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POPULATION DATA

CITIES AND TOWNS

Salisbury	16,951	Gold Hill	156
Spencer	3,129	Granite Quarry	507
E. Spencer	2,098	Rockwell	696
China Grove	1,258	Faith	431
Landis	1,388	Kannapolis	13,912

TOWNSHIPS

Atwell	2,619	Morgan	1,327
China Grove	8,990	Mt. Ulla	1,389
Cleveland	1,445	Providence	2,589
Franklin	2,246	Salisbury	25,153
Gold Hill	2,642	S. Irish	1,251
Litaker	2,562	Steele	1,142
Locke	1,904	Unity	1,406

ROWAN COUNTY 56,665

SUGGESTS PLANS FOR RECOVERY

Julius H. Barnes, chairman of the board of the United States Chamber of Commerce, proposes a comprehensive and detailed program of national and international endeavor to restore confidence, stimulate business enterprises, and free the world from the "paralyzing" psychology of depression.

He suggests:

- "First—Join the world court.
- "Second—Prepare to support a sound program of international finance to follow the short moratorium.
- "Third—Press for effective results from the coming disarmament conference.
- "Fourth—Stretch and spread employment to the utmost.
- "Fifth—Revise the 40-year-old anti-trust laws which today destroy the small business.
- "Sixth—Frame our tax requirements to spread where it can be borne without injury.
- "Seventh—Give regulated industry a fair chance to maintain earnings and credit.
- "Eighth—Exercise economy in national expenditures.
- "Ninth—Reassure the individual American that we shall preserve the tradition of private enterprise.
- "Tenth—Continue to adjust the protective tariff.
- "Eleventh—Use the great reservoir of American sympathy in caring for cases of individual misfortune.
- "Twelfth—Avoid in any form, donations from the national treasury."

And Albert H. Wiggin, head of the world's largest bank, says "if tariffs, reparations and inter-allied debts are lowered, and if Germany and France settle their differences," the "United States soon will be doing business as usual."

Mr. Wiggin, chairman of the governing board of the Chase National Bank and chairman of the international committee which studied the German credit situation at the suggestion of the London conference, expressed that opinion as he arrived home from Europe.

"The business depression is world-wide," he told reporters. "Normal business conditions will not prevail in the United States until there is purchasing power in Europe, South America and Asia, and until Europe and particularly England and Germany—can function normally."

"England and Germany already have taken vigorous action, but they need the help of the rest of the world, and particularly the United States and France."

"The gold of the world is concentrated in few hands. The extension of credit is necessary, but credit alone is not enough, nor can adequate credit be given under existing conditions."

"In my judgment, an adequate program for reviving confidence and for establishing a sound basis for credit is contained in the report of the Basle committee."

"I believe prompt action along the lines of this report will speedily turn the course of world affairs so that the necessary credit to other nations can be extended and the United States again do business as usual."

FACTS ABOUT FIRE

If the nation's fire bill for 1930 were paid by a per capita tax, the cost to every person in the United States would be \$4.16. The estimated property loss announced for the year by the National Board of Fire Underwriters was \$499,739,172. This figure is \$36,126,410 above the preliminary estimate made last January on the basis of reports of insurance companies and \$32,234,716 more than for 1929. It has been estimated that six churches or chapels suffer from fire loss every 24 hours; that fire causes damage to 12 public buildings (including hospitals, schools and institutions) and 1,114 dwellings, or an average of one every minute and a half; that in a day and night there are 132 farm and 155 mercantile building fires.

The entire fire loss, figuring the cost of upkeep of fire fighting organizations, is estimated at \$1,112,000,000.

It is interesting to note that more fires occur in the winter than in the summer months, and it is estimated by fire chiefs that there are a third more fires at night than during the daylight hours. In industries and mercantile risks there is a sharp increase in the number of fires directly after closing hours, estimated at between 32 and 35 per cent. Processes are left unguarded in the rush to get away from the plant or store and many things are forgotten, sometimes resulting in fires.

