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THE RAILROADS IN 1930.

The complete operating statistics for the American railroads during 1930 have just been issued. To even the casual reader, they vividly illustrate the plight in which our principal transport medium finds itself as the results of high taxes, unregulated competition and business conditions.

As compared with 1929, the number of tons of revenue freight handled by the lines last year decreased almost 400,000,000. Freight revenue went down \$742,000,000, and passengers carried the least since 1903, and operating revenue the lowest since 1919.

The number of railway employees declined from 1,661,000 to 1,488,000. Total purchases for materials and supplies were \$291,000,000 below 1929. Taxes were \$48,000,000 under that year, due to lower earnings and the consequent decrease in income taxes. However, earnings declined relatively more than taxes, so that the percentage of revenue consumed by the tax collector was the highest in history.

The only bright spots are in the continued increase in operating efficiency. Several new speed and economy records were established and further progress was made in safety, both for passengers and employees.

In the interest of American progress and prosperity a way must be found to increase railroad revenue and thereby speed up activity of one of our greatest industrial employers and purchasers of supplies.

OFFICERS' WATCHFULNESS PREVENTS DISASTROUS FIRE

A fire of undetermined origin occurred here Tuesday about midnight causing some damage to the unoccupied rooms over the Gray Drug Company, also, water damage to the stock of Gray Drug Co., and the office of Dr. G. P. Reid. The fire was discovered by night policeman W. F. Toney who immediately turned in the alarm. The quick work of the fire department arrested the progress of the blaze which would have soon resulted in a heavy loss. Mr. Toney noticed the blaze in the upstairs rooms, and upon investigating found the fire. The blaze apparently originated in a toilet in the rear room. The fire was confined to two rooms and the hall. The greatest damage was from smoke and water. The office of Dr. G. P. Reid was flooded and the stock of Gray Drug Company, in the rear of the store, suffered some from water damage.

OAK GROVE WINS

Forest City, R-2, Sept. 8.—Oak Grove won games number 27-28 last week. They defeated Ellenboro last Friday and Burkholder's, of Forest City, Saturday. They won over Burkholder's by the score of 13-6. The outcome of the game was in doubt until the eighth inning. In this inning Oak Grove won the game by scoring five runs. Digh pitched a good game for Oak Grove, allowing only four hits and striking out six men. The visitors used three pitchers against Oak Grove but neither one could stop Oak Grove. "Tuck" Wilkie, of Harris, pitched the last four innings and outside of the eighth pitched good ball. He is one of the best pitchers Oak Grove has batted at this year. Webb, star first baseman for Oak Grove, was the leading hitter of the day, getting three out of four times at bat and in four runs. Hutchins is leading the club in hitting with a .424 average, while team average is .315, won 28 games. Mode tails the list with .262. The and lost 2.

THE DOPE
BY
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Called on an old couple the other day and after looking through the old family album, they showed me some of their love letters which were written many years ago, before they were married. They think more of those letters than anything else they have and wouldn't part with them for a fortune. That is quite different from a lot of the young married folks of today. They value their divorce papers above anything else that they have.

I guess there are plenty of people who forsook the farm for the factory who would love to hear the old cow bawling, the chickens cackling and the hogs grunting right now.

After all is said and done, the happiest people today are the ones who live up in the hills on their little farm. They don't read about the business depression, there are no automobile horns to tear their nerves to pieces nor do they have to worry if their hat is one of the latest styles. They can eat onions, they can take a day off and go fishing and there is no one to criticize them. They have plenty of pleasure, there are the old barn dances, watermelon time, corn shuckings, cider season, etc. And best of all, they don't have to listen to some would be singer riding up and down the streets, exploiting his musical talents when they go to bed at night time.

After all, you can't make a wot prisoner dry by bailing him out.

Several hundred Chicago policemen have been dropped to save the taxpayers' money. Now the holdup men will get it, I guess.

The farmers are almost getting as much publicity as the gangsters in our dailies now. I don't see any reason for worrying about them. They can always turn their home into a hot dog stand and make a swimming pool in their cotton fields. Personally, I'd rather read about the gangster.

They say turtles live longer than men and who ever saw a turtle taking exercise?

Heard a fellow say that there are no job hunters in Russia. No, sez I, nor on the chain gang either.

A small town is the place where you can not take a walk with a pack of cigarettes and have the same amount when you get back.

