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Deterioration By Erosion Is Great Menace to Farms

Agronomist of Soil Erosion Service Addresses Kiwanians in City

POINTS OUT LOSSES

Strong Agricultural Soil Called Greatest Asset to Any Community

Piedmont soils of North Carolina are given to severe washing, members of the Kiwanis club were told Friday by W. E. Bowers, agronomist of the soil erosion service, United States department of the interior, guest speaker during the club's weekly luncheon hour at Hotel Wilkes.

Where characteristics of Piedmont soils to erode combined with attending conditions of sloping land, heavy rainfall, and erosion-inducing practices of tilling and cropping make the area more subject to rainwash, perhaps, than the soils of any other section, said Mr. Bowers.

"The soil of any agricultural section," he continued, "is that section's most indispensable asset, and its protection from impoverishment and wastage by unrestrained erosion is of momentous importance if we expect to establish a more solid farming regime upon which to build better economic and social standards."

"Land deterioration in the past has markedly influenced, and even determined, destinies of nations," Mr. Bowers reminded those present. "Strong agricultural soils," he pointed out, "form a basis of national greatness, and wise utilization of them make for a sustained national security."

Soil wasting in the United States is far greater than with any race of people, civilized or barbaric, in history.

Mr. Bowers explained that it took nature upward of 1,000 years to build an inch of piedmont topsoil, while a farmer tilling a cultivated crop on a steep slope under haphazard methods may lose it in only one year, and in five years on a gentle slope.

The speaker pointed out that erosion robs the soil of as much plant food in one year as the farmer takes from the soil in 20 years.

"Already the nation has permitted the destruction from erosion of an area of formerly cultivated land exceeding the combined extent of Illinois, Massachusetts and Connecticut," the erosion specialist declared, "or the equivalent of 220,000 farms of 160 acres each, valued at \$500,000,000. In addition, erosion has stripped off almost all the topsoil from 125 million acres continued to be cultivated but from which farmers hopelessly are deriving nothing more than a lot of work."

"North Carolina farmers lose 66 million dollars annually from erosion," the speaker said, "and that loss doesn't include the stupendous damage that aggravates erosion does to highways, and in silting up city water supply reservoirs and the clogging of stream channels, causing greater and more frequent floods. Fifty to 60 per cent of the rich bottoms in North Carolina have been made unproductive due to

Teachers' Meet Will Be Tuesday

All Teachers Who Have Not Started Work Are Requested To Attend

A meeting for all teachers in the county who have not started their schools will be held in the Wilkesboro school auditorium on Tuesday, August 28, at ten o'clock.

Announcement of the meeting was made recently by C. B. Eller, county superintendent of schools. Attendance of all teachers who are to be employed in the schools of the county is required.

An effort is being made this year to arrange the teachers' meetings on the basis of need instead of at regular intervals.

In the meeting to be held Tuesday the teachers will discuss some of the major problems to be faced during the coming term, including application of the new course of study and new text books.

Reported Engaged



New York. From Monte Carlo comes the engagement announcement of Miss Merle Oberon (above), youthful English screen star, to Joseph M. Schenck, American movie producer and recent husband of Norma Talmadge, who just arrived from France.

Revival Meeting In Progress at Cub Creek

With Rev. N. T. Jarvis, well known Baptist minister doing the preaching the annual revival campaign at Cub Creek Baptist church started Sunday night. Service will be held twice daily throughout this week, the hours being 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Song service starts each morning at 10:30 a. m.

The public is cordially invited to attend the series of meetings, and much interest is expected to be taken during the meetings.

Work On City Waterworks Project Will Begin Early In September

Brother Of Mrs. Gordon Finley Dies in Washington

Mr. Guy V. Barnes, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Guy V. Barnes, of Kittrell, died in Washington, D. C. Thursday Aug. 23, following an attack of angina pectoris. Mr. Barnes is survived by one sister, Mrs. Gordon Finley, of this city, and three brothers, Mr. R. E. Barnes and Mr. Thomas R. Barnes, of Jacksonville, Fla., and Mr. Robert B. Barnes, of New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Finley attended the funeral service and burial in Arlington cemetery Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Mr. Barnes was a World War veteran and was buried with military honors.

Calls Attention To State Taxes

Deputy Collector Warns Taxpayers To Avoid Further Penalties

J. R. Rousseau, deputy collector of state taxes for Wilkes County, stated today that many state taxpayers are delinquent and unless they pay before September 1st an additional penalty of five per cent will be added.

"Many taxpayers have not paid their schedule B licenses and an additional penalty of five per cent will be added after September 1st, making the total penalty 15 per cent," Mr. Rousseau said.

