considerably more than 9,000 of these cases still pending, and not tried, and until the decision today, as a result of conflicting opinions rendered by the district courts, and appellate courts, the department here was without a rule of conduct, or without guidance.

Attorney General Cummings indicated today that the decision (continued on back back)

Death Verdict Is Returned By Jury

Lumberton, Feb. 6.—William ("Bunk") Deal, of Raynham, part Indian, was convicted by a Robeson county Superior Court jury today of first degree murder in the killing of Lewis Chavis, Indian, on the night of December 23. Deal is said to have fatally shot Chavis and shot the arm off Finch Jones when they returned to the Deal home with Deal's wife, whom they had taken to Rowland to have knife wounds, which were said to have been inflicted by her husband, treated, evidence showing that they found the woman severely cut and begging for medical assistance.

Deal and Jones lived together but quarrelled that afternoon over \$2 in Christmas shopping money. Jones ordered Deal away from the house, and the woman was cut, by Deal, it is alleged, when she refused to accompany him. Time for the electrocution has not been set by Judge E. H. Cranmer, presiding.

1935 Auto Tags To Be Silver On Black

Raleigh, Feb. 6.—Automobile license tags in North Carolina for the year 1935 will have silvery looking numbers on a black background, according to a recent announcement.

The new plates will be painted with aluminum paint, giving the numbers and letters a silvery look, but will again be on sheet steel. It was proposed at one time to use aluminum but it proved too costly. State prison will make the plates, some 400,000 or more pairs.

Up to today 316,199 pairs of 1934 licenses had been issued, compared with 248,917 issuances up to the same day a year ago.

Hold All Members Of Tilley Family In Childress Case

Noted Criminal Lawyer Of Taylorsville And Ex-Senator Grant, Mocksville, Retained as Defense Counsel

Wilkesboro, Feb. 6.—Charged with the slaying of a young girl who lived with them, an entire North Carolina farm family is being held in jail here. A coroner's jury, investigating the strange death of 18-year old Leoda Childress, has recommended that all members of the household where she made her home be held. Testimony given by handwriting experts served to link at least one member of the family definitely with the case.

Those arrested include Warwick Tilley, the girl's middle-aged foster father, his wife, his two sons, Claude and Luther, and Mrs. Luther Tilley. Officers placed the father and mother under arrest Saturday but the three younger Tilleys have been in jail since Solicitor John Jones announced that he had uncovered "startling developments" in the investigation, and hinted family jealousy as a motive for the killing.

Leoda was found shot to death on December 30, after neighbors heard her scream for help over a telephone. They found her body in the Tilley home. In the girl's apron pocket was a note to which her name had been signed. It said that "robbers were in the house," but handwriting experts declared that it was forged. Saturday two of them, E. B. Brooks, of Winston-Salem, and L. T. Yarbrough, of Raleigh, told investigating jurymen that the note had been forged by Mrs. Luther Tilley.

Solicitor Jones said Sunday that he would oppose any effort to secure the release on bail of the five members of the Tilley family.

The Tilleys have retained J. Hadden Burke, noted criminal lawyer of Taylorsville, and Turner Grant, of Mocksville, former state senator, to represent them. Their counsel has not indicated whether bail will be sought through habeas corpus proceedings.

The Wilkes county grand jury does not meet again until the March term of court.

Solicitor Jones said he would give the grand jury a bill of indictment against all five containing four counts:

- 1.—Conspiracy to murder Leoda Childress; 2. Aiding and abetting in Murder; 3. Murder; 4. Accessory after murder.

Nath Tharpe, who is said to have heard a woman scream for help from the Tilley home on a party telephone line, on the day that Leoda's body was found, testified at the coroner's inquest that he saw Luther Tilley some distance from the house and run (continued on back back)

U. S. Marshal Visits Washington Monday

Washington, Feb. 6.—Charles Price, United States marshal for the western district of North Carolina, was here Monday conferring, principally, with Senator Reynolds. It has been learned from the office of Senator Reynolds that the question of appointing another Democrat as deputy marshal is under discussion.

Paul Harrell, of Forest City, who is an applicant for the position, was also in Washington yesterday. It was understood that Senator Reynolds has over 200 applications for this particular position.

Mr. Price stated that the Supreme court decision in the North Carolina case, ruling that pending charges against dry law violators cannot be tried, would affect at least 25 unserved warrants now held by the clerk of the United States district court for the western North Carolina district. He said he would receive definite instructions from the department of justice when he conferred with officials there today.

Otis Powers, R. L. Whitmire and J. H. Yelton, of Hendersonville, were also here. They saw Representative Weaver and other members of the North Carolina delegation.

