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8,000,000 JOBLESS Washington.—The American Federation of Labor estimated today that more than 8,000,000 persons were still unemployed in May despite the rearing of 1,437,000 by industry and agriculture since January 1.

BOY IS DROWNED Morganton, July 9.—Joseph Mosby, 15, was drowned today in Catawba river, three miles from Morganton, when he fell from a boat he was rowing apparently while subject to an epileptic seizure.

RECORD HARVEST Washington, July 9.—Government experts predicted today that this year's harvest will fill the country's grain bins. They forecast the largest wheat crop in six years, 882,000,000 bushels, and the largest corn crop since 1932, 2,571,851,000 bushels.

TO WRITE ARTICLES Raleigh, July 8.—R. Bruce Etheridge, director of the department of conservation and development, said today Mildred Seydell, author, would tour the state this summer and prepare a series of articles in connection with North Carolina's \$250,000 advertising program.

KILLED IN CRASH Seattle, June 9.—A navy Seaman (1st Cl.) W. H. Myers was killed, and Bruce Harwood, seaman (1st Cl.) W. H. Myers naval aviation officer, was injured today when a plane from the battleship Arizona dived into Puget Sound near Three-Tree Point, south of here.

SUICIDE BRIDGE Pasadena, Calif.—The Colorado Street Bridge, from which 80 persons have leaped to death, is going to be made suicide proof, city officials announced today. A special "suicide patrol" by police failed to prevent the death leaps so a seven-foot fence topped by barbed wire will be erected to discourage leapers.

REPORT RACKETEERING Raleigh, July 9.—Racketeering in old age assistance is possible without great vigilance, the state board of charities and public welfare today warned in directing the public's attention to reports which have come to the board citing the activities of "certain unscrupulous persons attempting to collect fees from aspirants for benefits under the social security program."

HEAT TOO MUCH Kingston, N. Y.—Nearly 1,700 weary followers of Father Major J. Divine bade good-bye today to the bald-pated negro cult leader's "promised land," their two-day "celestial olympics" wiled by the heat. Their scheduled "olympic games" postponed because of the weather, the faithful left between 200 and 300 pilgrims behind them to populate the land of "milk and honey," and steamed down the Hudson.

ACCIDENTS INCREASE Raleigh, July 9.—Highway fatalities in North Carolina during the first five months of this year increased 7 per cent over the same period last year, Arthur D. Fulk, director of the high safety division, said today, but gasoline consumption jumped 19.75 per cent and motor vehicle registration was up 10 per cent. The figures, Fulk said, revealed North Carolinians were becoming safer drivers.

HEAT KILLS 150 Two-thirds of the United States sweaters under baking skies Friday, as temperatures and death lists mounted from the worst hot wave of the year, with no relief in sight. The death toll by mid-afternoon neared 150 for the three-day heat wave, which laid a hot blanket of humid air over the country from the Atlantic Seaboard to the Rockies.

Honie Coming At Temple Hill 18th July 18th is home coming date at Temple Hill M. E. Church. "All former pastors and members are invited to come and enjoy the day with us," Rev. J. L. A. Bumgarner, pastor, said in the announcement. There will be service at 11 a. m. and 2:30 p. m.; also at 8:00 p. m. "Come and bring your friends with you." The following week will be revival services.

Set Up Highway Division Office In City; Stewart New Division Engineer

Located on Second Floor of Tomlinson Department Store Building Here

WILL CONSTRUCT SHOP

Hearing On Highway Matters Before Commissioner Hackett Held Today

Offices for the eighth highway division, composed of ten counties, have been set up in North Wilkesboro on the second floor of the Tomlinson Department store building on Main Street. At present the district headquarters consists of six office rooms and a spacious store room. The office personnel now includes:

J. Gordon Hackett, of this city, highway commissioner, who spends much of his time at the office in the interest of highway matters in his district.

Zeb V. Stewart, district engineer, who came to North Wilkesboro from Winston-Salem, where he was a district engineer under the highway set-up displaced by the new act of this year. He and Mrs. Stewart and three sons have a residence on E street. His office secretary is Mrs. Florence M. Fulp, formerly of Winston-Salem.

C. A. Hayworth, assistant division engineer, came to North Wilkesboro from Statesville, where he was formerly a construction engineer.

