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A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF N. C. FAMILIES ARE NOW ON COMMODITIES LIST

735 Pounds Of Food Distributed To Average Family

While North Carolina has 2.58 per cent of the total national population it was found necessary to certify for the receipt of surplus commodities in this state only 1.27 per cent of all families certified in the nation during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1938, according to a report of the Federal Surplus Commodities corporation received this week by A. E. Langston, state director of commodity distribution with the state board of charities and public welfare.

Total amount of food distributed to the average family serviced during the year was 735 pounds in North Carolina as compared with the 547 pounds for the nation, with this state ranking tenth in volume of food distributed to the average family, the report stated.

Only the Virgin Islands, District of Columbia, West Virginia, and the "dust bowl" states of North Dakota, Montana, South Dakota, Wyoming, New Mexico and Texas outranked North Carolina in the average amount of food distributed.

Of the 1,057,043,345 pounds of commodities valued at \$62,210,000 distributed in the nation, 16,338,397 pounds valued at \$843,000 were given to relief clients certified as eligible to receive the foodstuffs by North Carolina county welfare officials.

States with the largest certified carloads were New York with 233, 932 and Illinois with 184,622 families, while those with the smallest were the Virgin Islands with 36; Nevada with 2196, and Delaware with 2594 families.

In North Carolina 28,526 families were certified for the receipt of surplus commodities, and an average of 22,229 families actually were serviced each month.

Clothing and household articles also distributed by the commodity distribution division in North Carolina, were not included in the report.

FUNERAL CONDUCTED FOR RESIDENT HERE

Mrs. Annie M. Gray, 78, Is Buried In Nahal Churchyard

Rites were held Friday afternoon for Mrs. Annie M. Gray from the home of her son, J. G. Gray, at 811 Clark Street. Mrs. Gray was 78 years old and had been in declining health for several months. She had been confined to her bed for a week prior to her death, which was attributed to infirmities of old age.

Survivors include two sons, J. G. and J. C. Gray of this city; one daughter, Mrs. L. G. Vivrette of Portsmouth, Va.; four step-children, Edward G. Gray, of Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. J. H. Moore of Palmyra, Mrs. W. E. Smith of Portsmouth, Va.; and Mrs. George Garner of near Rocky Mount. Mrs. Gray leaves 32 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted from the home by Rev. E. C. Sexton, Rev. C. W. Goldston and Rev. H. C. Lowder. Mrs. Gray's grandsons serving as pallbearers and granddaughters bearing flowers. Interment followed in Nahala churchyard.

MRS. MAMIE WATERS IS TAKEN BY DEATH

Funeral Rites Were Held From The Home

Mrs. Mamie Woolard Waters, 47, died at a local hospital Monday from a cerebral hemorrhage.

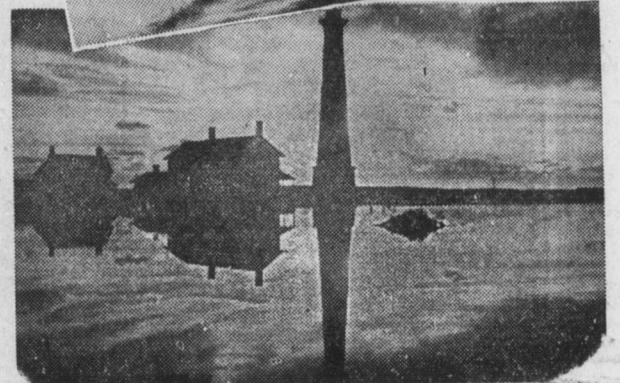
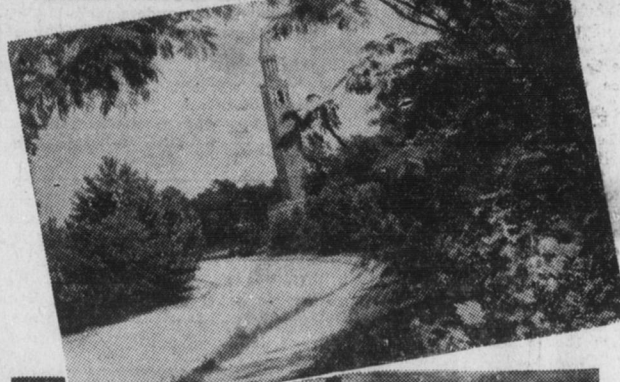
Mrs. Waters spent her early life in Washington, N. C. She had been a resident of this city for the past 17 years, making her home at 16 East Elm street.

