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**As Washington Sees It... THE NATIONAL SCENE**

Special to The Chronicle.  
Washington, D. C., Feb. 9.—American delegates to the conference seeking to reach a new wheat agreement are finding that the 80th Congress balked the American farmers out of millions of dollars by their refusal to ratify the international wheat agreement in the last session of the congress.

For that wheat agreement set a top price of \$2.00 a bushel for wheat with a floor price of \$1.50 for the first year to be cut by 10 cents each year in the following four years until a minimum of \$1.10 was reached.  
Delegates to the new wheat conference, however, are finding out that they will not get any such prices for American wheat now and that they are faced with new competition in the delegates from Argentina and Soviet Russia who are participating in the conference.

These two countries refused to take part in the previous agreement. Today wheat is relatively plentiful—it's a buyer's market and the wheat importing nations are not so hard-pressed as they were a year ago. It may be that the U. S. government will have to agree to much lower prices and, if the wheat grower suffers a loss as a result of these prices, make up the loss in government subsidy.

Some ex-senators and ex-congressmen find it pays them well to join the lobbyist group here in Washington. Others do not register as lobbyists, but still find it profitable to represent various organizations. For instance, three ex-senators are registered lobbyists. Burton K. Wheeler (D., Mont.) is registered at a retainer of \$1,000 a month representing the Crow company and the Shore Line Oil company of Las Vegas, Nev. Former senator John A. Danaher (R., Conn.) is registered as a lobbyist for Revere Cooper & Brass, Inc. Ex-senator Kingsley A. Taft (R., Ohio), who served a short interim term, November, 1946, to January, 1947, represents the Holstein-Freisian association of America through his Cincinnati law firm.

Ex-congressmen registered as lobbyists include Clyde T. Ellis (D., Ark.), registered as \$12,000 a year executive manager of National Rural Electric Cooperative association; H. Jerry Voorhis (D., Cal.), general secretary of the Cooperative League of America at \$7,500 a year; Albert E. Carter (R., Cal.), \$1,000 monthly retainer for Pacific Gas and Electric Co.; Robert Ramspeck (D., Ga.), \$25,000 a year vice-president of Air Transport association; John J. O'Connor (D., N. Y.), \$3,600 annual salary as lobbyist for Society of Marine Inspectors; Malcolm E. Tarver (D., Ga.), \$5,000 annual salary representing the Committee on Taxation of the Barytes Industry; Wesley E. Disney (D., Okla.), fees and salaries amounting to approximately \$44,000 representing 13 clients including Independent Natural Gas association, Talc Mining Group, Eastern Magnesium Talc Company, Wilcox Oil Company, Marlboro Cotton Mills, American Hotel Association, Rudolph Wurlitzer Corporation and Western Oil and Gas association; Fritz G. Lanham (D., Tex.), representing the National Patent Council at \$6,000 and the American Fair Trade Council at \$4,000 annually; Clifton A. Woodrum of Virginia, \$36,000 annual salary as president of the American Plant Food Council; Winder R. Harris (D., Va.), \$15,000 representing the Shipbuilders Council of America.

Then there is ex-congressman Roger Slaughter (D., Mo.), under federal indictment for failure to register as a lobbyist and said to represent Midwest grains groups interested in 1948 Commodity Credit Corporation legislation. He is credited with having pushed through the legislation which took away from CCC authority to buy or lease storage space for grain.  
Some ex-members are not registered as lobbyists but have taken lucrative jobs here such as Clarence F. Lea (D., Cal.), government relations director of the Transportation Association of America; Jennings Randolph of West Virginia, assistant to the president of Capital Airlines; and John Baer (R., N. J.), cartoonist for labor and farm papers.  
Chief complaint concerning ex-senators and congressmen as lobbyists is their possible use of floor privileges in the congress. All ex-senators have the privilege of the floor—that is, they can go on the senate floor and frequent the cloak-rooms, etc. House rules limit attendance on the floor or in the lobbies or rooms leading to the house chamber to ex-members "who are not interested in any claim or directly in any bill pending before congress." The resolution proposed by Senator Kilgore (D., W. Va.) would give special attention to this group of ex-congressmen in his proposed probe of lobbyist activities.