George B. Lockhart, formerly with the construction department in Charlotte, is office engineer. He and Mrs. Lockhart and young daughter are making their home here. R. V. Peck is road oil supervisor for the division; M. P. Alexander, of Statesville, is prison supervisor; and J. S. Warren, of Salisbury, is bridge supervisor. R. F. Hunter, division mechanic, and Joe Zimmerman, who will be in charge of the office of the division shop to be located here, will come to North Wilkesboro in the near future.

Public hearings on highway matters in the district are held each second Monday at the courthouse in Wilkesboro before Commissioner Hackett.

Sentence Man To Roads 24 Months

Frank Hall, young man of this city, was sentenced in city court today to the roads for a total of 24 months, one year on a charge of larceny and one year for breaking and entering.

He was convicted for breaking into E. V. Williams machine shop and for larceny of some household goods which had been stored in F. C. Tomlinson's barn.

No New Murder Cases On Docket

Few Charged With Felonies to Face Trial in August Term of Wilkes Court

Although C. C. Hayes, Wilkes clerk of superior court, has compiled about 150 cases on the docket for the August term of court, it is interesting to note that since the grand jury convened at the March term that there has not been a new murder charge.

And although two murder cases are pending trial there are no new ones so far to go before the grand jury. This is considered quite an unusual situation in Wilkes, recalling that only a few years ago five murder charges originated in the space of thirty days.

And it is also interesting to note that but few of the 150 odd cases now on the docket charge felonies. Many are charged with trespass, drunkenness, disorderly conduct, and other minor crimes while there are some charging larceny, abandonment, seduction and similar crimes.

Three new combines have been purchased by farmers of Orange County this season.

Board Chairman Gives Comprehensive Report Wilkes County Finances

Gives Self Up



Chicago, Ill. — Eluding the police of several States for three months, Robert Irwin, wanted for the murder of three in New York City on Easter, surrenders to local authorities.

Brushy Mountain Road Is Surfaced In Crushed Stone

Will Enable Orchardists To Market Apples at Any Time During the Year

State highway and WPA forces have practically completed work of placing a crushed stone surface on the Wilkesboro-Brushy mountain road, it was learned today from J. G. Hackett, highway commissioner, who has always shown much interest in providing an all-weather road for the district.

It is estimated that more than a million bushels of apples are growing in the orchards of the Brushies, admittedly the best apple growing section of North Carolina.

During the past several winters, and more especially the last two, orchardists have lost money for the simple reason that roads became impassable and they were unable to transport the luscious and delicious fruits from the orchards to Wilkesboro, the nearest point on a paved highway.

E. S. Williams, Chairman Board Of Welfare, Dies

Moved to Wilkes County From Pennsylvania In 1920; Many Friends

E. S. Williams, chairman of the Wilkes county board of charities and public welfare, died Thursday at the Wilkes hospital following a brief illness.

The news of the death of Mr. Williams comes as an occasion of sadness to the many friends whose respect his life had won since he moved from Pennsylvania to Wilkes county in 1920 and retired to private life at his beautiful home at Ferguson.

Mr. Williams gave freely of his time and means to community and county affairs and his willingness to shoulder the burden of responsibilities as chairman of the county board of welfare is considered typical of his unselfish character and desire to be of service.

The funeral was conducted at the Ferguson Methodist church Saturday afternoon by Rev. J. C. Gentry pastor of the church. A number of testimonial talks were made on the life of the deceased by Attorney Hugh A. Cranor, Mr. Peter Brame and Rev. John Cranfield, all of whom spoke highly of his life. There was special music by a quartet composed of Mr. Peter Brame, Mr. Lonnie Stroud, Mr. Roby Church and Mr. Henderson, all of the Wilkesboros. The floral tribute was very profuse. Interment took place at a new cemetery on a most beautiful hill top, overlooking the village and the Yadkin Valley. The active pall bearers were J. R. (Continued on page eight)

Finley Says County Should Pay Part Debt Each Year

County's Total Debt Near \$1,500,000; Interest Bill Is Near \$77,000

GENERAL FUND BEHIND

Finley Says Raised Valuation Only Solution to the Vexing Problem

By R. G. FINLEY

Chairman Board of Commissioners With the belief that the citizens of Wilkes will be interested in knowing just how the affairs of the county stand at this time, and without any idea or attempt on my part to criticize past management, reply to any published articles, or enter into any controversy, or take issue with any person or parties, I am taking the liberty to set forth below in simple and plain terms to the best of my limited ability just how Wilkes stands financially, as of this date.