Black Walnut Seedlings Available At Nursery

Rural boys and girls who are members of the 4-H clubs will have 42,000 seedling black walnut trees reserved for them until October 1 by the state forest nursery and those who desire to plant such trees about over their farms should make application as early as possible.

"The State Nursery was unable to supply the demand for black walnut seedling trees last year but planted a larger number and now has a good supply on hand," says R. W. Graeber, extension forester at State College. "The trees will be shipped only in lots of 25 each to 1,680 club members and we hope that every one will be taken by the club members and planted on their farms this fall and winter."

The black walnut is a dual purpose tree providing both nuts and timber and is adapted to many types of soil, Mr. Graeber says. The tree requires a rich, deep soil that is well drained. Success will be had with the trees if they are planted in fence corners, field-corners, ditch or stream banks, large openings in the woods and in deep pockets of soil about rocky outcrops in the fields.

Shipments of the trees will begin about November 1, with those making orders first receiving the first shipments. After October 1, all trees not reserved by 4-H club members will be supplied to adults and others desiring them. Black walnut clubs have been organized in several North Carolina counties during the past three years and many members are enthusiastic about the prospects from the trees planted, says Graeber.

RANDOM NOTES

A friend asked us Monday if we were going to start a daily paper in Forest City, saying that he had heard we were contemplating such action. No, brother, no. For ten years we have given of our best effort to give the city a good weekly paper, have studied the field keenly and had contemplated the inauguration of semi-weekly service, but changed our mind when the present business depression developed. That we have amply kept up with the times evidenced by the fact that The Courier is classed as one of the largest and best weekly papers in the state. In the lead editorial in Wednesday's Charlotte Observer, in which Editor Harris discussed the Smart case here under title of "The Murder Law," he complimented The Courier and recognized our superior service by saying, among other things: "The Forest City Courier evidenced metropolitan enterprise in printing in full the charge to the jury." Not only Editor Harris, but hundreds of readers have complimented The Courier on the biggest "scoop" ever put over in this county. The Smart case was one of the most interesting and important to come up in years and in giving the charge to the jury The Courier gave a complete history of the case. You can count on The Courier to keep abreast of the times—in disseminating the news as well as giving the city a representative newspaper. When conditions justify, we will give you a semi-weekly newspaper, then a tri-weekly and then a daily.

Trade Day in Forest City next Monday. A page ad in this issue, by the business men of the city, gives you cordial welcome to come visit us on that day, meet your friends, do your trading and have a general good time. And if you are looking for amusement, both our theatres have splendid shows for that day. Come.

We believe in giving credit where due, and we wish to commend Policeman Toney on his alertness in discovering what would have been a most disastrous fire Tuesday night but for his attention to duty. Being on the job and wide awake, he discovered the first wisp of smoke issuing from the rooms over Gray Drug Co. and promptly turned in the alarm and got on the job. Being promptly notified, the firemen had little difficulty in controlling the fire.

The fire of Tuesday night brings to mind the thought that it would be advisable for all property owners, especially the stores in center of the city, have a thorough fire inspection, giving especial attention to the rooms overhead. This little attention might avert a most disastrous fire.

Good Honey Crop Produced This Year

A record honey crop was produced by beekeepers of North Carolina this year. Nectar-producing plants in all parts of the state yielded abundantly and both professional and amateur beekeepers report excellent harvests.

"While we have tons of honey for home use and for sale this season, not every year is so favorable for beekeeping," warns C. L. Sams, extension specialist in beekeeping at State College, who asks growers to get their colonies in shape for the coming winter. "The amount of honey we shall produce next season will depend on the condition in which the colonies are left this fall. It will not pay to harvest the honey too closely. Some food must be left for brood rearing and for carrying the bees through the winter. Success in honey production lies in carrying the colonies through the winter in a vigorous condition so that they will be strong and thriving with a large force of worker bees and a healthy queen at the beginning of the honey flow next spring."

Mr. Sams suggests that every colony owner examine his hives this fall. Brood rearing must be encouraged before killing frost because the older bees will die in winter and therefore will be of little further use to the colony after this harvest. Anything that interferes with brood rearing during September and October will result in the colonies entering the winter in poor condition.

MORSE HEADS HIGHWAY GROUP

Greensboro, Sept. 8.—Dr. L. B. Morse of Chimney Rock was elected temporary chairman of a highway association which was organized here Tuesday. The highway, which will extend from Washington, D. C., to the Great Smokey Mountain National park, will be named by a special committee appointed Tuesday, the members being R. E. L. Neil of Salisbury, Charles M. Ketchum of Greensboro and Frank Peterson of Durham.

