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Local Office Has Paid \$242,190 To Jobless In 32 Months Period

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unemployed and partially unemployed workers in this area in the first six months of 1940, while benefits distributed in the 32 months of payments reached \$242,190, it is announced by G. G. Gentry, local office manager, based on figures compiled in the Central office of the U. S. Unemployment Compensation Commission.

Benefits have been distributed by the local office this year by months, as follows: January, \$3,658; February, \$4,540; March, \$4,539; April, \$5,044; May, \$5,957; June, \$9,038; total, \$32,574.

Benefit payments on a State-wide basis have shown reasonably large increases during each of the six months of this year, over the preceding month, indicating a marked increase in the extent of unemployment in the State. Payments in the six months, totaling \$2,292,682.14, were as follows: January, \$285,382.35; February, \$308,145.51; March, \$352,225.98; April, \$417,426.27; May, \$438,712.05; June, \$490,789.86.

Total distributions of the jobless benefits in the 32 months of payments, from January, 1938, through June, 1940, were \$14,903,248.27, which includes \$273,646.32 sent to residents of other states who had previously earned credits in North Carolina.

These benefits have been distributed by 46 local white officers, with 10 branches which serve colored people in the immediate areas of the offices. The 46 white officers serve white people in their immediate areas and also white and colored people in outlying sections by means of regular visits of representatives to about 125 "service" points and, at present, to about 175 "spot" points in rural or urban sections where plant lay-offs may occur.

Ferguson News

FERGUSON, July 15.—Death has claimed several of our citizens as victims in the last few weeks. Mr. E. Hill McNeil, citizen of the Gladly Fork section and former Deputy Sheriff died last week and was buried at the Elk Creek Baptist church cemetery. The particulars of his death and funeral have already been carried in the papers. Mr. McNeil was the oldest of the children of the late Mr. and Mrs. George McNeil and had always been very active as a farmer and also served his county and community in a public capacity a number of times. He married the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Barlow and several children survive, Robt., Frank, Edgar McNeil and Mrs. Grover Hamby together with his wife, Mrs. Annie Barlow McNeil. He is also survived by two brothers Messrs. Jesse McNeil, of Lenoir, and Fred McNeil, of Ferguson, and one sister, Mrs. W. E. Horton, of Ferguson. Mr. McNeil was always very courteous as an officer and was popular with those who knew him. His presence will be greatly missed.

Mr. John McNeil, for the last several years an honored citizen of this community, died Friday and was buried at Mt. Pleasant cemetery Sunday afternoon. Uncle John, as he was familiarly known here, had been sick for a year or more and had been a very patient sufferer. His condition had become serious only in the last few weeks. He resided at the home of son, Mr. Chas. McNeil, merchant of Ferguson, when he died. The funeral was conducted at Mt. Pleasant church in the presence of a large number of sorrowing relatives and friends, by Revs. A. J. Foster, of Ferguson, and Atwell Watts, of Taylorsville. He is survived by several children, C. M. McNeil, Roby McNeil, Mrs. Hobart Smith. Also the following brothers and sisters, Messrs. Jeff McNeil, of Roaring River, Jimmie McNeil, Harvey McNeil and Mrs. Dyer, of Champion, Mrs. R. L. Proffit, of Goshen and Mrs. Harrison Shumake, of Congo. Mr. McNeil was for many years in charge of a local store and was noted for his courtesy to the public. He was always liked by all who knew him and it is said of him he had but few if any enemies. He was twice married and both of his wives preceded him to the grave.

Mr. Vilas Walsh and family happened to a very distressing automobile accident some days ago on highway No. 18 near Boomer, when his car collided with a car going in opposite directions. Mr. Walsh together with the members of his family were rather painfully bruised and Mrs. Walsh had some bones broken about her face. All were taken to Wilkes hospital where they received treatment and they are reported to be on the road to recovery. We are glad to note.

Miss Ina Hayes attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Hayes, was married some days ago to Mr. Ronald Blair Earl in Mountain City, Tenn. Both of these young people are

recent graduates of high school and the community wishes them a most happy and prosperous life together. They will reside here. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Coffey, of Okla., Mrs. Hattie Stewart and daughter, Miss Frances, of Okla., together with Miss Mary Coffey, of Lenoir, visited friends in the community Saturday. It will be recalled that Mr. Coffey and Mrs. Stewart are former residents of Happy Valley and moved to Okla. many years ago. They will spend some time in North Carolina visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. Greens Eller was taken to a Statesville hospital Sunday by his son, Mr. Elmo Eller, for treatment.

Barber's Garage In New Location

New Building Near State Prison Camp Is Now Ready For Use

Through an advertisement in this issue of The Journal-Patriot announcement is made of the complete readiness for service to the motorists of this section, and Mr. Joe Barber, the proprietor, states that he is in much better position to serve the public than heretofore.

The firm caters to general auto repairing, body and fender work, and maintains a paint department. Amoco gas and oils are also sold.