He also called attention to the fact that many parties doing private outdoor advertising have so far failed to pay the \$1.00 due on each individual outdoor sign. These taxes, Mr. Rousseau said, must be paid at once.

The state department of revenue is demanding that every merchant who has not filed sales tax report for the year ending June 30th, 1934, must do so immediately. Attention is also called to the fact that a yearly registration fee of one dollar is required of each individual merchant or place of business. For those who have not paid these fees the penalty will be increased after September 1.

In this connection Mr. Rousseau pointed out that a copy of the new sales tax rulings had been mailed to every merchant and place of business and that they should carefully read this pamphlet.

Mr. Rousseau's office is located in the Deposit & Savings Bank building and he will be glad to assist any state taxpayer by giving any desired information in regard to tax schedules and payments.

Hope To Receive Good Prices For Short Apple Crop

Buyers From Many Distant Points Already Engaging Fruit From Brushies

TRUCK TRADE BIGGEST BRUSHY MOUNTAIN APPLE CROP THIS YEAR ONLY 50 PER CENT OF NORMAL

Orchardists of the nationally known thermal belt on the Brushy mountains are hoping to obtain a fair price for their apple crop this year.

Although the crop is only about 50 per cent of normal the quality so far is exceedingly good, according to reports from a number of orchardists.

The short crop and good quality should make for fair prices for apples this year, the orchardists think, and truckers from distant points are already engaging shipments from some of the orchards.

The national reputation of the thermal belt as an apple-growing country is shown by the fact that truck haulers and firms from such far away points as Miami, Florida, have already been contacting the orchardists in an effort to buy apples this fall at \$1.00 per bushel in the orchards on the Brushies.

The apple crop this year is not so evenly distributed. Some orchards have 75 per cent of a full crop while others have as low as 25 per cent of normal.

Representative of Contracting Firm Was Visitor Here Thursday

Construction of the new waterworks system for the town of North Wilkesboro will begin early in September, according to information given out by contractors while on a visit here Thursday.

J. M. Setzer, a representative of the Elliot Building company, of Hickory, was here Thursday looking after matters in preparation for beginning work, which he said his company hoped to do by September 4. This company has the general contract for the installation of the system, with the exception of three tanks and towers to be erected by the R. D. Cole Manufacturing company, of Newman, Ga.

The waterworks construction is a public works project, which is being financed by the city and the PWA, which allowed a grant of 30 per cent of the cost of labor and materials and has purchased the city's bonds for the remainder of the cost of the project.

The contracts call for enlarging and improving the water system to meet the needs of a growing city. Three additional water storage tanks will be constructed at such points as will best serve the city.

A tank of 50,000 gallons capacity will be erected just above the filtration plant and will be used as a wash water tank. A 200,000-gallon storage tank will be erected beside the present

Lions Club In Picnic Meeting

Plans Are Made For Ball Game For Benefit of Boy Scout Troops

Members of the North Wilkesboro Lions club and five guests enjoyed a most delightful picnic at the home of J. B. Carter on the Brushies Thursday evening at 6:30.

Following the repast, spread on the lawn at the cottage amid the refreshing mountain breezes, a short business session was held.

In the absence of the president, Ivey More, first vice president, Dr. H. B. Smith, presided. Mr. Moore has been a patient in a Charlotte hospital for the past several days.

Plans were discussed for the proposed baseball game between the players of the "old school" and the Home Chair company team. H. V. Wagoner was appointed to arrange for the game.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hodges, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Higgins, Jr., and Mrs. Shelton Bower.

Crowds Flock to See Nemar's Blindfold Drive



Crowds massed the streets of Henderson the first of last week to witness the noted blindfold drive of Professor Nemar, who will make the same kind of ride in North Wilkesboro at 1 p. m. Friday, Aug. 31st, and 11 a. m., Saturday, Sept. 1st. The above picture was rushed to The Journal-Patriot from Henderson yesterday, showing a portion of the big crowds.

E. B. Jeffress Has Attack Hemiplegia

His Entire Left Side Affected; Conscious At Brief Intervals Sunday

Greensboro, Aug. 26.—Edwin B. Jeffress, chairman of the state highway and public works commission, and president of Greensboro News company, had a sudden attack of vertigo early Sunday morning at his home in Irving park. He was removed to St. Leo's hospital. Dr. Ralph E. Dees, the attending physician, said late Sunday that the patient was resting as well as could be expected in the condition.

The diagnosis is hemiplegia. The entire left side is affected. During the day he was conscious at brief intervals.

It is hoped that with absolute rest and quiet for a few days Mr. Jeffress may react quickly towards recovery, as his general condition has been excellent. Meanwhile no one will be permitted to see him.

