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Huge Cash Outlay On Projects Here

Nearly \$230,000 Being Expended—Possible to Employ More Than 1,100

Nearly \$230,000 is being expended in Rocky Mount for labor and supplies on various Civil Works administration and federal service projects, Mrs. R. D. Bulluck, local administrator, made known last week.

The largest single outlay of money here has been, of course, at the local airport where approximately 300 men are at work 24 hours per week and where \$153,829 is being expended. Work is progressing rapidly there and the project is expected to be completed by the latter part of May. This work is listed under the CWA projects.

Next in line regarding amounts allotted is CWA project No. 17500, which provided \$29,269.55 for sewer construction in the first, second and sixth wards.

Two other CWA projects, totaling more than \$25,000 provide an expenditure of \$13,926.40 for oil treatment of highway route No. 95-A, or Atlantic avenue, and \$12,658.70 for sewer construction on Eastern avenue.

Largest of the service projects here include \$1,414.50 to pay clerks to the principals in the city's schools, and \$1,200 for maids to assist in janitorial service in eight schools.

A total of \$3,174.50 is being expended for painting the interior of white and colored city school buildings, \$6,830 for mosquito eradication in the city, \$1,200 for repairs to eight grammar schools here, and \$999 to provide three sewing rooms, which are located in three different grammar schools here.

On the various projects, which are being supervised by D. M. Pearsall, Rocky Mount's full quota of 479 is employed.

Were all the projects to be placed in operation at one time and the quota could be increased, a total of more than 1,100 persons could be employed, according to the estimates placed in the projects before they were approved.

Nash Planter Is Victim of Death

David Emerson Joyner Buried In Nashville—Father of Local Woman

Nashville, Feb. 9.—David Emerson Joyner, 73, prominent Nash county planter who died at his home near Nashville late yesterday afternoon were held from the home at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Interment was made in the local cemetery.

Rev. Garland Hendrick, pastor of the Elm Grove Baptist church, of which the deceased was a faithful member, was in charge of the final rites.

The deceased is survived by three sons, Berry Joyner, Bard Joyner, and Ronald Joyner, all of Nashville; two daughters, Mrs. K. W. Taylor, of Nashville, and Mrs. J. H. Proctor, of Rocky Mount.

Several grandchildren, who reside in this section, also survive.

The wife of Mr. Joyner predeceased him four months ago.

Mr. Joyner was well known in this section where he has made many friends.

SITE SELECTED FOR COMMUNITY CENTER

Nashville, Feb. 9.—Boddie's pond, six miles west of here, has been selected as the site of the Nash county community center to be constructed with CWA funds.

Construction of three buildings, damming a stream for swimming and clearing of land to build a playground and an athletic field are planned in the project.

The land was donated by G. M. Strickland.

Chief Declares He Did Not Recommend Anyone For Post

Chief of Police O. P. Hedgepeth stated that the report quoting him as having endorsed P. C. Zimmerman for chief of police was erroneous.

The chief said he had recommended no one to succeed him when his resignation becomes effective May 1, and City Manager Leslie B. Aycock confirmed Hedgepeth's statement that he had not recommended anyone.

Mr. Aycock added that the report to the effect that the public safety committee had endorsed Zimmerman for the post also was erroneous.

The Evening Telegram reported on information received from one who was present at the committee meeting that Hedgepeth had recommended Zimmerman and that the committee had endorsed Zimmerman.

Four Troops Get Roosevelt Award

Local Troops 7, 8, 13, and 61 Given Streamers—President Heard in Address

Four local Boy Scout troops here have possession of the President Roosevelt awards for service in 1933.

The awards, in the form of red, white and blue streamers, were presented at noon today by R. M. Wilson, superintendent of public schools here, to troop No. 7, sponsored by the First Presbyterian church; Civitan troop No. 8; troop No. 13, of the First Christian church, and troop No. 61, local Negro troop.

Two other presentations of these streamers were made to troop No. 42, of Roanoke Rapids, and troop No. 43, of Elizabeth City.

The streamers, which bear in gold the inscription, "The President Franklin D. Roosevelt 1933 Ten Year Program Award," are given to troops in connection with boys retained and enlistment of 12-year-old boys in an effort to secure one out of every four boys in the United States as members of the Boy Scout organization.

In a radio address to all the Scouts of the city assembled in the Recreation building Saturday, the president called upon the Scouts to aid federal relief agencies in carrying on their work.

"Scouting has held my active interest for many years," President Roosevelt, who is honorary president of the Boy Scouts of America, said in his address from the White House. "We are accomplishing fine results, and I want you to join with me in aiding federal relief agencies in your cities wherever you may be."

The president called attention to the national jamboree, which he has planned for the summer of 1935. He asked Scouts from every part of the country to meet with him in Washington for the occasion.

STUDENTS MAKE HONOR ROLL AT WAKE FOREST

Names of three local students at Wake Forest college were included in the list of 116 students making up the first semester honor roll released today by Grady S. Patterson, registrar.

The list of students comprised approximately 13 per cent of the student body.