According to the state laws governing the financial administration of county and municipal governments there are a number of different accounts for which taxes are levied, and these taxes when collected must be put into these several accounts and all expenses applying taken out of these same accounts. To make it plain, it would be the same as a man having several pockets for different monies. Suppose he owed so much borrowed money and set aside 40 per cent of his income to pay it.

He would put the 40 per cent in his debt service pocket and use this for nothing else but to pay on interest or principal of what he owed. This man might get hard up and decide he needed some of his money out of the debt pocket for other purposes and there would be nothing to prevent his taking the money out of the pocket and putting it into another; but a county or town can't do this without breaking the law, because taxes are levied for specific purposes and must, according to law, be spent or disbursed for these same specific accounts. If you will look at your 1936 county tax receipt you will see that the county levied for eight specific accounts, and if you live in North Wilkesboro township, your receipt shows nine accounts (the extra one being North Wilkesboro township railroad bonds).

Therefore we can say that the county has nine separate pockets for its money into which the proper per cent of each tax dollar goes and out of which pockets go the money in payment of bills chargeable to these particular pockets.

Before taking up in detail how each pocket stands, let me give you a few general facts. We had an audit made setting forth the condition as of April 5, 1937. The audit shows a surplus in all funds except the General Fund. This sounds and looks fine, but it is deceptive and misleading because the surplus is based on two items of assets which in reality are partially worthless. The first is the diversion of funds. The audit shows money has been taken out of five pockets and put into the General Fund in the total amount, according to the audit, of \$57,183.82. Therefore, these five robbed pockets don't have this money with which to pay their bills, but only have a due bill from the General Fund. If the General Fund could pay the money back all would be well and good; but the General (Continued on page three)

Place Veterans In Veteran C. C. Camp

Charles McNeill, county welfare officer, said today that the Civilian Conservation camp will be able to place a number of war veterans at an early date. Any veterans interested may get application blanks from Mr. McNeill. Application must be filled within the next few days.

THE GOVERNOR OF NORTH CAROLINA SAID...



Governor Clyde R. Hoey, pictured above addressing the people of North Carolina over a state-wide radio network on July 2, when he officially launched the \$250,000.00 State Advertising program which gets under way this month in newspapers and magazines throughout the country. Pointing out the goal of the campaign, he called attention to the "new responsibility" of all North Carolinians to practice friendliness and courtesy toward the hundreds of thousands of vacationists and tourists who annually enjoy the famous recreational facilities of the State.

Miss Toler Now District Social Work Supervisor

Appointed by State Board to Serve 18 Counties; Headquarters in This City

It has been announced by the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare that field Social Work supervisors have been appointed to care for the regular routine duties of the Welfare Department, as well as additional work in connection with the Social Security program, which went into effect on July 1.

Miss Lessie Toler, with headquarters in North Wilkesboro, is social work supervisor for Wilkes, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Davie, Forsyth, Mitchell, Stokes, Surry, Watauga, Yadkin and Yancey

Grangers Looking Forward to Annual Picnic On July 23rd

Scott, Commissioner of Agriculture, to Be Speaker For the Occasion

W. Kerr Scott, a former master of the North Carolina State Grange and now state commissioner of agriculture, will come to Wilkes, home of the first Pomona Grange in the state, to address the annual picnic of the Wilkes county Pomona Grange to be held on July 22.

The Pomona Grange held an interesting meeting at the courthouse on Thursday night, one of the principal objectives being to lay plans for the picnic, an annually anticipated event. The place for the picnic will be announced in a few days.

In the meeting Thursday night Master T. W. Ferguson presided and the program under the direction of the lecturer, Mrs. C. F. Bratholl, consisted of a round table discussion on "What can be done for secondary roads." All members present took part in the discussion of this subject relative to one of the main objectives of the Grange in the state.

Group Meeting Of Junior Order At New Hope 15th

All members of North Wilkesboro, Ronda, Clingman and New Hope Junior order councils are urged to attend the group meeting to be held with New Hope council on Thursday evening, July 15, 7:30. Some important matters will be taken up and an enjoyable time is assured all who will attend.

Lucas Speaks Of Progress Rural Electrification

Official of Duke Power Co. Delivered Address to Kiwanis Club

John Paul Lucas, of Charlotte, advertising and merchandising manager of Duke Power company, told Kiwanians Friday about the rapid progress of rural electrification during the past ten years.