J. D. Kenerly Dies Suddenly

Prominent Citizen of This City Stricken in Salisbury Thursday

John D. Kenerly, prominent and widely known building contractor of this city, died suddenly in Salisbury Thursday afternoon. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

Mr. Kenerly was in Salisbury looking after business matters and had walked into Kenerly and Parker Store. His nephew, Hermap Kenerly, asked him how he was feeling and he replied that he was not feeling so well. He walked a few steps and fell dead.

He was 55 years of age, a son of the late G. H. and Ellen Jane Walton Kenerly, of Woodleaf. While a young man he entered the contracting business and was most successful as a contractor in many sections of the country.

He began his business career in Salisbury, later engaging in general contracting in Oklahoma, Washington, D. C., Hendersonville and Statesville. Five years ago he moved from Statesville to North Wilkesboro and during his stay here he made numerous friends who were saddened at his sudden passing.

Several years ago he was married to Miss Jessie Troutman, of Statesville, and there is one child, J. D. Kenerly, Jr. In addition to his wife and child he leaves the following brothers and sisters: Jim Kenerly, Winston-Salem; Gray Kenerly, Salisbury; Dan Kenerly, Greensboro; T. S. Kenerly, North Wilkesboro; Mrs. J. P. Lanning, Greensboro; Mrs. T. E. Conrad, Salisbury; and Mrs. D. D. Pope, Woodleaf.

A most impressive funeral service was held Saturday afternoon, three o'clock, at the First Methodist church in Salisbury. The services were conducted by a former pastor of Mr. Kenerly here, Rev. J. H. Armbrust, now of Hickory, assisted by Dr. W. A. Jenkins, pastor of the Methodist church here and Dr. Newell, pastor of the Salisbury First Methodist church.

Many people from this city attended the last rites. A bountiful and beautiful floral tribute was offered by the many friends of Mr. Kenerly from this city and in Salisbury.

Super Sports Attraction Promised In Boy Scout Baseball Benefit Game

Doughton Will Open Campaign At Boone

On Saturday, September 15, beginning at one o'clock, Hon. R. L. Doughton, candidate for re-election to Congress from the ninth district on the democratic ticket will formally begin his campaign at Boone.

The meeting will take the form of a general pow-wow for the ten counties in Mr. Doughton's district and delegations from each county will be present.

DELAY IN SCHOOL OPENING WILL NOT AFFECT CITY SCHOOLS

Delay in opening a number of schools in the county on account of difficulties in arranging the transportation difficulties will not affect the North Wilkesboro city schools, which will begin classroom work on September 10 as was formerly announced.

Mrs. Prevette To Open Music School Sept. 10th

Mrs. R. E. Prevette announces the opening of her Music Classes in piano, voice and theory, on Monday, Sept. 10th, at the Wilkesboro high school.

Mrs. Prevette has had twenty-six years successful experience as a teacher of music. She received her early musical training from a noted teacher, Jenny V. Culver, a New England Conservatory graduate and pupil of Leschetizky. Mrs. Prevette holds teacher's certificates from the University of North Carolina and from Greensboro College. She has studied with such outstanding musicians as Marie Von Unschuld, Austrian Concert Pianist and graduate of the Vienna Conservatory of Music; Hazel Gertrude Kinsella, eminent American composer and pianist; and Paul J. Weaver, now Director of Music in Cornell University.

Mrs. Prevette has had unusual

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Exchange of S. S. Teachers

Teachers of Three Bible Classes To Exchange Classes For Month

Following a popular custom of recent years, teachers in the Men's Bible classes of the Sunday schools in the First Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches will exchange classes during September.

The schedule of exchanges as announced today are as follows: Sunday, September 3—D. C. Dettor at Baptist; A. H. Casey at Methodist; W. D. Halfacre at Presbyterian.

Sunday, September 9—Teachers will teach their regular classes as follows: A. H. Casey at Baptist; W. D. Halfacre at Methodist; D. C. Dettor at Presbyterian.

Sunday, September 16—W. D. Halfacre at Baptist; D. C. Dettor at Methodist; A. H. Casey at Presbyterian.

Sunday, September 23—Classes of the three churches will gather in the auditorium at the First Baptist church to hear the lesson taught by Dr. W. A. Jenkins, pastor of the Methodist church.

H. V. Wagoner to Assemble Team to Play Home Chair Outfit Sept. 6

One of the outstanding sport attractions for the remainder of the summer season here will be the Scout benefit baseball game, which is being sponsored by the North Wilkesboro Lions club.

It is announced that Manager Ralph Bowman, of the Home Chair company baseball team, has agreed to use his players for one side of the big game. The cream of baseball players from the city and surrounding community will be assembled for the opposition.

This game, for which the date has been set as Sept. 6, will be for the benefit of the Boy Scout troops.

