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New Industry Invests Over Hundred Million In North Carolina In '50

Raleigh, N. C.—Thirty-one new manufacturing industries selected North Carolina sites for plant investments of \$104,000,000 in 1950, Paul Kelly, head of the Division of Commerce and Industry of the State Department of Conservation and Development, revealed in a survey of the State's rapid increase in industrial capacity during the year.

Kelly estimated that the new industries would employ 9,715 workers and have annual payrolls totaling \$24,739,000. No additions or improvements to existing plants, nor new building by public utilities are included in the figures.

Textile establishments predominate, but with diversification in this field among cotton, synthetics and woolen divisions. Other new industries locating in North Carolina range from electronics to furniture.

Principal new industries for the State, which already leads the nation in the production of textiles, tobacco and wooden furniture, with announced or estimated value, include:

Frank Ix & Sons, Burlington, \$1,000,000 weaving plant; Regal Paper Co., Acme, \$13,500,000 pulp plant; J. P. Stevens & Co., Inc., Wallace \$2,000,000 fabrics plant; Western Electric Co., Greensboro, \$1,500,000 electronic equipment plant; Burlington Mills Corp., Lillington, \$5,000,000 textile plant; Belding Hemingway, Inc., Hendersonville, nylon and orlon thread, \$2,000,000; Robbins Mills, Inc., Raeford, textile plant estimated at more than \$10,000,000.

E. I. duPont de Nemours Co., Kinston, \$24,000,000 plant for manufacture of "Fibre V"; Deering Milliken Co., Columbus, \$2,000,000 woolen plant; Copland-Fowler Industries, Inc., Hopedale, \$1,500,000 lingerie; Empire Manufacturing Co., Statesville, \$1,500,000 textile plant; Kroehler Manufacturing Co., Charlotte, \$600,000 furniture plant; Mexican Petroleum Corp., Wilmington, \$3,500,000 oil refinery; Woonsocket Falls Mills, Wilmington, \$3,500,000 textile plant.

Sandhurst Mills, Inc., Rockingham, \$500,000 hosiery; Wm. Crabb & Co., Swannanoa, \$350,000 textile pins; American Houses, Inc., Lumberton, \$71,000 houses; Henry Vann Industries, Clinton, \$250,000 tobacco curers; Olin Industries, Inc., Pisgah Forest, \$20,000.

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J. F. FOWLER DIED OF HEART ATTACK ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Funeral services for J. Freeman Fowler, 69, were held Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Big Ridge Baptist church.

The Rev. Ramsey Owens and the Rev. C. C. Welch officiated and burial was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Fowler died suddenly of a heart attack at his home in the Big Ridge community at 3 p.m. Christmas day. He was a native and life-long resident of Jackson County. He was a son of the late Zachary Taylor and Lucinda Bryson Fowler. He was a loyal member of the Baptist church.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Carrie Findley Fowler; two sons, Marshall of Glenville and Lyman of Big Ridge; four daughters, Mrs. Robert Moody, of Waynesville; Mrs. Howard Webb, and Mrs. Richard Fisher, of Winter Haven, Fla.; and Mrs. Clarence Shook, of Big Ridge.

Also four brothers, Will, Deitz, Percy and Jones, of Glenville; one sister, Mrs. J. R. Bryson, and 12 grandchildren.

Moody Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Army To Call National Guard, Reserve Officers

The Army has announced plans to call to active duty 7,500 junior officers from National Guard and organized reserve units during the month of March. At the same time the Navy announced that it has scrapped plans to release reservists next summer.

The Army disclosed at the same time that it will call up 100 women's army corps lieutenants and captains at a future date to be announced. Also, that it is ordering to service 890 additional medical officers; 850 dental officers; and 415 medical service corps officers to report in two groups, February 5 and March 15.

The announcement stated the number of officers called from units will be small and that they will not be called until officer material from several other sources has been exhausted.

Holiday Week-end Crashes Fatal For 23 Tar Heels

Twenty-three North Carolinians lost their lives in highway crashes in the holiday week-end period from 6 o'clock last Friday p.m. through midnight Monday.