Further analysis of official figures disclosed that 66 per cent of all fires occurred in homes, and that last year there were 10,217 deaths due to fires. Of fire losses in which loss of life occurred, 66 per cent were in the cities. Of lives lost in dwellings 30 per cent were children under 10 years of age. Of the total number of all deaths by fire, 24 per cent occurred as the result of misuse of inflammable liquids and 21 per cent from fires ignited by open flames. The problem which confronts the American people today is that of waste and carelessness. Only through their elimination may we expect a reasonable amount of true progress and lasting prosperity.

Those interested in fire prevention are frequently asked if there are any signs of a decrease in fire losses or if progress has been made in educating the public. Undoubtedly the educational work has been very important but the total loss in the United States is still at almost a record high level and there can be no talk about progress in educational work along fire prevention lines until statistics reflect the improvement in the total fire losses. New hazards, new property and a new generation of property owners make the fire prevention effort an unceasing struggle.

UNDER DEATH SENTENCE

In the prisons of 24 states, 141 men and two women are facing death. Sentences have been passed and dates of execution set. Unless pardons and reprieves are granted these 143 will pay the extreme penalty of the crimes of which they have been convicted. Of course the number will be reduced by clemency actions of one sort or another.

New York state leads in this death list, with 26 men waiting for the electric chair. Nearly all of these are young men, some of them only boys. The youngest is 18, the oldest 41. Eight are less than 25. Four are 19 and three 20. California is second, with 18 doomed men in the death cells. Third is Alabama, with 14. Illinois and Oklahoma have 10 each, awaiting execution. North Carolina has eight; Pennsylvania seven; New Mexico and Ohio six, each; Florida, Georgia and Indiana, four, each; Massachusetts and Virginia, three, each; Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Utah and Vermont, one, each.

The foregoing figures are from a recent survey. They may have changed some since the survey was made. But it is said that never in all the history of this nation has the number of persons at one time under death sentence in the various states reached as high a mark as 143 before.

MAN'S THOUGHTS

A man's thoughts must be going. Whilst he is awake, the working of his mind is as constant as the beating of his pulse. He can no more stop the one than the other. Hence, if our thoughts have nothing to act upon, they act upon themselves. They acquire a corrosive quality; they become in the last degree irksome and tormenting.—Paley.

MAKING A LIVING

If you're interested in "making a living" then nobody can help you. If, on the other hand, you are interested in making a life, get serious about your business, make the necessary sacrifices for success, and you will be surprised how others will become interested in you.—Exchange.

Hallowe'en is Saturday, October 31st.

THE WATCHMAN TOWER

To the Mayor and City Council and the Governing Boards of Salisbury Relief Agencies:

It is very gratifying to note your activity in connection with caring for the needy in this community this winter. I have read with interest your plans for this work and wish to congratulate you on your program.

While I do not agree with several suggestions advanced, I desire to commend you upon your undertaking and wish you success.

Considerable apprehension has been expressed as to the advisability of the issuance of script to pay workers, and also in connection with the method of financing the movement by contributions ranging from 4 to 8 per cent of the salaries drawn by those regularly employed.

Without going into a discussion of these matters, I desire to state that I have absolute confidence in the ability of those in charge of the program and predict much good will result from the movement inaugurated by our mayor and city council.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW ROWAN.

To the County Commissioners of Rowan County:

Please allow me to commend you on combining the heating systems of the courthouse, the community building and the jail into one central plant in the courthouse. This will undoubtedly save the county many thousands of dollars annually.

Under the old system, it was necessary to keep three furnaces in operation during the winter months. As soon as the new plant is installed, it will require only one fire and one furnace. This should represent a saving of approximately one-third.

While it may cost a few thousand dollars to install the new equipment, it will not take long for the new plant to pay for itself by economies effected in fuel, water and labor.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW ROWAN.

Mr. Lee Overman Gregory, Salisbury, N. C.

My dear Mr. Gregory:

I desire to congratulate you upon your appointment as special master in equity by Federal Judge Johnson J. Hayes.

You are exceptionally well qualified to handle this work efficiently and with dispatch. It will result in relieving to some extent the congested condition of the federal court civil docket.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW ROWAN.

The City Garbage Dept., Salisbury, N. C.

