

Stockholders Wilkesboro Production Credit Assn. To Meet on February 2

Directors to Be Elected for Ensuing Year. Borrowers in Watauga Invited to Attend. Report of Years Work to Be Given.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Wilkesboro Production Credit Association serving the counties of Wilkes, Caldwell, Watauga, Ashe, Alleghany, Surry and Yadkin, will be held February 2nd, 1935, 11 o'clock a. m., at the courthouse in Wilkesboro, according to advice just received from the secretary-treasurer, T. W. Ferguson.

Not only are all borrowers from the association, the holders of Class B stock, expected to be present, but a most cordial invitation is also extended to all farmers in the territory served by the Association, and it is hoped that a large number will accept the invitation. Every member of the association is urged to bring one or more non-members with him, as it is the desire of the organization that every farmer in this section shall acquaint himself with the credit service which it has to offer.

Directors of the association for the ensuing year will be elected at this meeting, and every member of the association is entitled to cast one vote regardless of the number of shares he owns. A complete report of the year's operations of the organization will be submitted, and an explanation of the set-up of the Third District given by a representative of the Production Credit Corporation of Columbia.

Secretary Ferguson states that the Wilkesboro Association has completed a very successful year, with almost 10 per cent collections thus far. Farmers should understand that the rate of interest is 5 per cent and that loans are being made every day for production purposes, with spring-planted crops and livestock as collateral. Loans can also be obtained by stockholders for the purpose of enabling them to make home alterations, repairs and improvements on farm dwellings. It will be left up to the stockholders in their meeting of February 2nd as to whether this kind of loan will be granted to non-stockholders.

Farmers are urged to file their applications now for loans on spring-planted crops. Livestock loans are also available at any time with an interest rate of 5 per cent, and maturity dates running from one year to three. For example, a livestock grower can borrow and pay back one-third at end of each year for three years.

Arrangements are being made to take applications in each of the seven counties served so as to save the applicant the inconvenience of going to the home office at Wilkesboro. For complete information on loans, Watauga farmers may communicate with S. C. Eggers, local secretary, in the Watauga County Bank building.

FARMERS OF STATE LOSE LANDS TO BECOME TENANTS

Farm tenancy is being brought about in these latter years by farmers losing their lands and sliding down the social scale from landowner, to renter, to share cropper, to laborer, and this means a new approach must be made to the problem as studied by agricultural leaders.

"Fully 60 per cent of the farm laborers involved in a recent study made by the experiment station were once landowners," said Dr. C. Horace Hamilton, rural sociologist at State College, in an address before the annual extension conference last week. "This indicates that we have been thinking incorrectly about the tenant problem. We have few cases where laborers got to be share croppers, cash renters and finally landowners. The trend is down the other way and it means that drastic action must be taken to rid the State and the South of the tenancy evil."

Dr. Hamilton said there were some good aspects of tenancy in that it allowed a division of labor and other advantages. He said also that tenancy is not a natural result of the type of agriculture in a section, yet he declared the system to be a blight on the development of a high type of rural citizenship and should be wiped out.

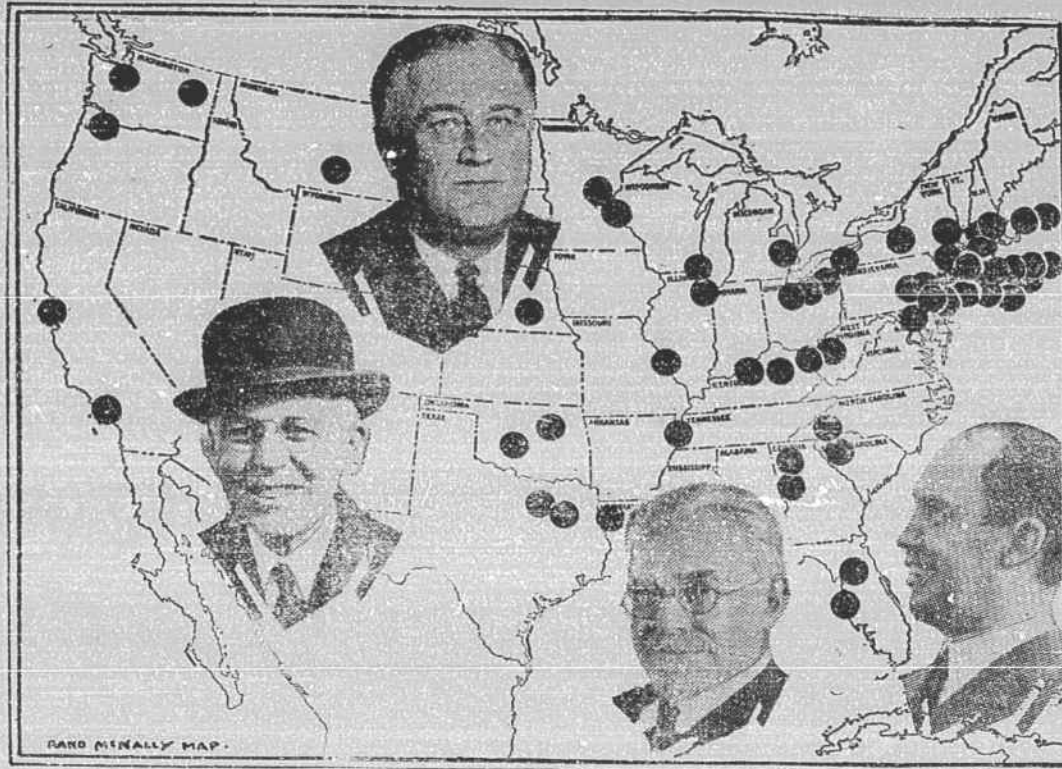
Some of the suggestions he made for building a land-owning citizenry in the State included: easier credit for smaller farmers; a graduated land tax which would tend to break up the large estates; diversification of agriculture other than by production control; payments of principal and interest on land to fluctuate with the index of farm income; eliminate the risk of foreclosure, and make former 4-H Club members and other such persons a preferred group from which to build land owners.