The grim Christmas holiday toll

was added up by the State Highway Patrol Tuesday. In addition to those killed the patrol estimated that 203 persons were injured during the same period. While 23 were being killed on North Carolina highways the Nation piled up a record death toll of over 700 persons dead and several thousand injured. This was far above the expected toll of 450 estimated deaths before the holidays started. For North Carolina the 23 deaths were five above the number the patrol predicted would die in crashes during the period.

The killing on the highways did not end with the close of the holiday period. Several deaths have occurred since Monday mid-night. A negro was burned to death when his car overturned in Onslow county and a lady was killed when her car stalled on a grade crossing in Hickory. Her husband and two small children escaped the car before the train hit it.

Grover Bishop Promoted To Staff Sergeant

Mrs. Neal Bishop, Sr., has received word that her son, Grover C. Bishop has been promoted to the grade of Staff Sergeant.

Sgt. Bishop entered the Air Force in August, 1948 and after completing his basic training was assigned to the 42nd Bomb Squadron, 11th Bomb Group, Carswell Air Force Base, Fort Worth, Texas.

Sgt. Bishop and Cpl. Milton Murdock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Murdock, of Statesville, were recent visitors at the home of Mrs. Bishop.

Draftees Called For January 3

On Wednesday, January 3, 1951 draftees from Jackson County will leave for reception centers. This is the December call, which was postponed until January because of lack of facilities in the reception centers.

Notice To All Drivers

Mr. Robert Lee Hooper, drivers license examiner, announces that it would be well to check the expiration date if you hold a new drivers license, especially if it was issued in 1947 and your last name begins with A or B. All holders of the new drivers license may have their license renewed within thirty days before the expiration date. If they are renewed within this period, they will not be required to take the road test. However, if they let their license expire, they will have to take a complete examination again.

The R. S. T group has only one more day, December 29, to renew its license. Beginning the first of the year, the U, V, W, X, Y, Z group is due to take the examination for new license.

As of December 1, estimated total cotton production in the United States for 1950 is 9,864,000 bales, about 39 per cent less than the total produced in 1949.

Semi-Annual Dividend Declared By Farmers Federation Cooperative

The executive committee of the Farmers Federation has declared the 34th semi-annual dividend to common and preferred stockholders of record December 15, it was announced yesterday by James G. McClure, president of the organization.

During the meeting of the executive committee, it was stated that the gross sales of the Farmers Federation during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950, amounted to \$4,669,277.59. This does not include income from the tobacco market, it was stated.

The Farmers Federation was organized in 1920 by six farmers who constructed their first warehouse on the railroad siding at Fairview of logs cut from nearby forests. The organization has grown during the past 30 years to cover 18 Western North Carolina counties and now has more than 20,000 stockholders or members in this area. Twenty-six stores or warehouses are operated by the concern in the 18 counties.

In addition to the various warehouses, the organization operates eight freezer-lockers in as many counties, and a modern poultry processing plant in Asheville. Skyline Cooperative dairies is also operated by the federation as a means of giving the dairymen of his area a market for their milk.

Members of the executive committee are as follows: H. A. Osborne, Canton; L. L. Burgin, Horse Shoe; R. C. Crowell, Rt. 3, Asheville; R. A. Crowell, Enka; C. C. Cook, Rt. 4, Asheville; Charles W. Davis, Rt. 4, Asheville; Grover Brown, Weaverville, and Mr. McClure.

Renn Takes Over Management Of Eagle Store Here

L. W. Renn and family have moved to Sylva to make their home where Mr. Renn is the new manager for Eagle 5 and 10 cents store. Mr. Renn comes to Sylva from North Raleigh, and succeeds B. S. Baker who has been promoted and sent to Shelbyville, Tenn. as manager of the store there.

LIBRARY WILL BE OPEN ON WED. NIGHTS

Beginning next Wednesday, January 3, the Public Library will be open on Wednesday nights, from seven until nine o'clock. The extra service is being given in order that people who do not have an opportunity of visiting the library during the day may do so on Wednesday nights.

