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Ferguson Schoolhouse Destroyed By Fire

389 Unemployed To Be Put To Work By End of Week; Formal Approval of Project Is Awaited

Program of Civil Works To Start In Wilkes December 1

778 Jobs Are Allotted For Distribution Among Unemployed of County

PROJECTS ARE OUTLINED

Re-employment Office Is To Recruit 389 From Ranks of Those Now Idle

Final approval of projects which will put 389 unemployed to work by December 1 is expected at any time it was learned this morning from Mrs. G. G. Foster, civil works administrator for Wilkes county.

Projects to supply work for the remaining half of Wilkes county's quota are now being submitted and are being sent to Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, state administrator, as rapidly as possible. The entire 778 jobs must be filled by December 15.

Headed the list of projects are additions and improvements to school buildings of the county. County Superintendent C. B. Eller devoted much of his time last week toward securing necessary information in order that school projects might be included in the list.

A basement room is planned for Roaring River and Mount Pleasant high schools while a two-room hut for the Home Economics department of Ronda school has been submitted for approval. Certain repairs are planned for a number of school buildings.

Wilkesboro heads the list in planning projects. Chief among these is a Community House which the Wilkesboro Woman's Club is anxious to build and arrangements are being made to secure necessary materials for the structure. Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Holman have donated two lots valued at \$1,000 as a proposed site for the building.

Additions to the vaults in the offices of the clerk and the register of deeds are projects sent in for the county courthouse and it is also planned to clean, repair and paint the county jail.

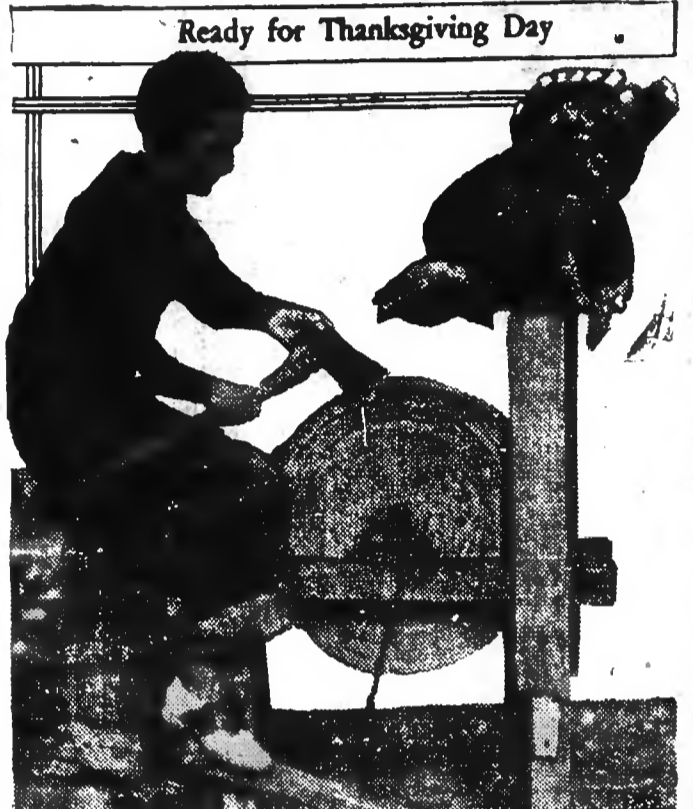
Work on the streets and other works are planned for the town of Wilkesboro.

Up to this morning, North Wilkesboro had furnished only one project, that of completing the high school gymnasium.

Chief among the rural projects is that of carrying out the program of building sanitary privies. Anyone who will furnish materials may secure relief labor and the advice of S. P. Mitchell, civil engineer, to aid in the project.

Materials for civil works administration projects will be purchased from NRA firms after competitive bids are received. Mrs. Foster was advised by the state administrator last week. It is expected that a large number of local firms will profit through the civil works program in this manner.

By the end of the week 389 persons on the relief list will have been put to work and the remaining 389 will be recruited from the list furnished by the North Wilkesboro office of the National Re-employment Bureau.



Ready for Thanksgiving Day
In Massachusetts, home of Thanksgiving Day, Miss Ruth Fisher of Lasee College, near Sudbury, selects a 35-pound bird which manifested much interest in the grindstone operation of sharpening an axe.

American Legion Auxiliary Has 1,800 Members, President Says

The North Carolina department of the American Legion Auxiliary has approximately 1,800 members, according to information obtained at the office of the state president here.

Mrs. W. R. Absher, state president, answered the roll call at the president's and secretaries' conference in Indianapolis Friday with the statement that the department had 1,602 members. Later it was learned that this figure had been increased by 200 members received during the day.