Originally Dr. Morse had referred to the project as the Capitol Parkway but by decision of the group in conference here the name will be chosen by the special committee.

Dr. Morse, the temporary chairman, was authorized to select nine directors of the new highway association, these to serve until the first annual meeting, which, it was agreed, will be held in Salisbury next January. Directors and officers for the new year then will be chosen.

Among the cities and towns represented were the following: Greensboro, Lexington, Salisbury, Charlotte, Gastonia, Shelby, Rutherfordton, Chimney Rock, Durham, Burlington and Kings Mountain. The group adopted in tentative form a constitution and by-laws for the new association, which will be incorporated under the laws of North Carolina. The nine directors, to be chosen shortly, will name an executive committee.

BAPTIST CHURCH HAS ACTIVE ADULT DEPT.

The adult department of the First Baptist church of Forest City had the best attendance this summer in its history. The attendance was better Sunday than the summer months. The department had over one hundred present last Sunday. Sixty-five men were present in the Men's Bible Class. It is expecting one hundred next Sunday. The men are going to invite the absentees to come back and get in harness. The fall is about here and it is time to get back in Sunday school.

Roy Blanton, the teacher of the Men's Bible Class was back on duty last Sunday. This accounts for a larger attendance in his class than usual. Roy is one of the outstanding teachers in North Carolina.

Mrs. W. C. Bostic is the able teacher of the T. E. L. class. Mrs. Carl Huntley is an inspiration to the Young Matron's class. These two ladies are wonderful teachers and all the ladies that possibly can should hear them every Sunday.

Mrs. A. H. McDaniel, known as Miss Alice to the membership of the Baptist church and Sunday school, is an assistant teacher in the T. E. L. Class. Miss Alice was the teacher for this class for a number of years. Her presence is appreciated and it inspires the class to go forward. Miss Alice is one of the most faithful workers of the church and Sunday school.

The following officers keep the adult department humming:

J. W. Sanders is the very efficient superintendent. He is assisted by C. Z. Flack. Wilkie Meares is the secretary and Mrs. J. V. Ware and C. A. Petty direct the singing, and Mrs. P. L. Marks is the pianist. This team would make any kind of organization move.

The Men's Bible Class has as its president Mayor R. L. Reinhardt. He is assisted by Hoyle Elliott. Dr. Reinhardt and Mr. Elliott are responsible in a large measure for the splendid attendance of the class. Watch the Men's Bible Class grow. R. R. Blanton is the teacher of the men's class. He is assisted by D. O. Brackett and J. D. Link. George D. Horn is the efficient secretary and is one of the hardest working men in the Sunday school.

The T. E. L. Class has as president, Mrs. C. D. Kirby; vice president, Mrs. P. D. Harrill; secretary, Mrs. B. E. Hamrick; teacher, Mrs. W. C. Bostic; assistant teachers, Mrs. A. H. McDaniel, and Mrs. J. C. Scruggs. This team makes the T. E. L. class hustle.

president, Mrs. V. T. Davis; vice president, Mrs. Jack Harrill and Mrs. Wilkie Meares; secretary, Mrs. M. R. Early, Mrs. Huntley is assisted by Mrs. H. C. and W. F. Morris. This line up in the adult department and the different classes could not be beat by any group of men and women anywhere. Just go over this list and you will see why the adult department is moving forward.

The splendid attendance this summer was due in a large part to the splendid work of Mr. T. T. Long. He secured the best talent available as teacher while our teacher was on his vacation.

PROCEEDINGS OF SUPERIOR COURT

Number of Cases Disposed of During Past Week—Will Adjourn This Week.

Rutherfordton, Sept. 9.—The fall term of Superior Court for the trial of civil cases continues here, and will likely adjourn Friday. Judge H. Hoyle Sink is presiding.

This week a series of cases against the Carolina Mountain Power Company, F. G. Pierce and N. C. Harris, receivers of same and the Duke Power Company have consumed most of the time. The plaintiffs sued for alleged damages to growing crops, caused by flooding their lands two years ago. A compromise judgment was reached in each of the cases, and it was ordered that the plaintiffs take nothing further by these actions, and that defendant pay costs of actions. The defendant was Carolina Mountain Power Co., a corporation; F. G. Pierce and N. C. Harris, receivers of Carolina Power Company and Duke Power Company. The plaintiffs were: G. D. Koon and A. H. Haynes; Mrs. Mary E. Whitesides, Frank Camp, G. H. Camp and Will Hamilton; Mrs. R. S. Twitty, E. H. Harris, J. W. Greenway, L. H. Morrow, L. B. Shehan and H. L. Davis; J. R. Washburn, M. L. Wilkie, John Scoggins and J. H. Davis; Mrs. Grady Jones, Adnah Norris and S. L. Whitesides; C. S. Williams; J. D. Whitesides; M. C. Thompson; C. H. Ruppe; W. L. McFadden.