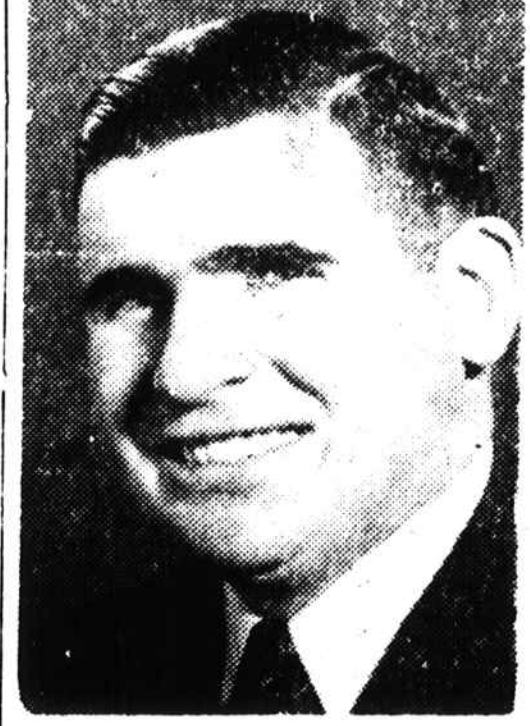
A number of magazines and newspapers will be available for readers, during these hours, and it is hoped by the management of the library that the public will take advantage of this opportunity to see the library and read the periodicals that will be in the reading rooms for the use of patrons.

Lions Install New Pres.

At a regular meeting Wednesday, December 27, the Lions club of Sylva installed Lion J. Phil Stovall as president, replacing Lion W. T. Brown, who is moving to Gainesville, Ga., where he is employed.

Lion Stovall was installed by Lion Hugh Monteith, Governor of District 31-A, Lions International, also a member of the Sylva club. Lion Stovall had been 1st vice-president of the Sylva club and moved up to the presidency upon the resignation of Lion Brown.

Representative



FRANK H. BROWN, JR. will leave Sylva Sunday for Raleigh where he will be sworn in as Representative for Jackson County and take his seat in the lower house chamber when the 1951 General Assembly convenes at noon on Wednesday, January 3. Mr. Brown will be serving his second consecutive term in the lower house from Jackson County. He returned from Raleigh Wednesday after talking with Governor Scott and other State government heads, concerning the coming session. Mr. Brown said that his main purpose is to represent Jackson County and the State as a whole in matters to the best interest of all. He is particularly interested in the educational program for Jackson County and Western Carolina Teachers College, he said.

LEGISLATURE MAY EXTEND UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

Raleigh, Dec. 27 — The State Legislature probably will be asked to make more workers eligible for unemployment compensation insurance.

A proposal to this end recently was recommended to the State Employment Security Commission by its advisory council, Col. A. L. Fletcher announced today. Fletcher is chairman of the Advisory Council.

If the commission sees eye to eye with its Advisory Council, which it probably does, it probably will submit the proposal to the General Assembly which convenes next week.

Fletcher said present coverage extends automatically to businesses with eight or more employees with certain exceptions. The advisory group's recommendation would lower the coverage to establishments with one or more employees, with the same exceptions applying. Among those exempted from present provisions are Government workers, agricultural labor, and domestic help.

Col. H. E. Kendall, chairman of the ESC, said the advisory group's proposals would probably be acted on at the next meeting of the commission, which probably will be late next month.

Under the present set up, 14,000 employers are involved and about 1,000,000 workers have wage credits towards unemployment compensation.

The advisory group's proposal would take on about 30,000 more employers and cover an additional 90,000 workers, according to Fletcher.

As it works now, eligible employers contribute a payroll tax of 2.7 per cent of each employee's salary to the State for three years. They also pay three-tenths of one per cent to the Federal Government for administrative purposes. After three years the amount paid the State is adjusted from one-tenth of a per cent to the initial 2.7 per cent. Eligible unemployed workers receive 2.7 per cent.

