

Change In WPA Set-Up Is Announced By State Head

RALEIGH, August 25.—Twelve area offices will replace the five district headquarters in the North Carolina WPA organization September 1, State Administrator George W. Coan, Jr., announced today.

This move is being made, Coan said, to effect economies following instructions from Malcolm J. Miller of New Orleans, who has jurisdiction over the 12 states of region four. About 30 members of the administrative personnel, some of them "in the higher salary brackets," will be dropped, Coan said. Similar action is being taken in a majority of southern states, he added.

"Under the new area plan of operation," he explained, "the functions of administration will be more largely concentrated in the state headquarters office, which means that the chief functions of the area office personnel will be those of supplying and coordinating."

Personnel To Be Transferred

The five district offices are now situated at Wilmington, Raleigh, Winston-Salem, Charlotte and Asheville. Each of the new areas will have a central office and contain six to eleven counties.

"The majority of the administrative personnel, probably 130 out of the present district personnel of 168, will be transferred to the 12 area offices," Coan said. "The state administrative office personnel consisting of about 147 persons will be augmented by a few, probably eight, from the ranks of the existing district personnel."

Various division heads in the state office will name two to four field representatives who will act as liaison officers, he explained. The operations division will have four field men, the employment division two, the social work division two, and the women's and professional division two.

Each of the area offices will be directed by a supervisor or engineer, of the organization division, Coan said, and the area office staff will also have a time-keeper of the finance and statistics division, a

supervisor of the women's and professional division, and necessary clerical workers.

Coan said area personnel appointments would be made later.

List Of Area Headquarters

The new areas, with their headquarters are:

One, Windsor—Halifax, Northampton Hertford, Gates, Bertie, Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden, Currituck and Dare.

Two, Williamston—Nash, Edgecombe, Pitt, Martin, Beaufort, Washington, Tyrrell and Hyde.

Three, New Bern—Greene, Lenoir, Curves, Jones, Onslow, Carteret and Pamlico.

Four, Wilmington—Scotland, Robeson, Bladen, Columbus, Pender, Brunswick and New Hanover.

Five, Smithfield—Lee, Harnett, Hoke, Cumberland, Johnston, Sampson, Wilson, Wayne and Duplin.

Six, Durham—Caswell, Person, Granville, Vance, Warren, Alamance, Orange, Durham, Franklin, Wake and Chatham.

Seven, Winston-Salem—Surry, Yadkin, Stokes, Forsyth, Rockingham, Guilford and Davie.

Eight, Albemarle—Rowan, Davidson, Randolph, Cabarrus, Stanly, Montgomery, Moore, Union, Anson and Richmond.

Nine, Charlotte—McDowell, Ruth-erford, Polk, Burke, Cleveland, Catawba, Gaston, Lincoln and Mecklenburg.

Ten, North Wilkesboro—Ashe, Alleghany, Watauga, Wilkes, Avery, Caldwell, Alexander and Iredell.

Eleven, Asheville—Haywood, Madison, Yancey, Mitchell, Buncombe and Henderson.

Twelve, Bryson City—Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Swain, Macon, Jackson, and Transylvania.

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MUSEUM GETS RARE PIGEONS

Two Mounted Passenger Pigeons Donated By Harvard College

RALEIGH, Aug. 25.—Twenty-six years after their last appearance in North Carolina, two mounted Passenger Pigeons valued at \$1,000 are now "roosting" upon their artificial perch in North Carolina's state museum.

Much like the ordinary pigeon that is so well known in the state today, the passenger pigeons occurred in flocks numbering many millions in North Carolina 100 years ago and the state museum officials had despaired of ever obtaining this species of bird until the museum's comparative zoology, Harvard college at Cambridge, Mass., made the donation of the pair, Harry T. Davis, director of the museum said.

The last known living passenger pigeon was seen near Raleigh by H. H. Brimley, now curator of zoology in the museum, in 1901. The last known living specimen died in the Cincinnati zoo in 1914 after 18 years of captivity.

Of the two birds, the male pigeon was taken in New York state in 1877 and the female in Minnesota in 1890.

Pointing out the value of the passenger pigeon, Curator of Zoology Brimley said: "They represent a species that occurred in North Carolina literally in millions, both during the nesting season and during the fall migrations, several generations ago."

Brimley sighted the last passenger pigeon to be recorded in bird history in North Carolina 36 years ago in a pine woods two miles east of the state capitol.