Local names are John M. Scott, Jr., G. Ashby Winstead, both freshmen, and W. R. Dixon, sophomore. Students from nearby communities whose names are also included on the honor roll are J. E. Lawrence, Scotland Neck, freshman; J. S. Chamblee, Red Oak, and J. B. Pittman, Whitakers, sophomores, and J. P. Partin, Scotland Neck, senior.

Paris styles stress high split skirts and windblown styling those credited

Memorandum Showing Comparison of Certain State Salaries

In June, 1931, the respective salaries, as fixed by the General Assembly, of the eleven elective State officers were as follows:

POSITION	OCCUPANT	SALARY
Secretary of State	James A. Hartness	\$ 4,500.00
State Auditor	Baxter Durham	4,500.00
State Treasurer	Nathan O'Berry	4,500.00
Supt. of Public Instruction	A. T. Allen	5,000.00
Attorney General	Dennis G. Brummitt	7,500.00
Com'r. of Agriculture	W. A. Graham	4,500.00
Insurance Commissioner	Dan C. Boney	4,500.00
Com'r. of Labor	Frank D. Grist	4,500.00
Chairman Corporation Com.	W. T. Lee	5,000.00
Corporation Com'r.	Stanley Winborne	5,500.00
Corporation Com'r.	George P. Pell	4,500.00
Total		\$54,500.00
Average annual salary		\$ 4,954.54

The following were the salaries in June, 1931, of the eleven appointive offices or positions, as fixed by Governor Gardner, or with his approval:

POSITION	OCCUPANT	SALARY
Chair'n Highway Commission	E. B. Jeffries	\$ 7,500.00
Commissioner of Banks	Gurney P. Hood	7,500.00
Director Local Government	Chas. M. Johnson	6,000.00
Director Purchase and Contract	A. S. Brower	6,600.00
Director Personnel	Frank L. Dunlap	6,000.00
Ass't. Director Budget	Henry Burke	7,500.00
Commissioner of Revenue	A. J. Maxwell	7,500.00
Executive Counsel	Tyre C. Taylor	8,050.00
Director Conservation and Development	J. W. Harrelson	6,000.00
Sup't. States Prison	George Ross Pou	7,200.00
Director State Farms	George Ross	6,000.00
Total		\$75,850.00
Average annual salary		\$ 6,898.63

The salary of Mr. Geo. Ross was paid out of emergency funds as the Legislature made no appropriation for same.

The above comparison shows that the salaries of these eleven appointive positions carried salaries, as fixed by Governor Gardner or with his consent and approval, averaging \$1,944.09 per year greater than the salaries of the eleven elective positions, as fixed by the General Assembly.

Now it is up to the people to decide whether they want Legislative government or one man government. The above shows which is the cheapest.

Running Out the Lobbyists

President Roosevelt is facing the same lobbyist problem that Wilson dealt with. Wilson lashed them for the Capital. Senator Overman took the lead in doing that.

There were lobbyists in Harding's day but he did nothing about them. Grundy stayed and so did Jess Smith. Grundy finally got to be a Senator for a short time. Jess Smith was killed, whether by himself or someone else has never been settled.

President Roosevelt cancelled the air mail contracts because of fraud and collusion in letting the contracts. It was shown that one man named Boeing, on an investment of \$487,000 has made \$12,190,000 on air mail ventures.

It is expected that investigation will now be made of ocean mail contracts and subsidies. Of these Chairman Black, of the committee, recently said "the record discloses that the huge subsidies paid by the government to build up a merchant marine have been diverted from the channel and have been largely spent in high salaries, extravagant expense accounts, highly paid lobbyists and huge dividends."

In any investigation of ocean mails, the International Mercantile Marine will no doubt be represented by Ex-Governor Gardner. It is well known that some months ago Gov. Gardner was quite powerful in Washington. He obtained a legal position for Tyree C. Taylor at \$6,000 per year, although Taylor had been limited to trying two cases in a Justice of the Peace Court. He also got a \$4,000 job in the Revenue Department for Fritz Smith. Achievements such as these show the Gardner influence and power, some months ago, at any rate.

The Literary Digest recently carried in a row pictures of Gardner, Kramer of Montana, Jackson of New Hampshire, and Mullen of Nebraska—the four Democratic National Committeemen who had opened offices in Washington. They were regarded as "the Four Horsemen" of the lobbying craft.

Recently Kramer, Gardner and Jackson resigned their positions as National Committeemen but continued their lobbying practice, which they secured while they held these positions.

A bill recently introduced by Senator Byrnes of South Carolina, would make lobbying unlawful by a National Committeeman or within two years after giving up such a position.

North Carolina Terrible Banking Situation

In an article in the News and Observer of February 11, Dr. George W. Paschall of Wake Forest presents an analysis of fees paid attorneys and auditors during the two and one half years Mr. Gurney P. Hood has been Commissioner of Banks. Dr. Paschall's statement shows that these fees amounting to \$313,186.41 were paid attorneys and \$227,475.96 to auditors, or a grand total of \$541,062.37. These figures as to attorneys' fees are slightly different from those recently given in The Herald, but we accept Dr. Paschall's figures as he seems to have made an extensive study of them.