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Break In Water Main Causes Serious Water Shortage This Week

FUNERAL RITES FOR MRS. KELLY BRADLEY HELD DECEMBER 22

Funeral services were held at Savannah Baptist church at 2 p.m. Friday, December 22 for Mrs. Kelly Bradley, 57, of Barkers Creek, who died at C. J. Harris hospital Wednesday morning following a long illness. The Rev. David Dean and Rev. Odell Monteith, officiated. Burial was in the family plot in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers were Robert Lee Bryson, Abe Brooks, Joe L. Messer, Clarence Buchanan, Derel Bradley and Claude Garrett, nephews of the deceased. Nieces were flower girls.

Honorary pallbearers were: Dr. Ralph Morgan, Dr. T. D. Slagle, Dr. R. David Daniel, Chester Scott, R. U. Sutton, Cole Cannon, Ramsey Buchanan, Charlie Reed, Ed Reed, Hugh Monteith, Hubert Potts, Dan Bryson, Ralph Ward and W. C. Hennessee.

Moody Funeral Home was in charge.

Mrs. Bradley was a native of Jackson County and a leading member of the Barkers Creek Baptist church, and a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Brooks.

Survivors include the husband, one son, Rev. Ralph Bradley of Barkers Creek; four daughters, Mrs. Ira Jones, Mrs. Bill Atchley, Mrs. Frank Sutton and Mrs. Roy Patterson all of Barkers Creek; four sisters, Mrs. Jannie Messer and Mrs. Joe Messer of Barkers Creek; Mr. Jim Bryson, of Hazelwood, and Mrs. Jode Holcombe, of Whittier; four brothers, Thomas, Joe, Charlie and Dillard Brooks, all of Barkers Creek. Also sixteen grandchildren.

Two Jackson Men Serving On USS Missouri In East

Two Sylva men, Kenneth C. Potts, seaman, USN, and Edwin D. Potts, seaman apprentice, USN, of Route 1, are now in the Far East serving aboard the battleship USS Missouri.

Most widely known ship in the Navy, she completed an 11,000-mile run from Norfolk, Va., to join the Seventh Fleet off Korea early in September.

County Schools And WCTC To Reopen Classes Next Week

All the public schools of Jackson County, including the high school at Cullowhee, will reopen for classwork Monday, January 1, except the Sylva high and elementary school, and they will open Tuesday the 2nd, W. Vernon Cope, County Superintendent, has announced. The Sylva schools recessing one day later than the other schools for the holidays is the reason for the one day delay in reopening.

Western Carolina Teachers College will resume classwork on Wednesday, January 3rd, it has been announced. The business and administrative offices of the college will open Monday morning, it was said.

The majority of the residents of Sylva were without water service Christmas day and until late afternoon Tuesday the 26th, caused by the break in the main water line of the town's water system.

The break occurred late Sunday night in the main line where it passes underneath the highway at Maple Springs about two miles East of town.

Town officials said that when the city water force dug out the broken pipe it was found to have had an old crack and it is their opinion that the build up of water pressure on Sunday in order to supply people living on the higher levels with water the extra pressure enlarged the crack. It was also found that the water main was only 18 inches under the highway pavement and that the heavy freight trucks may also have had something to do with the break. After repairing this break, which was late Tuesday afternoon the line broke again about 1 a.m. Wednesday morning at a joint on Fisher Creek above the first break. Workmen got out almost immediately by working the rest of the night had it repaired early Wednesday morning. The water pressure was gradually increased after this repair job to prevent further breaks since there was lots of air in the lines.

During all this period without water the town was very fortunate not to have had a fire to break out, which could have been disastrous at this particular time.

City officials have announced that plans are in the making for providing a better water supply for the town in the near future.

OUR PEOPLE WERE PEACEFUL DURING THE HOLIDAYS

According to a report from the Sheriff's and Police Departments in Sylva the citizens of Sylva and Jackson County observed the Christmas holidays in a peaceful, lawabiding manner. Except for a few who indulged in too much "Fire Water" no one was arrested for any other reason, it was said.

The three days, Sunday through Tuesday, were very quiet in every way. Quite a number of fire crackers were fired which added a little noise to the otherwise quiet season. The biggest nuisance to the public in town was the lack of water. Sylva was really "dry" this Christmas season.