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## DRAINAGE FUNDS SLATED FOR COUNTY

## Auto Sales Set New Records

### PLAN INCREASE AUTO OUTPUT

Industry Buys Enough Steel to Produce 5,000,000 Cars During This Year.

Before the breathing spell afforded by the change-over of models, two leading units advertised the sale of the millionth car of their 1936 models. New and used cars sold during the model year came to the staggering total of approximately 12,000,000 or one car for every 10 persons in the United States. Such is the magnitude of the used car problem today that the sale of a new car requires the sale of nearly two used cars.

It would hardly appear possible in view of these figures, that the manufacturers are looking forward to an even better year. But it is so true that a prominent maker recently announced that approximately \$4 a car of a large quantity had been saved by the purchase of steel in advance of requirements.

It is reported that the industry as a whole has already bought steel in sufficient volume to account for six months' production at the annual rate of 5,000,000 cars—10 per cent greater than last year's and almost parallel to the all-time record established in 1929.

From present appearances, strikes are likely to interfere with production programs more than has been the case in the immediate past. Already several prominent makers of equipment have suffered interruption of flow of production lines because of "sit-down" strikes.

Therefore, the tendency will undoubtedly be to build up banks of assembly parts so that sudden shut-downs from this cause will not cause undue loss of time and money.

The profit outlook for automobile manufacturers is not as yet clear. Certain it is that wage increases will be necessary; steel prices are higher after the beginning of 1937, which means that they will affect the latter half of the model year. Prices of other materials and supplies are firming noticeably, so that it will be a struggle for the producers to further increase profit margins and no little task to hold them to 1936 levels.

### C. I. Jones, Jr. Joins Advertising Staff Of Herald-Journal

C. I. Jones, Jr., formerly connected with the advertising departments of the Washington Post and the Washington News, has joined the advertising staffs of the Herald-Watchman and the Spencer Journal.

Mr. Jones, in addition to his advertising work will also assist in the solicitation of job printing and sale of office equipment.

Mr. Jones is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Jones of West Thomas Street. He has lived in Salisbury all of his life with the exception of the year he spent in Washington and while away at college.

Addition of Mr. Jones to our advertising staffs is in furtherance of the expansion program recently inaugurated by the publisher.

### FIND PLATINUM FIELD

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Reports of a platinum strike at Gird News bay on the Bering sea were brought to Anchorage by Oscar Winchell, airplane pilot. He said more than 30 men have staked claims in the last month within an area of 20 square miles.

## Textile Machinery Business Booming

### Pritchard Convicted Of Second Degree Murder

Vernice Pritchett, being tried in the superior court as being one of two men who brutally murdered Jasper E. Wilkinson, Kannapolis taxi driver on the night of August 20, 1936, whose body was left lying beside the highway on the Landis-Five Fork highway, was found guilty of second degree murder by a Rowan jury Thursday morning.

The case went to the jury late Wednesday afternoon after Judge Pless had reviewed the evidence and instructed them that they could return one of three verdicts: first degree which carries the death penalty; second degree or find him not guilty.

The jury was in session for two hours last night after which they retired. This morning they came into the courtroom seeking further instructions from the judge. Some members wished to know whether Pritchett said he was in Kannapolis on the day of the murder and the judge told them that on the stand Pritchett said that he was not in Kannapolis after August 14, the murder being committed on the night of the 20.

Shortly thereafter the jury returned with their verdict, it being understood they took 12 ballots.

Judge Pless gave Pritchard a sentence of 30 years of hard labor in the state prison, late this afternoon.

### Plan to Replace Many N. C. Busses During This Year

1,800 School Busses Will Be Replaced During This Year Biennium, Is Planned.

4,058 OPERATING

### Commission of Opinion Student Drivers Are Dependable and Efficient

After a great deal of pressure has been brought to bear upon the state's school busses, action having the state of repair of the state school busses, action has been forthcoming.

The transportation committee of the State school commission reported Wednesday that 1,800 school busses formerly owned by counties should be replaced during the coming biennium "in order to bring the fleet of busses up to what we consider a safe mechanical condition."

The committee, in its report, declared that the majority of the number should be replaced in 1937-38, the first year of the biennium.

A total of 4,058 busses are operated in the state, of which 1,886 were purchased by counties prior to 1933, when the state took over operation of busses, the report said. Of the number operated, 963 are seven years old.

"A large number of these old bodies were poorly constructed," the report continued, "and the inability of the counties, during the depression period prior to 1933, to keep the busses in first-class mechanical condition resulted in neglect in many instances."