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BIRTHDAY BALL FOR PRESIDENT FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT WILL RAISE FUND TO AID INFANTILE PARALYSIS VICTIMS



When President Roosevelt recently consented to "lend" his 53rd birthday anniversary on January 30, 1935, to a nation-wide ball, proceeds of which will be used to fight infantile paralysis, Mayor Tracy Council immediately got into action, named a committee on arrangements, secured the ballroom of the Daniel Boone Hotel, and has laid extensive plans for a repetition of that delightful "party" given on the same date last winter.

A complete program for the ball will be printed in next week's paper, and those who enjoy dancing are urged by Boone's mayor to reserve Wednesday night, January 30th—for dancers on that night will be aiding some little crippled youngsters to have a "real chance" at a normal life.

The map above shows the number of orthopedic hospitals in the United States recognized by the American Medical Association, and their location. These sixty-nine today carry the load in giving treatment to the 200,000 persons in the country who bear the handicaps of infantile paralysis. Seventy cents here will be retained to aid paralysis victims in Watauga.

The other 30 cents will be turned over to the President's Birthday Ball Commission for Infantile Paralysis Research headed by Col. Henry L. Dougherty (lower center) of New York and Miami, who was chairman of the 1934 Birthday Ball

Mountain City, Tenn., with Rev. Byrd officiating.

The bride is the attractive and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Banner of Sugar Grove, N. C. She received her education at the A. S. T. C., Boone, N. C., and is now a teacher of Watauga County.

Mr. Henson is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Henson of Amantba, N. C. He received his education at Cove Creek and is now employed by the Government as ERE farm foreman.

and was recently appointed to serve in the same capacity in 1935.

The vice-president is Jeremiah Minkov (lower right) of New York, treasurer and trustee of the Institute for the Crippled and Disabled and a noted philanthropist. Paul de Kuff, formerly a bacteriologist at Rockefeller Institute and famous as an author, will be secretary, while Edward S. Harkness (lower left), a trustee of the Presbyterian Hospital and of the Metropolitan Museum of New York, will be treasurer.

Other members of the Commission are Felix M. Warburg, Senator James Couzens, John S. Burke, Edsel B. Ford, Lessing Rosenwald, Mrs. Nicholas Brady, and Raymond B. Fosdick.

Special Emphasis Laid On Plight of Carolina Teachers by Governor

High Cost of Living Makes Condition Intolerable, Says Ehringhaus in Message to Assembly. Normal Pay Expected Soon.

Raleigh, N. C.—Governor Ehringhaus, in his biennial message to the General Assembly last week, laid special emphasis on the need and urgency of starting back to normal pre-depression basis for the salaries of teachers and other State employees, saying that the increases in the cost of living make the conditions acute and distressing.

He refers to the progress made in collars and percentages, and states that proper credit has not been given "the sacrificial service of the State's employees in every phase of its activity." Further, he says: "the cost of living has advanced and the losses entailed by salary cuts have become more acute."

"Today, in answer to the demands of decency as well as deserts, the great necessity is for an increased wage and provision along the line and for as rapid and near approach to pre-depression levels as our circumstances and a sound fiscal policy permits. . . . The tide has turned and the day has come when we should start resolutely and with a measurable step on the journey toward normal and adequate functioning and compensation," even though "we are still in the shadow of the great depression" and there is still need for great caution.

"We need and must have a substantial increase in our appropriation for schools, Teachers' as well as other salaries are at much too low a level," Governor Ehringhaus told the General Assembly.

In his message Governor Ehringhaus praised the courage of the 1933 General Assembly, which, in the face of the depression, gave every child in North Carolina, rural and urban, colored as well as white, the benefit of a full eight-months term and paid its teachers in full and on time. This, he said, is not the maximum possible, but the minimum. He indicated that it is now time to move up from the solid basis of the State's present educational set-up as the financial structure of the State will permit.

Brick brooders are being built by Catawba poultrymen for the economical production of broilers this spring.

AN APPRECIATION

The resignation and departure of our beloved pastor, Rev. J. C. Canipe, has brought to our minds the realization that all human ties and relationships, however pleasant they may be, must ultimately be broken.

When he came to us seven years ago with his buoyant, optimistic personality—which had been cultivated and ripened by years at the Seminary and in evangelistic work—we marveled at his thoughts and the eloquence of his tongue. He has done a wonderful work. Each year has many laurels to his credit—the membership greatly enlarged, the spiritual life deepened, also the congregation has gone forward in a material way under his leadership. A lovely new house of worship has been constructed and the entire Baptist household of this vicinity has taken on new life.

Although our minds and hearts were to some degree prepared for the inevitable, yet his resignation and departure was a shock of regret to the entire membership of the church.

Be it resolved that we, the members of Siler City Baptist Church, in conference duly assembled, do hereby express to Rev. Canipe and his splendid wife our sincere Christian affection and our eternal gratitude for the faithful and efficient service which they have rendered unto the Lord's cause in this community, and our deep regret at their departure from our midst, and our earnest good wishes for their future welfare, happiness and success. And further, we do most whole-heartedly commend them to the Church at Boone, North Carolina, and may God's richest blessings attend them as they labor in the newly chosen field.

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