Gentlemen:

I am glad you have cleared off the garbage burning grounds situated on the old Concord road. In the past it has been an ugly sight. Garbage, of course, under no circumstances, is expected to be attractive, but it can be so arranged and handled as not to be repulsive. This you have done.

GOVERNOR MATTHEW ROWAN.

COMMENTS

ENJOY READING WATCHMAN VERY MUCH, SAYS A FLORIDA SUBSCRIBER.

The Carolina Watchman, Salisbury, N. C.

Gentlemen:

I enjoy reading your paper very much. It carries general N. C. news and that is what I like best about it. Must congratulate you people on getting out such a real newspaper.

Respectfully,
R. P. WATSON,
617 W. Patterson St.,
Lakeland, Fla.

LABOR WANTS WORK, NOT CHARITY, JOBLESS WORKER SAYS.

To the Editor:

Anticipating unemployment and economic relief, nearly everybody has remained adamant to the possible hardships and sufferings this coming winter. As the expected relief did not come and probably will not come, the general public is apprehensive of the sorrowful spectacle it will have to experience in the coming wintry months.

What have the capitalists done about it? Have they tried to do anything constructive to relieve the difficulties confronting the workingman? They seem to be impotent and unconcerned about the entire condition. We wonder if the capitalists have taken into consideration that, once the public is aroused, their aloofness may prove a boomerang.

The Executive Council of the Am-

erican Federation of Labor suggest a five-day week, and a six-hour day. At least they are making an effort.

If we are to maintain the purchasing power of the masses, wages must remain intact. If we are to reduce unemployment, more men and women must be put to work. And it seems logical that these suggestions can and will remedy and alleviate the condition to some extent.

Some logical solution must be discovered, which will permanently and uninterruptedly employ the workingmen. "The dole" is a detestable ghost which we all fear. It means charity, and the American people are not accustomed to being relieved by that kind of measure. Any legislative measure which deals with alleviating and assisting the working man in times of distress means alms. We sincerely hope that the capitalists will not force the government to those measures.

The dormancy with which the capitalists are treating this problem, its admittance on their part of their inability to cope with the situation, or possibly they are taking that "I don't care" attitude.

A JOBLESS WORKER.

NORTH CAROLINA WEEKLY REVIEW

The following record of industrial activity lists items showing investment of capital, employment of labor and business activities and opportunities.

Canton—Construction started on new Haywood County Courthouse and jail building.

Walter Haines leased 20 acres of Barber lands on Midland Road and will construct night golf course.

Wilmington—Will Rehder opened new florist shop in Southern building.

High Point—Bids opened for erection of new sewage pump station to replace present facilities near Henry D. Perry property on East Lexington avenue.

Marion—McCall Bros. to establish mortuary in Bennett home at southwest corner of Main and Fort streets.

Lenoir—Construction nearing completion on new school building.

Marion—Crawford F. James purchased Marianna Hotel property and will remodel structure for drug store, barber shop, bus station and waiting room.

Williamston—Electric Supply Co. opened for business in Bowen building on Washington street.

High Point—Premier Manufacturing Co., furniture plant on English street, resumed operations.

Maiden—J. Smith Campbell purchased plant of Maiden Chair Co. and will start operation soon.

Marshall—Montezuma Hotel being repaired.

Edenton—Bids opened for construction of negro school building on Oakum street.

High Point—Williams-Norris Co. furniture plant resumed operations.

Freeman—Dunbar Theater will open soon with new sound equipment.

Siler City—Alston Brooks purchased insurance agency of Page Corporation here.

Laurel—Hot Springs road opened to traffic.

Wanchese—Work progressing rapidly on road improvement in this city.

Lexington—Construction to be started immediately on new apartment house of 15 apartments to be located on corner of Third avenue, West and Park streets.

Selma—Progressive Chain Store opened store in this city, on West Anderson street.

High Point—Building permits issued in this city for first 26 days of September totaled \$38,300.

Smithfield—Work underway on Woman's Clubhouse building, North Second street.

Goldsboro—Ladies' ready-to-wear store opened for business on West Center street.

Salisbury—Newly hardsurfaced road from Iredell county line to this place officially opened to traffic.

Highlands—Louis Edwards erecting wood-working shop on Main street east of Central house.