The committee asserted the average age of all busses was 6.2 in 1933. The present average is 4.1 years. All busses bought by the school commission were steel reinforced. Approximately 50 per cent of the busses were found to be making two daily trips to prevent

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### Marriage of Child Bride, 9, Denounced



KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Bitterly assailing the mountain marriage of 9-year-old Eunice Winstead to 22-year-old, 6 ft. Charlie Johns, January 19, Tennessee club women, ministers and jurists are asking the state legislature to act to prevent such "disgraceful unions" in the future.

### HORSE, 38, NEAR RECORD IN AGE

A Famous Western Stockman. Once Was the Mount of

BURNS, Colo.—Black Kid 38-year-old survivor of the days when an automobile was a rare thing in Colorado, holds the distinction of being the oldest horse in the state and possibly in the country.

Tradition says that a horse formerly ridden by General Custer lived to the age of 45. A Colorado horse known as Superior died after reaching 32.

Age has left its stamp on Black Kid. The animal's hair has long since fallen out and blown to the winds with a sort of fur effect, which nature seems to provide for a covering, taking its place. Black Kid loafed peacefully about the corral in the winter time at the Benton Land & Livestock Company's ranch near here and sallies slowly forth in summer to gather whatever sustenance and upkeep he desires on the pastures of the Burns Hole territory. Aged and decrepit, the horse waits around the corner with an expectant air and even attempts at times to perform an old trick of shaking hands.

Black Kid gained fame as a tall, jet-black animal weighing 1,250 pounds three decades ago when he was the mount of Frank Benton, then one of the most widely known stockmen in the West. Black Kid and Benton in an expensive, white Stetson sombrero made a striking partnership which never failed to attract attention. The partnership ended in 1921 with the death of Benton.

Benton purchased Black Kid in Denver in 1900 after being attached by the animal's gait as he trotted into the city behind a buggy.

### DU PONT HEADS SOARERS

NEW YORK—Richard C. Du Pont of Wilmington, Del., was elected president of the Soaring Society of America. The glider enthusiasts also elected as vice president Lieut. Commander Ralph S. Barnaby of Pensacola, Fla.

### Shortage In Food Will Help Farmer.

Agricultural Prices Threatened to Outstrip Industrial Levels—Farm Income 78 per cent Since 1932.

Closing the year on an extremely bullish but somewhat disconcerting note, agricultural news for 1936 was replete with high points and continues to command attention from all consumers in this nation and throughout the world.

Despite heroic attempts to stimulate production of farm commodities, several European countries were forced to admit in December that they would be forced to call upon major grain-producing nations to an extent that threatens to reduce the carryovers to dangerously low levels. As a result food costs threaten to rise alarmingly throughout the world, and the farmer promises to be in the ascendancy for the first time since the World war.

Prices have not yet fully reflected the shortage, but judged from standards of 1929 they are already out-distancing industrial commodities and causing expression of concern from representatives of the New Deal who only a short time ago, voiced determination to lift commodity prices to the "normal" low shows prices of several of the commodities most affected in comparison with prices at their peak in 1929:

	July, 1929	Dec 21, 1936
Wheat	\$1.55	\$1.39
Corn	1.21	1.08
Oats	.60	.52
Rye	1.17	1.15
Barley	.84	.93
Lard	12.60	13.50

These commodities all say prices from one-fourth to one-third of the 1929 levels during the depression, giving ample justification for the stand taken by the present Administration (and the one preceding it) that the agricultural situation need special attention. Agriculture undoubtedly still needs attention, and is being given it in the shape of soil conservation checks totaling over \$400,000,000 now in the process of distribution. But if prices such as the above hold at their present levels for any period, the industrial population will need a "breathing spell" to catch up with the farmer.

### Dr. T. W. Andrews

Dr. T. W. Andrews, former Supt. of the Salisbury city schools from 1917-1924, and since that time head of the High Point schools, died Thursday morning in the Burrus Memorial hospital of High Point.

Dr. Andrews had been seriously ill for several weeks and major operations, failing to restore him to health, he succumbed after having been gravely ill for the past few days.

Funeral services will be held at the First Baptist church of High Point Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock and interment will be in the Chestnut Hill cemetery.

MEXICO CITY—The engine fireman, and two soldiers were killed as the second section of the national railways Laredo express was wrecked near Rodriguez Tamulipas.

### Annual Output Is Stepped Up

Manufacturers' Inventories Up; Sales Higher, Employment Increasing.

WASHINGTON — Manufacturers of textile machinery have benefited greatly from the high production mark cotton textile mills in the Carolinas and other centers have attained. Employment and production have increased sharply in the industry, according to a report issued by the Bureau of the Census.