**VA Guaranteed Loans Drop In State During 1948**

The Veterans Administration guaranteed loans of almost 13 and three-quarter million dollars in South Carolina during 1948, it was announced yesterday by Edward B. Turner, manager of the South Carolina VA regional office. This was less than half the amount guaranteed during 1947, Mr. Turner said.

During the calendar year, 1948, loans were made to 3,015 World War II South Carolina veterans amounting to \$13,718,568.29. The VA guaranteed \$6,588,035.17. During 1947, loans were made to 6,658 veterans in the amount of \$29,363,179.93. Since the passage of the servicemen's readjustment act of 1944, 13,889 South Carolina veterans have borrowed \$61,765,478 under the loan provisions of the act, with the VA guaranteeing \$30,790,765.

The average amount of each loan increased from \$4,410.20 in 1947 to \$4,510.10 in 1948.

Mr. Turner said that the decrease in number of loans made was attributable in part, to a tightening up of an adequate secondary market for home loans. Veterans who have not obtained homes are showing a marked tendency to wait for a drop in prices to fit their pocketbooks. Mr. Turner pointed out that but seven per cent of the eligible veterans

in South Carolina had utilized their GI loan privileges. They have until July 25, 1957, to use their loans.

The VA guaranteed up to 50 per cent of a GI loan up to a maximum guarantee of \$4,000 on real estate and \$2,000 on non-real estate. The VA imposes no limit, however, on the amount an eligible veteran may borrow on a GI loan.

**SIX-INCH SERMON**

By Rev. Robert H. Harper

**JESUS FACES OPPOSITION.**

Lesson for February 13: Mark 2: 3-8, 2:16-7; 3:1-6.  
Memory Selection: Romans 12:21.

We have a fine example of common faith and loving cooperation in the four men who let the palsied man down through the roof and into the presence of Jesus. Certain of the scribes present, when they heard Jesus say, "Thy sins be forgiven thee," said in their hearts: "Who can forgive sins but One, even God?" Thus did opposition form against Jesus.

Again, when the scribes saw Jesus eating with publicans and sinners, condemned Him for so doing. The Lord turned the criticism into an opportunity of declaring that He had come not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.

A flagrant example of the growing hostility of the scribes and pharisees is found in the healing of the man

who had a withered hand. When His enemies watched him to see what he would do, it being in the synagogue and on the Sabbath, Jesus asked them if it was lawful to do good on the Sabbath, to save life or to kill. He then bade the man stretch forth his hand and it was restored.

His enemies then went out to take counsel with the Herodians to put Jesus out of the way. But neither they nor any others have been able to stop the proclamations of the gospel. As they utterly failed to destroy the work of Jesus, though they had Him crucified, here is no escape from His claims upon us. Let us be glad to yield to His overtures of love.

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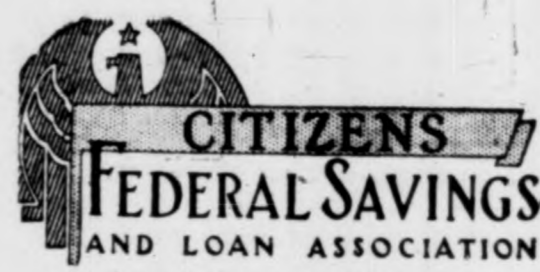
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This is not a "Land Year," so real estate should not be returned this year except in the cases of newly acquired property or where new buildings have been erected. All who have acquired real estate and built new houses are especially urged to make returns as this will greatly assist in keeping the records straight.

All household goods and furniture used in the home of the owner of such goods and furniture are exempted from taxation and need not be returned.

Please do not wait until the last day as it requires more time to fill out blanks than usual.

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