Let's make a few comparisons. The amount spent by Mr. Hood for attorneys' fees for the period in question is more than the amount appropriated by the General Assembly to run for the two years, 1933-1935, the offices of the Governor and the Secretary of State, the Auditor, the State Treasurer, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the Attorney General. It is nearly one and a half times as much as was appropriated for this year for the State Board of Health to do all of its services to the people of the state.

Mr. Hood's expenditures for attorneys for the same months ending Jan. 1, 1934, amounted to \$85,737.09 or at a rate of \$12,248.15 per month. This monthly average is just about as much as was paid the Attorney-General and his two assistants for a whole year.

In the two and a half year period Mr. Hood spent for attorneys fees 9 times as much as was appropriated for the salaries of the Judges of the Supreme Court this year. He spent for attorneys fees more than one and a half times as much as the salaries of the 24 Judges of our Superior Courts this year.

He spent for attorneys' fees four times as much as the salaries of our 20 solicitors for this year.

He spent for attorneys and auditors during that period more than 1-25 as much as will be paid to the 23,000 school teachers to teach our 900,000 school children this year.

In his two reports Mr. Hood has sought to obscure the facts by a lot of percentages. Here are some comparisons which throw some light on his actions.

We suggest that our readers get the current amount being spent this year in their counties for school teachers and compare it (Continued on page two)

Byrnes Put More Teeth Into His Anti-Lobbying Measure

Asks Cooperation In Securing Prices

Representative J. H. Kerr of the Second Congressional District Today Called Upon the Bright Tobacco Growers to Cooperate Fully with the Government in Order to Secure Better Prices for Their Product.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 10.—The bright tobacco growers, this time North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, have a concrete example of what cooperation and good judgment will guarantee to this great American industry.

The Agricultural Department, through the Agricultural Adjustment Act passed in the 72nd Session of Congress, fixed a parity price for this type of tobacco, prefaced largely upon an agreement that there would be acreage reduction and, farther, that there would be cooperation among the growers with the Government in order that a great surplus would not be made again and thereby work destruction of the program. The tobacco farmers have tried through cooperation to prevent an over-production of this crop and thereby secure fair prices, and have been unsuccessful. The government has come to their assistance and has undertaken to help them through Federal legislation. To violate this endeavor of the Government is unthinkable; it would simply mean low prices and poverty again. I think I am qualified to advise these farmers. Our bright tobacco growers must keep their annual production under 600,000,000 pounds; if they do this, in my opinion, they will never see this tobacco sell under 20 cents a pound, and this will assure the area which grows this tobacco prosperity unequalled in any other farming section of this country. You owe it to your country and to your homes to follow assiduously the program of the Government and unselfishly cooperate among yourselves so as to prevent the collapse of the Government's efforts inaugurated to help you.

The crop of 1932 brought about \$45,000,000. By reason of the Government's bringing manufacturers and growers together, through Federal legislation, the 1933 crop has brought about \$118,000,000; \$73,000,000 increase has been put into the pockets of the farmers, and every other business engaged in this industry was made correspondingly prosperous. This concrete result of cooperation on the part of the manufacturer, grower, and the Government should be sufficient to compel every person interested in this great American industry to follow to their utmost this program of cooperation which guarantees to them success and happiness.

JAPS GET TRADE

Mukden.—Manchuria's favorable trade balance has been reversed since the founding of the new State of Manchukuo. During the first ten months of 1933, there was an adverse balance of more than \$60,000,000. Slightly more than seventy-five per cent of all goods brought into Manchuria came from Japan.

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Senator Believes President Will Publicly Adopt Bill And Ask Adoption

Washington, Feb. 11.—Senator Byrnes has broadened his anti-lobby bill, put more teeth into it, and it is now believed that President Roosevelt will publicly adopt it as an administration measure. The bill as it now stands proposes the following safeguards against securing funds from or charges on the federal treasury by "pull" from a member of Congress or a political lobby.

1. No member of Congress or a member of any political national committee shall represent any individual, firm, or corporation in obtaining or endeavoring to obtain a contract, loan, grant or claim which involves a charge on the treasury.

2. No member of a national committee shall accept compensation of any kind for services rendered in obtaining or endeavoring to obtain a contract, loan, grant, or claim which involves a charge on the treasury.

3. The above prohibition applies to former members of Congress, former members of national committees, or former government employees who have not been out of the service two years.

4. Any person who is employed to represent any individual, firm or corporation in connection with any bill pending before Congress shall file with Congress an affidavit setting forth the contract or agreement.

5. The penalty for violation number one section is a fine of not more than \$1,000, or imprisonment of not more than three months, or both. Penalty violation sections two, three, or four is fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment of not more than two years, or both.

Watson To Seek Place In House

Former Mayor Announces His Intention of Running Again In Nash

Van S. Watson, former mayor of Rocky Mount and Nash county representative to the last session of the general assembly, will be a candidate for the house of representatives in the 1935 session, he announced today.

"I believe that my record in the last legislature shows that I was and still am a candidate for the office," Mr. Watson said, "and I intend to keep faith with the people in Nash county."

Mr. Watson quieted rumors that he will run for a seat in the state senate, saying that he would seek to return to the house.

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