H. V. Wagoner, representing the Lions club, has the job of getting the team together to oppose the Home Chair nine, which is one of the best teams in northwestern North Carolina.

In order to even the odds and make the game the super attraction that it should be, Crook and Pardue, of the Home Chair team, will play with the all stars. Battery for the Home Chair team will be announced later.

School Opening Date Uncertain

State and County Still In Deadlock Over Transportation Budgets

Date for the opening of high school and elementary schools which are served by transportation of children on school buses is still indefinite, there being no break in the deadlock between the county and state over appropriations for contract transportation.

August 29th was the date set for the opening of all the high schools in the county and the elementary schools which have not already opened but on account of the fact that the state appropriated only enough funds to care for transportation on a basis of county-owned buses it was necessary for an indefinite postponement to be made in school openings.

C. B. Eller, county superintendent, and the county board of education have made every effort to get the matter arranged in time for the schools to open this week but so far have been unsuccessful.

Delegation To Confer On School Buses For Wilkes

Raleigh, Aug. 25.—A Wilkes county delegation will confer with Leroy Martin, secretary of the state school commission, next week regarding the transportation of Wilkes school children during the coming term.

Schools in that county were slated to open Wednesday, but a postponement was necessary due to a misunderstanding which left the county without sufficient school buses.

Wilkes was one of the counties which did not own buses when the state took over all schools, and the children were transported by contract carriers. Mr. Martin said he understood the county commissioners had declined to furnish \$2,000 as the county's part toward this service.

Youth Is Slain While Trying To Arrest Fugitive

Son of Deputy Sheriff W. B. Hall Shot During Scuffle With Damon Cox

NEAR THURMOND

Young Hall Died Yesterday; Alleged Slayer In Surry County Jail

William R. Hall, twenty-one-year-old son of Deputy Sheriff W. B. Hall, of Thurmond, died at noon Sunday in the hospital at Elkin from a bullet wound said to have been inflicted Saturday night by Damon Cox.

Deputy Hall, his son and a neighbor, were called to the home of a Mrs. Holcomb to arrest C. Combs and Damon Cox, youths of the Mountain Park community in Surry county, and were chasing the two men from the home.

The two men were overtaken near the Wilkes-Surry line and the elder Hall nabbed Combs, delegating his son to go for Cox. In the scuffle which ensued Cox is alleged to have fired a shotgun into the body of young Hall.

Cox fled while Combs was being made secure by handcuffs but was apprehended a short while later and both were placed in the Surry county jail at Dobson.

Combs and Cox were alleged to have been drunk and were shooting into the Holcomb home, according to reports of the affair.

The victim of the tragedy is survived by his parents and several brothers and sisters.

DAVIS IS DEFINITELY IDENTIFIED AS KILLER

Raleigh, Aug. 23.—Ralph Davis, 25-year-old outlaw, was "definitely identified" today by eye-witnesses as the man who killed Sheriff G. C. Kimball, of Iredell county, in a gun battle near Statesville last Friday, Deputy Warden Bowen Dorsey, of state prison told newspapermen here.

Davis is at the prison for safekeeping, having been brought in a few hours after he was captured in Concord Tuesday.

EXCELLENT MEETING AT PILGRIM CHURCH

Seventeen were added to the church membership as the result of a revival meeting which came to a close at Pilgrim Baptist church near Congo Sunday. The pastor, Rev. A. W. Eller, was assisted in the meeting by Rev. B. L. Minton.

Fifteen were baptised by the pastor in a service held at Lewis Fork Creek Sunday afternoon. Professions and restorations totaled 25.

The pastor and the church wish to thank everyone who attended and helped to make the revival such a success.

This week Rev. Mr. Eller is assisting Rev. B. L. Minton in a revival at Mount View Baptist church in Watauga county.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Brown, of Winston-Salem, were guests in the home of Mrs. M. M. Darlington, Sunday.

P. M. Parker Is Taken By Death

Well Known Citizen of Straw Community Succumbed Sunday Afternoon

P. M. Parker, resident of the Straw community and a member of a well known family of this county, passed away Sunday at 1:10 at his home.

Mr. Parker had been in feeble health for three years and several days ago was taken critically ill with pneumonia. He lived a peaceful and exemplary life at his farm home and was held in highest esteem by his neighbors and friends. He was a member of the Baptist church.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Mary Emily Johnson Parker and five children as follows: Mrs. J. O. Galloway, of Winterville; Mrs. T. M. Marlow, Elmhurst, Illinois; Mrs. W. P. Kelly, North Wilkesboro; J. C. Parker, Winston-Salem; P. C. Parker, Patchogue, N. Y. Also surviving are eight grandchildren.

Funeral service will be held tomorrow afternoon, 3 o'clock at Arbor Church near Straw.