With the output of mills in 1937 far in excess of the total 1935 volume, the bureau in its report gives figures indicating that the industry will show a larger annual production this year.

The wage earners employed in this industry in 1935 numbered 19,080, an increase of 2.7 per cent over 18,576 reported for 1933, and their wages of \$21,245,578 exceeded the 1933 figure by \$18,737,260, or by 13.4 per cent. The total value (at F. O. B. factory prices) of textile machinery, parts, attachments, and accessories made in the industry in 1935 amounted to \$64,240,350, an increase of 11.0 per cent as compared with \$57,891,952 reported for 1933. The chief classes of products contributing to the 1935 total were as follows: fiber-to-fabric machinery \$11,500,852; fabric machinery, \$14,096,046; parts, attachments spindles and accessories (including knockdown machines for export), \$29,031,735.

This industry, as constituted for census purposes, embraces establishments engaged wholly or chiefly in the manufacture of machinery for use in the textile industries. The relatively large volume of "extra parts attachments, spindles, and accessories," nearly half of the total value of textile machinery and parts, is accounted for by the fact that some manufacturers of textile machinery ship a considerable proportion of their output, especially that destined for export, in the form of "knock-down" or partly assembled machines. The records of these manufacturers do not in all cases show the number of complete machines represented by such shipments, and, accordingly, they are necessarily reported as parts.

### LEGAL LIQUOR IN ALABAMA BY APRIL

Refusing to be halted by the veto of Governor Bibb Graves, the Alabama legislature Tuesday passed a prohibition repeal bill and brought an end to 22 year "bone drought" in that state. There will be a special election March 10 and counties then voting for repeal will have legal whiskey by about April 1.

This action leaves Kansas the only bone dry State in the nation. Tennessee, Mississippi, Georgia and Oklahoma ban hard liquor but permit beer.

Counties voting against repeal March 10 will remain under the stringent prohibition laws enacted by the top-heavy dry legislature in 1915.

Alabama's election system provides for official tabulation of the state-wide vote 15 days after the election, and the new repeal law will become effective in wet counties.

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OFFICIALS REQUESTING \$100,000.00

Rowan Delegation Returns From Washington After Conference With WPA

PROSPECTS ARE ENCOURAGING

Prospects of obtaining in excess of \$11,000 from the WPA to complete the Rowan-Iredell drainage project are very encouraging, according to the Rowan county officials who returned Thursday from Washington where they conferred with Col. J. C. McHaffey, executive assistant to WPA's chief engineer.

The delegation from Rowan was composed of the following officials: R. L. Barnhardt, chairman of the board of county commissioners; County Commissioners C. H. Long and J. T. Graham; W. D. Kizziah, registrar of deeds; Dr. C. W. Armstrong, county health officer and W. D. Alexander, district engineer of the state board of health.

Rowan's representatives were accompanied to the WPA headquarters by Congressman R. L. Doughton who joined in the request for additional funds to complete the project.

Following the conference, it was felt that an allocation for this purpose will be made in the near future.

### Employment Secured for 4,076 In This District

Employment has been secured for a total of 4,076 workers in the Salisbury District by the N. C. State Employment Service since July 1, 1936 according to the biennial report compiled in January of this number 1,190 jobs were in private industry and 2,886 on public works projects.

The district of which Salisbury is the head ranked seventh in total number of placements for this six months period. Those ahead in job placements were the Raleigh, Charlotte, Greensboro, Kinston, Winston-Salem and Asheville Districts. The Greensboro District placed a total of 9,059 and the Charlotte District 4,998.

Figures that are even more significant are those that show the total activities of the fifteen districts of the entire state for past two years. Of 254,133 people who have passed through Employment Offices in search of work 212,985 secured jobs. Or, to put it more simply, for every 100 registrations there were nearly 84 placements made.

Since June the heavy load of choosing persons for Works Progress Administration Projects has been taken off the hands of the Employment Service and since that time the personnel of the service has been working over-time to make the Employment Service a more professional organization whose main purpose is to serve the employers and employees of private industry.

### E. Spencer First Grade Studies Farm Life

Miss Leonard's first grade of East Spencer school have been studying about the farm for the past few weeks. The children have enjoyed reading and making stories of farm life. Many pictures were brought by the children and charts were made. They also drew pictures of various animals and farm buildings. A little booklet of the "Farm" was made by each child.

A miniature farm was constructed on one of the tables which the children enjoyed arranging every day.

This study will end this week with a program and party given by the children in the room.