She had been a member of the Christian church since childhood and since living in Rocky Mount had been a member of the First Christian church.

Survivors include her husband, E. O. Waters; her mother, Mrs. Julia Woolard, of this city; one daughter, Mrs. George Gilbert; one son, Joe Waters, one sister, and four brothers.

Funeral services were conducted from the home Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Rev. A. E. Simerly, pastor of the First Christian church officiated. Interment took place in Pineview cemetery.

Postcards For Carolinians



Pictured above are three of the six designs of the Official North Carolina Christmas Cards which are being placed on sale today throughout the State by the North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the State advertising program. The scenes and their titles are: Top: "Water at Play in the North Carolina Lake Country" which has been reproduced in natural colors. Center: The Bell Tower at Chapel Hill entitled "Christmas Chimes at the University of North Carolina" also reproduced in natural colors. Bottom: Hatteras lighthouse which is a study in black and white bearing the title "The Night before Christmas at Cape Hatteras." All of the cards have different Christmas messages which are cleverly linked with the picture appearing on the face of the particular card.

LOCAL WOMAN WINS SUIT AGAINST STORE

Federal Court Awards Mrs. Baskin \$3,500 In \$20,000 Suit

Wilson, Oct. 22.—After three hours deliberation yesterday afternoon a Federal Court jury here returned a verdict awarding Mrs. James M. Baskin, 47 year old Rocky Mount woman, \$3,500 damages in a \$20,000 suit against the Montgomery Ward Company.

The verdict came at the end of a two days trial which was notable for the fact that the plaintiff testified from a hospital cot in the court room that she had tripped over a platform in the Rocky Mount store of the mail order house last February and that it was due to the negligence of the company in putting the platform in the aisle of the store that she had fallen and seriously injured herself.

The jury said "yes" to the question as to whether the plaintiff was injured by the negligence of the defendant but failed to answer the second issue as to whether the plaintiff contributed to her injury by her own negligence. Because Judge I. M. Meekins, of Elizabeth City, had charged the jury earlier in the day that if they answered the first issue "yes" they must answer the second issue it was thought possible that the failure of the jury to answer the second issue might result in a mistrial of the case.

Montgomery Ward officials and testified that the platform Mrs. Baskin allegedly tripped over was a moveable one that had been placed in the store to display chicken brooders on and that it was not in the store at the present.

REMARKABLE RAILROAD RECORD

A railroad engineer for 53 years without an accident. That is the record left by John B. Wemyss when he died a few days ago in Rocky Mount hospital the day after being stricken with an attack of acute indigestion just after completing his regular run from Florence, S. C., to Rocky Mount.

Wemyss was the oldest engineer in point of service in the Wilmington-Richmond district of the Atlantic Coast Line, probably the oldest on the entire system. His safety record is truly remarkable, according to Owen H. Page, general superintendent of the A. C. L., who with other officials of the road, attended the veteran engineer's funeral in Fayetteville.

"As far as I know, no train that he pulled ever had even a slight wreck," said Page.

Wemyss started railroading when 15 years old with the C. F. & Y. V. He entered the service of the A. C. L. when the former road was absorbed by the Atlantic Coast Line. He was in the railroad service 56 years.

Edgecombe Farmer Shows "Only Perfect Twin Leaf"

W. D. Moody, farmer of number 14 township in Edgecombe county, announced this week-end that he will exhibit at the Rocky Mount Fair the first perfect twin leaf of tobacco he has seen in 20 years of tobacco raising.

The leaf is a full sized leaf out of the middle of the stalk, measuring 11 1/2 inches wide and 19 inches long, Moody stated.

He estimated that it was "the only perfect twin leaf" out of 49,357, 167,143 leaves, according to his calculations, in the 1937 tobacco crop, from which it was taken.

24 PIGS IN ONE LITTER

Monday, a Poland-China sow belonging to Edward Whitman, who lives near Erwin, Harnett county, gave birth to a litter of 24 pigs. All of the little animals were perfectly formed and apparently healthy but were smaller than usual. The mother pig weighs 400 pounds and has given birth to several litters of pigs previously.

NICE CORN YIELD

Macbee Lawrence, 4-H club member of Bertie County, reports a yield of 77.7 bushels of corn on his club acre using the Biggs Prolific variety.