J. C. Reins was in charge of the program and presented Mr. Lucas, who said that ten years ago there were no rural lines in Wilkes county. Today, he said, there are a total of 150 miles of rural lines placing electricity in 1,100 homes at an investment cost to the company of \$200,000.

Rural electrification, he declared, is not new but has been steadily progressing in the past 20 years as people are becoming "electricity conscious."

"Everyone has a stake in rural electrification because we only progress in proportion to the progress of the back country, from which we still draw on for leadership," Mr. Lucas said and continued with the assertion that the Duke Power company does not want anyone to use electricity unprofitably. Citing some of the ways in which rural people can use electricity profitably in a commercial manner he mentioned dairies, orchards, poultrymen and truck farmers.

Two new members were taken into the club Friday, making a total of five new members in two weeks. The two new ones Friday were W. D. Halfacre, superintendent of city schools, and Attorney W. H. McElwee.

J. G. Forester and H. V. Overcash were guests of M. G. Butner at the meeting.

Dan Holler Now Assistant Agent

Rutherford County Man Assigned to Post in Wilkes Succeeding Mr. Hanna

Dan Holler, age 21, of Union Mills in Rutherford county, has been appointed assistant to County Farm Agent A. G. Headren for Wilkes county.

Mr. Holler succeeds W. J. Hanna, who has returned to his home in Blacksburg, S. C. The appointment of Mr. Holler, a graduate of State College and who comes to the county well recommended, was made by the extension service through O. F. McCrary, district agent. He began his duties on July 1.

Estimate \$14,770 As County's Part Old Age Aid And Aid to Children

Application Are Now Being Taken at Office County Welfare Officer

OVER 500 APPLICANTS

To Date for Assistance to Aged and to Many Dependent Children

According to a recent release from the state board of charities and public welfare, it is estimated that Wilkes county's share of the cost of paying old age assistance and aid to dependent children under the state social security act will be approximately \$14,770.

Of this amount it is estimated that \$9,450 will be for old age assistance and \$5,320 for aid to dependent children. This represents about one fourth of the total cost, the remainder being paid by the state and federal governments.

Over 500 people have called at the office of Charles McNeill, county welfare officer, to make application. Their names have been taken and they will be notified on what day to return to complete the application. It will be useless for them to return on any other date for the purpose of making application.

So far applications have been filled only for those who have been receiving aid from the county but others who wish to apply will be accommodated as early as possible. However, it must be understood that after application is made that it must be passed by the county board of welfare and each case must be investigated before any payments are made. Those eligible and of age will be

It is necessary that those desiring to apply be able to furnish proof of age, Bible record being generally accepted as positive proof of date of birth.

The following estimates of cost of the program in the state were released from Raleigh:

Estimates compiled by the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare indicate that North Carolina's new Social Security program, which became operative on July 1, will require federal, state and county expenditures of approximately \$5,896,452 a year.

This information is contained in budget estimates sent to the 100 counties of the state by the Division of Public Assistance of the Welfare Department, of which Nathan H. Yelton is director.

The computation shows that the counties will spend, in round figures, the sum of \$379,394 a year for assistance to 26,270 needy aged, and \$495,333 for aid to 23,095 dependent children. The county cost for old age assistance is one-fourth of the total, indicating that total expenditures for that purpose will amount to approximately \$3,517,177, while more than \$1,485,999, based on the counties paying one-third, will be spent on underprivileged children.

In addition to the two major phases of the Social Security program, the sum of around \$170,000 a year will be expended in behalf of needy blind persons, and that fund will be administered by the North Carolina Commission for the Blind, of which Dr. Roma S. Cheek is director.

The figures compiled by the Welfare Department indicate that total administrative costs, federal, state and county, will amount to around \$893,275.

Gullford county led the list with estimated expenditures of \$47,250 for 1,050 needy aged, and \$23,800 for 850 dependent children, which Camden county trailed with approximated costs of \$2,010 for 50 needy aged and 45 dependent children.

Social Security payments in the state are expected to get underway within the next few weeks.

Judge Hayes Will Speak July 18 At Mount Pleasant

Judge Johnson J. Hayes will speak at Mount Pleasant Baptist church near Chesapeake on Sunday, July 18, 11 a. m. The public is cordially invited to attend the service.