County Singers Meet Thursday

Everything Is In Readiness for County-wide Singing Thanksgiving Day

The most successful county-wide singing held yet is expected Thursday when choirs, quartets and duets from all sections of the county meet at the courthouse for their Thanksgiving Day convention. Mr. Linville Bumgarner, chairman, stated Saturday.

Everything is in readiness for the occasion and indications are that a large crowd will attend. The singing begins at 10 a. m. and continues well into the afternoon.

Slot Machines Are Moved Out

Solicitor John R. Jones Appreciates Co-operation of People of City

Slot machines which have been operating in the city were moved out at midnight Saturday night and Solicitor John R. Jones stated this morning that he appreciated this co-operation in carrying out the part of the business establishments in which these machines were located.

Solicitor Jones said he believed that the people were laboring under the mistaken idea that the machines were legal and did not realize that the state licensed only legally operated machines. The solicitor announced last week that the operators of the machines would be prosecuted if the machines were not removed.

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Armbrust Winds Up Pastorate of Four Years Here

Delivers Final Sermon at Church, Using "Christ's Will" as Subject

TO LEAVE WEDNESDAY

Methodist Church Raised \$9,071 For Church Purposes During Past Year

Using as his subject, "Christ's Will," Rev. J. H. Armbrust delivered his farewell sermon at the North Wilkesboro Methodist church yesterday morning. With this sermon, he completed four years as pastor here.

"My peace I give unto you" was the sermon text and Rev. Mr. Armbrust brought his pastorate here to a close with one of his ablest sermons.

A crowd which filled the church auditorium and the adjoining Sunday school room to capacity attended the service.

In the course of the service, he thanked the Methodists and other people of North Wilkesboro for their kind treatment of him during his sojourn in the city and expressed his hope for the best things in life for the people he had endeavored to serve.

Summarizing the work of the past year, Rev. Mr. Armbrust stated that the Methodist church here had raised \$9,071 for church work.

Brief talks were made yesterday morning at the Sunday school hour and the regular church services by W. R. Absher and W. D. Halfacre, both of whom eulogized the work of the retiring minister, and urged loyalty toward the new pastor, Dr. W. A. Jenkins, who will arrive here Wednesday.

Glee Club Sings At Kiwanis Meet

Excellent Program Given By High School Girls; Carter In Charge

The North Wilkesboro high school glee club, composed of 25 girls under the direction of Miss Tim Crawford, entertained at the luncheon of the Kiwanis club at Hotel Wilkes Friday afternoon.

The glee club sang a group of old-time favorites and won favor both with their selections and the harmony of their voices.

The program was in charge of D. J. Carter.

Among the numbers given by the glee club were "In the Evening by the Moonlight," "Way Down Upon the Swane River," "Seeing Nellie Home," "Old Black Joe," "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia," "Susanna," and "Dixie."

Other features of the program were a vocal solo by Rebecca Brame, who sang "The Mammy Song," a quartet, composed of Mildred and Gladys Bryant, Rebecca Brame and Marcella Pendley, and two vocal solos, "Old Dan Tucker" and "Golden Slippers," by Ozelle Andrews, a sixth grade student.

It was announced at the meeting that no meeting of the club will be held Friday on account of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Kiwanian J. D. Holcomb, of Elkin, was a guest at the meeting.

SIX COTTAGES DESTROYED BY FIRE AT GORDON MILLS AT ROARING RIVER SUNDAY

4,000,000 Jobs



Harry L. Hopkins, federal relief administrator, who has an appropriation of \$600,000,000 with which to give jobs to 4,000,000 unemployed this winter, under President Roosevelt's new relief program.

Insurance Cases Be Taken Up In Court Tuesday

Federal Court Is Moved Into Federal Building From County Courthouse

S. P. U. CASE SETTLED

War risk insurance cases will be taken up tomorrow in federal court at Wilkesboro as the November term entered its second week. Judge Johnson J. Hayes, of Greensboro, is presiding.

Court is not in session today out of respect to R. L. Blaylock, former clerk of the middle district, whose death occurred yesterday.

The civil docket was taken up Thursday after completion of the criminal calendar.

The suit instituted against the Southern Public Utilities company by Mrs. Selma Nichols Church in connection with the death of the plaintiff's husband who was killed during an electric storm was compromised, the plaintiff being awarded \$600.

Judge Hayes directed a verdict in favor of the plaintiffs in the case of Grover Bower and Lin Bumgarner against the American Casualty company.

The motion docket was argued Friday afternoon and court adjourned until this morning.

Criminal cases disposed of late Wednesday and Thursday morning follow:

Walter Love, fine of \$400 and 2 years probation.

Clifford Fisher and Roy Bauguess, year and day each in Chillocothe.

Albert Johnson, 18 months probation.

U. L. Parks, year and day in Atlanta.

J. A. Collins and Lloyd Bare, temporary probation.

Percy Foster, defendant in insane asylum, case not prosed.