W. G. Robbins Receives Honor From Kiwanis

Local Club President Named Lieutenant-Governor at Spartanburg

W. Grover Robbins, retiring president of the Rocky Mount Kiwanis club, was elected lieutenant governor of District No. 6, which includes the two Carolinas, at the annual convention this week in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Mr. Robbins along with W. A. Bui lock, president-elect of the local club, returned to the city last night. They represented the Rocky Mount club as official delegates to the convention.

Brief reports were expected from the delegates either at Thursday's session of the local club or at a date in the near future.

The regular luncheon session of Kiwanis will get underway at one o'clock Thursday at the Ricks hotel. Norman Y. Chambliss, manager of the Rocky Mount fair and active in fair management in North Carolina and other states, will have charge of the program and is expected to offer some highlight attractions as features.

Gov. Talmadge To Speak In Ral.

Former Governor Eugene Talmadge of Georgia has accepted the invitation of the North Carolina Anti-Compulsory Crop Control Association to address a mass meeting of farmers at Raleigh. He will speak in the Memorial Auditorium at 11 o'clock in the morning of Saturday, November 5, 1938.

Baptists To Hold State Convention

The program for the 108th annual meeting of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina was released this week by M. A. Huggins, executive secretary of the convention.

The 1938 session will be held in Raleigh, November 15-17. Host of the convention is the Tabernacle Baptist church, of which Dr. Forrest C. Feezor is pastor. The closing night session will be held in the Raleigh Memorial auditorium, Huggins stated.

Among-out-of-state speakers scheduled for the November meeting are Dr. L. R. Scarborough, president of the Southern Baptist convention, Fort Worth, Texas; Dr. Charles E. Maddy, executive secretary of the foreign mission board, Richmond, Va.; Dr. W. F. Powell, president of the Baptist Sunday School board, Nashville, Tennessee.

Other speakers are Louis S. Gaines, Lexington; James D. Willis, Hamlet; R. E. Hardaway, Lenoir; Wyman E. Wood, Swannanoa; Sankey L. Blanton, Wilmington; W. D. Morris, Elizabeth City; Ira D. S. Knight, Durham; Mrs. J. Clyde Turner, Greensboro; Frank K. Pool, Chapel Hill; J. D. Simons, Louisville; Olin T. Binkley, Wake Forest; J. F. Gulley, Mount Olive; J. W. Kincheol, Rocky Mount; E. V. Hudson, Cramerton; J. Clyde Turner, Greensboro.

R. N. Simms, Sr., of Raleigh is president of the convention and will preside at the November session. Vice-presidents are A. J. Barton, Wilmington; George W. Paschal, Wake Forest, and Hoyt Blackwell, Mars Hill. Other officers are Charles B. Deane, recording secretary; L. L. Morgan, statistical secretary; R. L. McMillan, J. R. Weatherspoon, F. T. H. Brooks, trustees.

The convention has met 16 times in Raleigh. The Tabernacle church was last host to the convention in 1924.

The Baptist State convention is the official representative body of 471, 554 North Carolina Baptists and shapes the policies of the several institutions of denominational work in the state. Among questions up for discussion in November will be the advisability of establishing two additional Baptist hospitals, one in the eastern part of the state and one in the south central region. Baptists already have in Winston-Salem a hospital, of which Smith Hagman is superintendent.

The convention met last year at the First Baptist church of Wilmington, Sankey L. Blanton, pastor.

The 1938 program for the convention was prepared by Claude F. Gaddy, Raleigh; F. C. Feezor, Raleigh; G. N. Cowan, Apex; Arch C. Cree, Salisbury; Johnson J. Hayes, Greensboro; A. J. Smith, Goldsboro; W. G. Hall, Durham. Louis S. Gaines of Lexington will direct music features of the Raleigh meeting.

DOUBLE TROUBLE

"Double Trouble" had a very real meaning for Frank Savage, lanky Negro defendant, in city court today.

Accusing Savage of being the father of her illegitimate twins, born last month, a Negro woman was asking for some money.

Attorney R. T. Fountain, representing Savage, countered with the explanation that Savage, newly married, also had a new set of twins at home.

"This man wants to do the best he can," Attorney Fountain reasoned with the court, "but consider his predicament, with twins at home and twins abroad."

Finally, Savage agreed that he could pay the plaintiff \$10 down and a dollar a week.—From News and Observer.