Other cases disposed of since the last issue of The Courier are:

Larned & Co., vs. B. C. Horn, Individually, and trading as Horn Cash Store. Ordered that plaintiff recover of the defendant \$223.50 and interest from May 25, 1929, and costs.

Mrs. T. M. Harrill vs. Federal Mortgage Co. Voluntary non-suit.

Lonnie Bell Phillips, vs. Home Security Life Insurance Co., Non-Suit.

Louise Driskill vs. Herman Driskill. Divorce granted.

J. H. Burwell, guardian of Horace L. Cordell vs. Commissioner of banks, ex rel Rutherford County Bank & Trust Company and John D. Biggs, Liquidating agent. Court finds that defendant is indebted to plaintiff in sum of \$7,618.41, but finds that fund was not a special deposit to be kept separate from the other funds and paid out only upon orders of the court. Therefore ordered that the plaintiff recover the sum of \$7,618.41, but that said amount shall have no priority over the other indebtedness existing against said defendant.

F. F. Black vs. C. L. Waggoner and wife, Mrs. C. L. Waggoner, trading as Greensboro Loan Co. Plaintiff alleges defendant wrongfully caused the plaintiff to be arrested or detained without legal process. Jury finds this not a fact, and judgment

is that plaintiff recover nothing by this action, and that the plaintiff and his bondsmen be taxed with the cost.

Haynes Bank vs. P. L. Champion. Plaintiff recovers of defendant sum of \$504.11 with interest from August 10, 1929, on note executed by defendant. Defendant appeals to Supreme Court.

Hoyle Elliott vs. Belle Gettys Duckett. G. W. Justice ordered to make survey of property lines in dispute and report same back to next term of court.

Nelson Smith vs. Lee Robbins and Baxter Hopper. Plaintiff recovers of defendant \$300.00 for alleged injuries sustained.

Floyd Jones vs. Frank Shields. Plaintiff recovers \$125.00.

G. R. McCurry vs. Jas. M. Rollins, assignee of C. D. Hicks and W. C. McRorie, trustee. Non-suit.

WADE MATHENY PASSES SUCCESSFUL BAR EXAM.

Out of the 94 who successfully passed the State bar examination in Raleigh on August 24, was Wade B. Matheny, of Forest City. There were 144 who took the examination, and over a third failed to pass. Chief Justice Stacy gave the examination, which was considered one of the most difficult given in some time.

Wade is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Matheny, of Forest City, his father being manager of the Forest City Seed and Fertilizer Company. Lawyer Matheny graduated from Wake Forest college in 1928 with Honors in scholarship and debating. High school, Rutherfordton for two years. He resigned in June, 1930, to enter the law school at the University of North Carolina, where he has studied continuously since.

Mr. Matheny, who is spending his vacation at home, plans to return to the University next week to take the third year law course and thereby obtain his law degree next June. His many friends hope that he will then locate in Forest City to practice.

ELLIS-THOMPSON.

Spindale, Sept. 8.—Mr. W. C. Ellis and Miss Mabel Thompson were married in Knoxville, Tenn., on Monday, August 24. Immediately after the ceremony the couple left for a week's trip through Tennessee and Kentucky. They had intended keeping the wedding a secret, but announced it soon after their return here.

Mr. Ellis is manager of the Ellis, Cash & Morgan Grocery Company, of this place. They will make their home here.

OPENS COTTON EXCHANGE.

Mr. Morgan P. Bodie, one of the South's most expert cotton buyers, has opened a general cotton merchandising business in offices next door to McNeely & Co., Main street, this city. Mr. J. L. Scruggs, of Charlotte, will be associated with Mr. Bodie in the buying and selling of cotton.

Mr. Bodie recently resigned as cotton buyer for the Henrietta Mills, Beaver Mills and Martel Mills, after a service of thirty years with the corporation. He has been in this country three years and recently purchased a handsome home in Forest City. He is one of our finest citizens and hosts of friends wish him success in his new enterprise.

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