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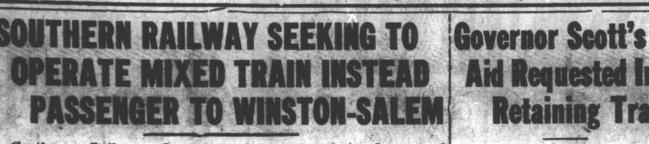
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substituting mixed service for February 28." straight passenger service on trains 13 and 14, operating berailway, "Mixed service," he ex-"adequate to handle the business offered."

"Trains 13 and 14 are operating in the red year after year." superintendent Stanfiel said. "For every dollar they bring in we are now paying out over \$2.37 in direct expenses alone. Total direct expenses of almost \$71,000, not including such items as supervision, dispatching,



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WHAT WILL YOU DO WHEN YOU GROW

Southern Railway Company maintenance of Toadway and has filed an application with the structures and depreciation, ex-North Carolina Utilities Commis- ceeded total revenues by more sion for consent and approval for than \$41,000 in the year ending enlist the aid of the governor in Railroads have been severely

tween Winston-Salem and North pecially by shippers, he added, ice: Wilkesboro, according to Ben L. for not eliminating unprofitable, Stanfiel, superintendent of the little-used passenger services that Governor Kerr Scott greatly add to railroad costs. By plained, is a combination of pas- operating Nos. 13 and 14 as senger and freight equipment mixed trains instead of as Dear Governor Scott: straight passenger trains, "we

in operating costs-for the benefit of all."

Revenues from passenger fares handling express and mail, a express, mail and passengers.

little more than \$29,000, failed. wages and fuel, he said. Mr. Stanfiel said that when

and on "we feel certain this method of handling will entirely satisfy the

the past winter.

REDUCE!

the express traffic now handled a severe hardship on the poultry on the passenger trains will be dealers and other express shipcarried by the Southern in the pers in the Wilkes area. The mixed trains. Mail will be carried by the Post Office Department over the highways, he added, and

public." Six years of continuous drought in Arizona came to an end during the snow season of

The following letter from the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce to Governor W. Kerr Scott seeks to retaining the passenger and express train to North Wilkesboro citicized by the public, and es- daily, separate from freight serv-

April 26, 1949.

Aid Requested In

Retaining Train

Capitol Building, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Mr. B. L. Stanfiel, Supt. can effect a substantial reduction Southern Railway with offices in Winston-Salem, met with members of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce yesterday to discuss a on the trains for the entire 12 proposal of the Southern Railway months ending February 28 were to remove the passenger train less than \$5,000, Mr. Stanfiel between Winston - Salem and pointed out. The total of all reve- North Wilkesboro and establish nues including that received from one mixed train carrying freight.

From the information obtainto cover the cost of train-crew | ed, such a change, if approved by the N. C. Utilities Commission. would result in a 24-hour delay the mixed service is authorized in mail delivery and would work mixed train, which is proposed. is scheduled to leave North Wilkesboro at 8:45, meaning that young chicks from the hatcheries would have to be crated for shipping the day prevous, lay over at the depot over night waiting to be shipped the next morning. Our hatcheries state that this

would result in a much larger percentage of deaths and would tremendously handicap their businesses.

fact that the poultry business, including large shipments of feed, is one of the largest phases of agriculture in Wilkes County. Through the agricultural agencies and the chamber of commerce we have been doing everything possible to encourage and expand the poultry business in this section, and it would be very discouraging to have the Southern Railway create such a handicap to this growing industry. In questioning the railway superintendent, he seemed to have only figures regarding the losses of the railroad on the passenger train. He stated that the freight train was one of the best from a profit-making standpoint of any branch of the Southern Railway, but stated he had no figures on this train. He neither was able to furnish figures showing the overall picture of both the passenger and freight trains taken together. The Wilkes Chamber of Commerce has no other choice but to oppose this action of the Southern Railway, when it comes before the Utilities Commission. Knowing of your intensive and continued interest in the agricultural development of N. C., we felt that it would be wise to inform you of this proposed action and the impending hardships that would result from inadequate express and mail delivery. Sincerely yours, TOM S. JENRETTE, Manager. Wilkes Chamber of Commerce.



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spectator at the door to be held for prizes to be drawn during the show. The City Florist is presenting a lovely orchid to the oldest lady attending the show. John Cashion of radio station W.K.B.C. will be the narrator



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