Poultry Outlook

A larger hatch and increased market and storage supplies of poultry and eggs were cited by the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics as among the important developments expected in the poultry and egg situation in 1939.

N. C. Beats Pennsylvania In Election Frauds

When it comes to holding elections Pennsylvania does not have anything that beats North Carolina. In times past when you thought of frauds in elections and corruption in government your thoughts immediately turned to Philadelphia and to the State of Pennsylvania. In the manner of nominating candidates for office North Carolina has gone further and taken the lead in her nomination of candidates. The Democracy of the 8th Congressional District will be called upon to vote for a Democratic nominee for Congress that neither the executive committee or the people themselves nominated. The nomination was made by three men picked by somebody we do not know who, probably the Governor, one living in Fayetteville, Charlie Rose, another living in Winston Salem, H. Gardner Hudson and the third James G. Merriman of Asheville. All this committee recognized as strictly machine men according to rumor. The State Board of Elections after investigation found that Mr. Burgin the candidate nominated by the committee was not entitled to the nomination by reason of illegal votes. The matter was carried to the Supreme Court and the Supreme Court held that the State Board of Election had the authority to investigate frauds in elections, and that it was their duty to do so. The matter was again carried to the Court and then a committee out side of the district was appointed to make the nomination and the committee proceeded to nominate and his so-called committee nullified the act of the State Board of Elections and the Supreme Court itself an dthe Court seems to be without authority to enforce its own judgment, in fact, using the language of Civil War days "the judiciary appears to be exhausted." In Davidson County in many of the precincts as many as 43 per cent of the votes were absentee in fact in one of the precincts a man according to rumor, Mike Henderson was supposed to have voted and upon investigation, it was found that Mike Henderson is a mule. The Police Judge of Greensboro and High Point, and many of the County Judges, are appointed by the Governor who does not live in either of those cities or counties. The people are denied the right to elect their judge and are treated like the territorial provinces before they were taken into the United States. This is centralized government which the late lamented Dennis G. Brummitt warned the people of North Carolina in one of his addresses to the people of North Carolina. The News and Observer sums up the matter in its editorial of October 26, 1938 to wit:

Name On The Ballot
By grace of an extra-official arbitration, the Democrats of the Eighth Congressional District will have in November a candidate listed on the official ballot.

The unfortunate and inescapable truth is that neither the State Board of Elections nor the courts—much less this compromise process by which the primary result was determined for the purpose of ballot printing—has given the people of the Eighth District any support for a faith that the Democrat who will get their ballots in November and, presumably, will be elected, is the Democrat representing the choice of the majority of the votes of his party.

The whole Eighth District business—both as it was revealed in the startling details of election irregularity and as it was drawn out in the post primary court battle over the result—does the District and North Carolina an unbearable discredit.

On the face of the returns as originally tabulated, W. C. Burgin of Lexington was the nominee. As the State Board of Elections competed winnowing fraudulent and irregular absentee ballots, his opponent, C. E. Deane of Rockingham, emerged with the certificate of nomination.

The referees to whom the contenders submitted their issue without recourse in determining rights under points of law, repudiated the State Board of Elections when they ignored the board's unequivocal findings of fact in the matter of illegal ballots and judged it bankrupt of power where the Supreme Court, with all the opportunity, has declined to do judge.

Its failure may yet result in giving the State an election system under which it might have done and may yet do the State a distinguished service. For what profit or point is there in an honest and intelligent Election Board if either the law as it is written or the courts as they interpret the law, will not let it function?"

THE NEW WAGE-HOUR LAW

The new Federal wage and hour law went into effect Monday of this week. There has been some little confusion in the minds of many of our people because it is a new law, and the terms of the new law have not been fully understood. It is our belief that when this law is tried out, and the public becomes thoroughly acquainted with it, it will be a great benefit to the south.

The south has been exploited because the farms in times past have not had protection, and many of the manufacturing plants north have moved south with the hope of exploiting southern labor. Rocky Mount has had some unpleasant publicity. It has been heralded over the country that 1500 people have been thrown out of work. We have not seen anybody who has been thrown out of his job because of the new wage and hour law. The tobacco stemmery is purely a seasonal employment, and the tobacco in this section is practically all sold and there will be practically none sold after two weeks. It has been reported that a committee has visited Washington in protest of the law. This of course, we are not familiar with. Our information is that many people have been put on the payroll that have not been there before because some of our industrial plants that have been running on double shifts have had to put on three shifts.

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