Goldsboro—Montgomery Ward & Co. moved to new quarters on Walnut street.

Runaway 'Boy' Was Just Jaunting Midget

Fallon, Nev.—A report to the sheriff's office that a runaway boy was attempting to catch a ride out of Fallon led Ralph Vannoy, deputy sheriff, to investigate. He caught the hitch-hiker and took him into custody.

Later, investigation proved the "boy" to be a midget. Major Small, from a circus and Hollywood pictures who was attempting to hitch-hike back to his home in Ohio.

"It's easy to pick up rides," Small said, "but the cops chase me all the time because they think I am a runaway kid."

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

(ANSWERS BELOW)

- 1—Which is the keenest, the sense of sight, the sense of smell, or the sense of breathing?
- 2—What salary did Lincoln receive as President?
- 3—What two cultivated grains rank first as the main staff of human life?
- 4—What is the pulse of a newborn infant?
- 5—What is the only lakeport of Pennsylvania?
- 6—Between what two states is Mason and Dixon's Line?
- 7—Who was the Democratic candidate for President in 1924?
- 8—What are prunes?
- 9—Into what three great divisions is the federal government of the U. S. divided?
- 10—What province is the most easterly portion of Canada?
- 11—What state is called the "Peninsula State"?
- 12—What was the most picturesque division of the U. S. Army in the Spanish-American War?
- 13—What is a dynamo?
- 14—Where is the richest gold field in the world?
- 15—How many voyages to America did Columbus make?
- 16—How many books are there in the Bible?
- 17—Who created the thornless cactus?
- 18—In how many directions can a person standing at the North or South Pole face?
- 19—What eastern state's elevation above sea level is lower than that of any other state in the Union?
- 20—How many members are there in Congress?
- 21—What reptile has the power of changing its color?
- 22—Who was the great German ace of the World war?
- 23—Which is the greatest sheep producing state in the Union?
- 24—How near is the nearest star to the earth?
- 25—Which foreign country has the largest quota, under the restricted immigration laws of the U. S.?
- 26—In what state is there the greatest area of national forests?
- 27—Which of the disciples did Jesus enable to walk on the water?
- 28—What is the fewest number of persons who may form a corporation?
- 29—What has been called the "most spectacular of all spectacular accomplishments" of America?

ANSWERS

- 1—The sense of smell.
- 2—Twenty-five thousand dollars a year.
- 3—Wheat and rice.
- 4—From a 130 to 140 beats a minute.
- 5—Erie.
- 6—Maryland and Pennsylvania.
- 7—John W. Davis.
- 8—Sun-dried plums.
- 9—Legislative, executive and judicial.
- 10—Nova Scotia.
- 11—Florida.
- 12—"The Rough Riders," commanded by Colonel Leonard Wood and Colonel Theodore Roosevelt.
- 13—A machine that converts mechanical into electrical energy.
- 14—South Africa.
- 15—Four.
- 16—Sixty-six.
- 17—Luther Burbank.
- 18—At the North Pole one can only face south, while at the South Pole only north.
- 19—Delaware.
- 20—531; 96 senators and 435 representatives.
- 21—The chameleon.
- 22—Captain Manfred von Richthofen, with 80 planes to his credit.
- 23—Montana.
- 24—The nearest star, Alpha Centauri, is about 206,000 times as far away as the sun, which is about 92,000,000 miles away.
- 25—Great Britain.
- 26—California.
- 27—Peter.
- 28—Three.
- 29—The Panama Canal.

To Act As Best Man In Ex-Wife's Wedding

New York.—When Adolph Erdmann, wealthy coal merchant, was married to June Ramsey, Broadway beauty, eighteen years ago, his best man was his life-long friend, Sabino de Barrenescha Maraschio, millionaire Cuban sugar planter.

Now, June Ramsey, divorced from Erdmann for several years, is to wed de Barrenescha Maraschio, and the best man is to be her former husband.

The wedding took place aboard Erdmann's yacht, some place off the Connecticut coast.

EXCUSE US FOR MENTIONING IT AGAIN—BUT

Even Medicine Hat isn't as awful as this Empress Eugenie atrocity.

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