North Carolinians Optimistic About Scenic Road Route

Gov. Ehringhaus, Rep. Doughton And Others Present State's Plea For Mountain Scenery Route

Washington, Feb. 6.—Governor Ehringhaus, Frank Page, members of the North Carolina delegation, the two senators, and Messrs. Hancock, Umstead, Weaver, Bulwinkle and Doughton, who went to Baltimore today for the hearing conducted by the special Radcliff committee, on the park-to-park highway, returned tonight.

These gentlemen registered unreserved enthusiasm over the adequate and eloquent presentation of North Carolina's claims to a liberal share of the mileage of this projected highway, which is being designed with the oft-expressed approval of President Roosevelt, to link the Shenandoah and the Great Smoky mountain national parks, a skyline that would be expected to attract travelers from far and near.

E. B. Jeffress, chairman of the state highway commission, assisted by a group of engineers, presented the maps, the facts and figures, and then talks were made by members of the North Carolina delegation. Senator Bailey and Representative Doughton presented the highway proposal comprehensively, carrying the gentlemen of the committee to the mountain tops, in some flights of fancy, if there was any official failure to envision what such rare heights as Mount Mitchell, Clingman's dome and Grandfather mountain could be like.

There was a ready response to these enthusiastic word pictures from the North Carolina members, for Chairman Radcliff volunteered that the case for North Carolina had been admirably presented, and he gave the assurance that no time would be lost in pushing the work along. Engineers thought the work of routing, agreeing on the location of the highway, could be completed within 30 days, and shortly thereafter those in charge could begin to think seriously of starting the work of construction, which will cost \$16,000,000 or more.

Members of the Radcliff committee will probably make a trip over the proposed route in the near future, and it is possible they will be accompanied by Secretary Ickes.

"Nature has fixed where this road should be located," said Representative R. L. Doughton, chairman of the ways and means committee of the house. "You (continued on back back)

Farmers' Banquet Held Tues. Night Here In Tea Room

Messrs. Nicewonger And Farnham, Of State College, Make Talks. Local Men Speak Also

The business and professional men of Sparta entertained a group of Alleghany county farmers at a banquet sponsored by W. B. Collins, County Farm Agent, at the Sparta Tea Room on Tuesday night, February 6. An excellent dinner was served by the ladies of the Methodist Missionary society of Sparta. About fifteen farmers were in attendance.

Mr. Nicewonger, of the horticultural department of State college, and Mr. Farnham, of the dairy department of State college, were present and made interesting talks to the group. Mr. Nicewonger discussed the importance of a cash crop for the people of the county. He believes that the people should raise such crops as certified seed potatoes, cabbage and string beans, giving examples of instances in the county in which these articles have been found profitable. He said this county was favorably situated for the growing of these crops, since they matured here at a time of the year when there was a scarcity in other sections. Mr. Farnham discussed the dairy industry and what the government was doing towards controlling the supply and prices of dairy and beef cattle. He also explained trench silos, stating that it had been found that they were the most inexpensive and satisfactory silos for farmers of the mountain section. They can be built, he says without any cash outlay, and a cutter can be purchased for filling these silos for around fifty dollars, since it is not necessary for a blower attachment for filling the trench silos.

Talks were made by Governor Doughton, Carlisle Higgins and others. Several of the farmers made statements concerning the success they had made along certain lines of farming. Mr. Van Miller, of the Laurel Springs section, has been making good in the chicken business, selling more dollars worth of chickens and eggs last year than all the hogs, cattle and sheep sold from his farm. He has his chickens blood-tested and this year he has sold all his eggs to a hatchery at thirty cents per dozen for the entire season. Last year he got thirty five cents per dozen for his eggs. Coy McCann, of the Glade Valley section, raised thirty tons of cabbage on two acres of land which netted him four hundred dollars.

YADKIN MAN KILLS SELF WITH SHOTGUN SUNDAY

Crockett Barber, about 60 years of age, killed himself last Sunday at his home in Yadkin, eight miles from Elkin. Walking out to the rear yard, supposedly to shoot a hawk, he is said to have emptied a shotgun into his head. The body was found immediately by a young son.

He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Martha Seagraves Barber, and several children.

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"An old bachelor is only the half of a pair of sinners."

- FEBRUARY 5—Milady busy buying rats and puffs for her hair, 1910. 6—New England is shaken by a severe earthquake, 1736. 7—Daniel Boone is captured by the Indians, 1776. 8—First colony of Spaniards start for New Mexico, 1598. 9—Jefferson Davis becomes Confederate President, 1861. 10—Philadelphia streets are lighted with gas, 1835. 11—Temperature of 73 above zero in Cleveland, O., 1932.