Mr. Barber is an experienced mechanic, and personally supervises the work entrusted to the firm. You are invited to pay a visit and get full information on any repair or paint job. The shop is now located on the new highway adjoining the State Prison Camp.

Floyd Gives Reason For Leaf Balloting

Farmers have been growing more flue-cured tobacco than the demand called for. E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer of N. C. State College, said in explaining why growers will vote in a leaf referendum July 20.

Consumption of flue-cured tobacco in cigarettes and smoking and chewing tobacco increased about 13,000,000 pounds in 1939 over 1938. However, the 1939 crop was nearly 400,000,000 pounds larger than the current estimated level of world consumption. This surplus will continue to depress prices until it can be eliminated.

"This is why it is so important," Floyd stated, "that North Carolina growers should continue their efforts to adjust the supply to the demand under the proposed 3-year marketing quota program. 'Flue-cured tobacco,' he continued, "is a benefit to farmers only if it returns an income above the expense of growing it. While surplus supplies are on the market, it is less profitable than it should be, and may even be unprofitable. Therefore, the quicker supplies are brought in line with demand, and kept in line, the better farmers' income from flue-cured tobacco will be."

Wilkes Child Ill From Snake Bite

Elkin.—Dennis Pinnix, 10-year-old son of Mrs. Alice Pinnix is very ill at the home, three miles west of Elkin, as the result of a snake-bite wound suffered when he was bitten on the ankle by a large copperhead snake on the farm.

The lad had been chopping corn in a field, adjacent to a strip of woodland and, while walking at the edge of the forest, stepped upon the reptile, which he had failed to observe coiled on the ground.

He was brought to the office of an Elkin physician for immediate attention after the attack by the snake. According to the puncture by the reptile's fangs, the snake must have been a large one.

Miss Ruby Dell Watts Is Hostess At Party

Census Shows Cities' Growth Is Slowing Up

Chicago.—The phenomenal growth of the large American cities is now ended, and the nation appears to be entering an era of "better balance" with interurbanism dominant.

So says Prof. William L. Bailey, Northwestern University sociologist, in an analysis of the first 1940 census reports. The partial returns, he believes, are sufficiently numerous to indicate what may reasonably be expected from the complete report.

Prof. Bailey, who has written at length on community affairs and population trends and long been active in city planning activities, also drew these conclusions from his recent studies: "Excluding California, which continues to be exceptional, especially on the growth of Los Angeles which is twice that of the average of the great cities in these times, the westward movement is over. In fact, the East and South are now the frontier."

"American mobilization calls for doing the most and best with our urban resources and the current census certainly is pointing out the necessity of making our metropolitan centers more attractive. Improving big city morale is a vital aspect of national defense."

The nation's population, he continued, is now about equally divided, a third each to great city, small city and town and rural areas. Therefore, he deduced, "urbanism is no longer the dominant feature in our national life, as ruralism was in the earlier days."

"Current population trends indicate that if the great cities, particularly their central districts, are not desirable, even their suburbs in general are not considered the most attractive places."

"The urban slacking is all along the line, but generally speaking it is 50 per cent more aggravated for the great cities than for the lesser ones."

"In the suburban field, to which so many look hopefully, the larger suburbs show relatively and unexpectedly slight gains. This is true even of residential suburbs which are rated the best in the country for general living conditions."

"It may well turn out that the many and rapidly increasing number of small suburbs and interurban places well-located laterally between metropolitan districts, will show the largest gains. The zone of growth seems to be beyond 20 miles from the larger cities."

The nation, Prof. Bailey asserted, "needs criteria of judging business and society different from the traditional one of mere numbers. Quantitative standards must now—and quickly—be replaced by qualitative ones. Our people and their leaders will need to see things from this new point of view to meet the new trends disclosed by the current census."

SNIPES ENTERS ON DUTIES AS WILKES FARM AGENT TODAY

(Continued from page one) pared to do an excellent work here. "During these almost five years, his reputation has not been belied, for his record shows Mr. Snipes to have wrought well in his capacity as chief assistant to the farm agent. It has been his responsibility to direct the land terracing on Person county farms and to assume a position of leadership in the Four-H Club work among boys of the County, as well as to undertake various other activities that naturally befall a county agent and his assistant.

"In other fields Mr. Snipes has been active, having been superintendent of the Young Peoples Department of the Long Memorial Church School and a teacher of a boys' class. He is a member and past officer of the Roxboro Kiwanis Club and displays an active interest in the affairs of the civic organization. Under his leadership, the Young Peoples Department of the local Methodist church has thrived and grown and continues to advance.

"In going to Wilkes County as farm agent, Mr. Snipes assumes a bigger and probably a more lucrative, from the financial point of view, position than that which he occupied here. We rejoice with him in this recognition of his work, but at the same time we reluctantly relinquish him and his family from our midst. We sincerely believe that the best wishes of all Roxboro and Person County residents will go with the Snipes family as they move westward to a newer environment.