Mr. Brimley continued, "The human mind is incapable of realizing the number of individuals of this species that collected at various times in many sections of most of the territory from northern Manitoba and Northern Ontario to the states bordering the Gulf of Mexico, and from the eastern seaboard to eastern Montana and western Texas a hundred years ago. One nesting site was about two miles wide by 40 miles in length. A single flock of passenger pigeons was estimated to contain nearly two and one-fourth billion birds, it being about 240 miles long by one mile wide, and only the lower layers of the flying birds were considered in the estimate. Audubon mentions a flight that obscured the sun for three days in succession. Another roost was three miles by 40 miles in extent." The last really big nesting place covered about 250 square miles. And, in endeavoring to picture such a scene, it must be understood that the birds were often so thick on the tree branches that limbs as large as a man's thigh were broken down by their weight! And now, out of these countless billions, not a single specimen is known to be alive.

The passenger pigeons were exchanged by the Massachusetts museum for two beaver skins from the last colony native to North Carolina. The skins, duplicates of those already in the museum, were taken from beavers collected near Sandy Ridge, N. C., on Dan river, in 1897, for the state museum.

Winter Cereal Pasture And Early Hay Crop

By S. W. MENDENHALL, County Agent

Several farmers in the county last year during the early part of September seeded a mixture of small grain and vetch for winter pasture and an early hay crop. In many cases this mixture furnished good pasture beginning in November and lasting through part of March. At this time the cattle were removed and from two to three tons of good hay was harvested per acre during the month of May. Farmers whose roughage gives out about this time might do well to try this mixture since it can be harvested early and at the time all other roughage is gone.

The rate of seeding this mixture should be at least four bushels per acre. One and one-half bushels of wheat, one and one-half bushels Norton winter oats, one bushel of Barley and 20 pounds winter vetch. If this mixture is to be seeded on land where vetch has never been

grown the vetch seed should be inoculated. This can be done with commercial inoculation or with dirt from land where vetch has been grown. It is important that this mixture be seeded the last of August or early in September so that a good growth will be obtained before severe cold weather. Early seeding also furnishes early pasture. Farmers are urged to seed this mixture particularly if they normally run short of hay, since the hay obtained is nearly as good as alfalfa.

Narrative Report Of County Agents

The following county agents' and assistant agents' narrative report from Macon county was received by F. S. Sloan, of Franklin, agent for the Western district last week.

S. W. Mendenhall, county agent: "With the cooperation of the home agent, Mrs. O'Neil, 4-H club work was started in the county this week. The old clubs at Otter Creek, West's Mill, and Holly Springs were reorganized. New clubs were organized at Oak Grove, Iotta, Otto, Hickory Knoll, Slagle, and Higdonville schools, making a total of nine clubs in the county.

The boys and girls in the schools where clubs were organized seemed to appreciate the opportunity given them of having a club in their school and pledged their cooperation in the work.

All the girls are taking sewing as their projects under the supervision of Mrs. O'Neil.

Many of the boys have selected different livestock projects and others plan to have some crop as a project next spring. The total attendance at the nine meetings was approximately 300."

W. C. Ledbetter Returns From Western Trip

W. C. Ledbetter, of Franklin, Route 2, returned Tuesday from an eight-day trip through the Middle West. He visited his two nephews in St. Joseph, Mo., for four days

and the rest of the time was spent in travel.

Mr. Ledbetter passed through 12 states on this trip and reports that in each one crops are looking fine and that owners informed him that they were the finest grown in years.

Mr. Ledbetter made most of the trip by train and in that way had several hours to spend in Chicago, Cincinnati, Kansas City, St. Joseph, St. Louis and other cities, while waiting for connections.

This is the second trip Mr. Ledbetter has made this summer, the first being a 17-day trip through the Eastern part of the country with his son, G. E. Ledbetter, of Boston, Mass. In the two trips, Mr. Ledbetter has been in 24 states.

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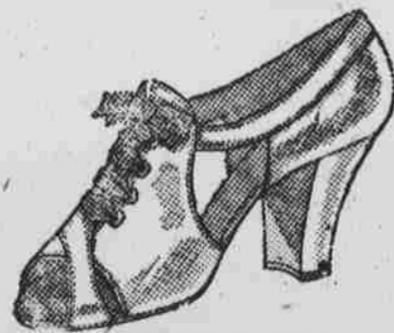
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