Lonnice Oakley, six months in jail.

Judge Finley Announces That He Will Not Be Candidate Next Year

Judge T. B. Finley, veteran Wilkes jurist, made formal announcement last week that he will not be a candidate for reelection to the Superior court bench next year.

Judge Finley's announcement was made in Rockingham county where he was holding court.

Unestimated Damage Is Suffered as Six Families Are Left Homeless

BEGAN AT WOOD'S HOME

Fire Also Reported Out in Forests on South Side of Yadkin River

Fire which caught in the home of John Wood destroyed six Gordon Mills cottages at Roaring River yesterday afternoon, doing an unestimated amount of damage as household furnishings in some of the cottages were burned.

The fire started about 1:30 o'clock and fanned by the wind, the flames spread until six cottages were burned before it could be brought under control. The cottages were occupied by John Wood, Rufus Baldwin, Walter Bryant, Gwyn King and others.

Some of the furniture and personal clothing were saved from part of the cottages. However, the families were left in destitute circumstances and county relief forces were busy today arranging to take care of the needs of the homeless people.

It was reported that fire was burning in the forests on the south side of the Yadkin at Roaring River last night and that a considerable number of men were fighting the flames. The extent of the damage had not been ascertained today.

Helvering Warns State's Farmers

Says Processing Tax Must Be Paid On All Hog Products Sold By Farmers

Raleigh, Nov. 25.—Commissioner of Internal Revenue Guy T. Helvering stated today that it has been brought to the attention of the Bureau of Internal Revenue that in many instances farmers and others are slaughtering hogs and selling the products to consumers without payment of the processing tax. This is a violation of the Agricultural Adjustment Act and regulations promulgated thereunder, which provide that any person who slaughters hogs for market must file appropriate returns and pay the processing tax thereon.

The tax applies even in the case of the producer who slaughters his own hogs and sells or otherwise disposes of all or any part of the products.

Heavy penalties are provided for violation of the law or evasion of the tax and any person who slaughters hogs and sells all or any part thereof should confer with the collector of internal revenue for his district who will assist him in preparing and filing the required returns.

Joe Moss, fine of \$6.00 and one year probation.

Leonard Hamby, year and day in Chillocothe.

Joe Bengel Freed After Having Served Two Years of 8-Year Sentence

Joe Bengel, Wilkes county slayer, was granted a parole by Governor Ehringhaus Thursday after having served a little more than two years of an indeterminate sentence of from eight to 12 years.

Bengel was convicted of manslaughter in connection with the death of Kermit Johnson, at the August term of court in 1931. The slaying took place at the home of Bengel on Hunting Creek.

Singing At C. C. C.

Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Olive and daughter, Emily, Mrs. Pearson, Miss Ruby Blackburn, Mrs. Tip McNeill, Mr. E. M. Blackburn and Mr. John Kermit Blackburn, of this city, visited the C. C. Camp at Purlear yesterday afternoon and a song program was given for the benefit of the camp boys. They reported an interesting visit to the camp.

Books and Some Of Desks Rescued As Building Burns

Fire Caught From Fire Between Ceiling and Roof of the Structure

ALL CHILDREN GET OUT

Plan to Use Churches of Community to Continue School Session

Ferguson school building, located at Ferguson, was destroyed by fire this morning at 10 o'clock as the flames quickly consumed the wooden structure.

Classes were in progress at the school when the flames were discovered, but the building was quickly vacated. The fire had not gained sufficient headway, however, to endanger the lives of the children and an effort was made to remove school books and desks from the structure.

The fire is believed to have caught from a defective flue and was burning between the ceiling and the roof when discovered. With no fire fighting equipment, nothing could be done to save the building.

Prof. L. R. Sims, principal of the school, stated this afternoon that all the books and many of the desks were saved. They were unable to save an old piano.

Ferguson school has an enrollment of approximately 175 and Prof. Sims stated that school authorities hoped to re-open school tomorrow. An effort will be made, he said, to secure two churches in the community in which to continue classes until another building can be erected.

It was learned from reliable sources that \$2,000 of insurance was carried on the building, partially covering the loss sustained this morning.

Business Houses To Be Closed On Thanksgiving Day

People Of Wilkes Expected To Observe Day Quietly; Grid Game At Chapel Hill

North Wilkesboro business firms with the exception of hotels, restaurants and filling stations will be closed Thursday in observance of Thanksgiving Day. Business for the part will be at a standstill throughout the day.

The people of Wilkes are expected to observe Thanksgiving in a quiet manner. The county-wide singing at the courthouses and hunting are to be two attractions of the day. A number of Wilkes people are planning to witness the annual Turkey day football classic between the University of North Carolina and Virginia at Chapel Hill.

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