Moravian Falls Players To Give 3 One-Act Plays

Will Be Presented On Friday Night At Wilkesboro School Auditorium, 8:00 o'clock

The Moravian Falls Community Players will present three one-act plays at the Wilkesboro high school auditorium on Friday night, July 15, at 8:00 o'clock. The proceeds will go for the benefit of the Community House building fund.

These plays include a variety of lively, wholesome entertainment, and any one will be worth the admission price of 15c and 25c. "Age Rebels" portrays a group of charming old ladies who tire of being "hampered and pampered" by their children; therefore they decide to rebel and act as "young as arthritis, diabetes, and angina" will let them! The cast consists of Margaret Vestal, Mozelle Davis, Cicely Laws, Margaret Hix, Mildred Reavis, Bettis Pearson, Gena Hix, Isaac Pennell, and Mary Brewer.

The second play, "Sauce for the Goats" is a typical comedy of family life. The parents in a cultured home attempt to cure the children of objectionable manners by adopting the same kind of conduct as the children. Even the delightful old grandmother threatens to "swear." The cast consists of Flake Steelman, Lucy H. Critcher, Justus Brewer, Anne Hayes, Bernice P. Greer, Weaver Green and Mozelle Davis.

The third play, "The White Phantom" is a thrilling mystery, with a unique plot. A not-very-competent officer, a frightened colored maid, a ghost, and other interesting characters will make this play a grand finale to an interesting evening. The cast consists of Louise Pearson, Inez Pennell, Lucille Scroggs, Breta Poe Scroggs, Claude Laws, Davis Hix, Ed Jennings, White Phantom?

Special Meetings At The Advent Church

Evangelist L. B. Eastman, of Spokane, Washington, is conducting revival services this week at the Boomer Advent Christian church. The deeper spiritual life and the prophecies are being featured. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Kiwanians In Lenoir Meeting

The North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club joined the Lenoir club in a delightful inter-club meeting Friday evening at Hotel Carlheim in Lenoir. Thirty-three members of the local club attended the meeting.

Greetings were spoken by President Stevens, of the Lenoir club and response was by W. E. Jones, president of the North Wilkesboro club.

Father Arnold, program chairman, presented Robert H. McNeill, prominent Statesville and Washington, D. C., attorney and Republican candidate for governor.

Red Cross to Sponsor Senior Life Saving

The Life Saving and First Aid division of the local Red Cross chapter is happy to announce a series of life saving and swimming courses to be given at the Hollywood Lake. These courses will be under the direction of Mr. James Ritchie, who recently finished a strenuous life saving course at the National Red Cross Aquatic School, held at Camp Carolina, Brevard, N. C. He was under the supervision of Red Cross Life Saving experts.

Mr. Ritchie is now a qualified Red Cross Water Safety instructor, and is eligible to teach Red Cross swimming, junior and senior life saving.

It is announced now a Senior Life Saving Class to start Wednesday, July 17. Any one is eligible who is a good swimmer. These classes will be conducted daily from 2 p. m. to 5 p. m. This is the first senior life saving course to be given in Wilkes in several years, and it is our sincere wish that it will be well attended. Especially by those wishing to renew their certificates. There will be no charges, other than text book.

For further information see Mr. Ritchie, Hollywood Lake, or Mr. Isaac Duncan, chairman First Aid and Life Saving.

Book Tells Motorists How To Save Money

Getting the most mileage and motorist satisfaction from the dollars worth of gasoline not only is good cheer for car owners but it is good business for service stations.

That is the reason the Gulf Oil Corporation has published a clearly illustrated new booklet entitled "21 Ways To Save Money" and is distributing free copies at Gulf stations from Maine to Mexico.

How to save gasoline in starting, running, and stopping in both hot and cold weather, how to use the choke most economically, and even how to save money when stopped, is explained in the booklet. In addition to tips on saving gasoline, it tells how to keep auto expense at a minimum through proper tire pressures, correct lubrication, proper care of brakes, avoiding traffic fines, and other valuable information to economically-minded persons.

Motorists can avoid as much as \$25 worth of waste each year if they follow the 21 suggestions listed, the booklet indicates.

Designed for the veteran driver as well as for the novice, this free booklet is of interest to everyone who owns or drives automobiles. Gulf invites you to stop at one of its stations for a copy.

N. C. Senators' Views Differ On Draft Bill

Washington.—Conflicting views on selective compulsory military training were expressed by North Carolina's senators yesterday as the army's chief of staff, General George C. Marshall, told the Senate military affairs committee that some compulsory training program is "absolutely essential."

Senator Robert R. Reynolds, ranking member of the military affairs committee gave hearty endorsement to the principle of selective compulsory military training but suggested that some changes are probably needed in the pending Burke-Wadsworth bill.

Taking an opposite viewpoint, Senator Josiah W. Bailey asserted that there is now "no need for universal military training," and advocated further trial of the voluntary method of building the nation's army.

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