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FIRE DESTROYS YADKIN COUNTY AGENTS OFFICE

Very Little Saved from Fire of Unknown Origin on Court House Square

\$10,000 IN FARM CHECKS

Fire of undetermined origin totally destroyed the Yadkin County Farm Agent's office here early yesterday morning, causing a loss of \$15,000, according to County Agent R. A. McLaughlan.

The fire was discovered just before eight o'clock when smoke and fire were seen coming out of a window on the north side of the five-room building. The janitor had built a fire in the two stoves in the building about 30 minutes prior to the discovery. He says he saw nothing unusual at that time and did not use oil in starting the fire. One of the two stoves in the building was in the room where the fire started. No one has a satisfactory explanation of the fire's origin. The building was located on the court house square.

Loss Complete
The building and all its contents are a complete loss, only a chair and one small file being snatched from the outer office by a passerby when the smoke was seen.

Thousands of files on farm activities of the county went up in the blaze, along with office equipment valued at several thousand dollars. The files can be replaced by copying them as a copy of everything is forwarded to the Raleigh office.

\$10,000 in Checks
Ten thousand dollars in government checks were burned. These checks had been received some days ago and were to be given to Yadkin county farmers in compliance with soil conservation plans.

It is explained that duplicates of these checks can be secured as there is a complete record of them in Washington and Raleigh.

Mr. McLaughlan stated yesterday that temporary offices will be set up on the second floor of the court house. Further plans have not been discussed, he stated.

A record of farm surveys had just arrived at the office the day before the fire. About 800 applications for farm checks had been signed and sent to Raleigh and checks for these will be in later. A great many applications had been prepared for signatures of farmers but had not been signed.

Employees in the agent's office were: R. A. McLaughlan, county agent, W. A. Banks, assistant; Joe Williams, Paul Speer, Thad Anderson, Bill Wooten, Misses Dorothy Mackie, Cornelia Speas and Alta Moxley. All the men left yesterday for Raleigh where they will be engaged for some time in copying records. Misses Speas and Moxley are here. Miss Mackie is in Washington visiting relatives.

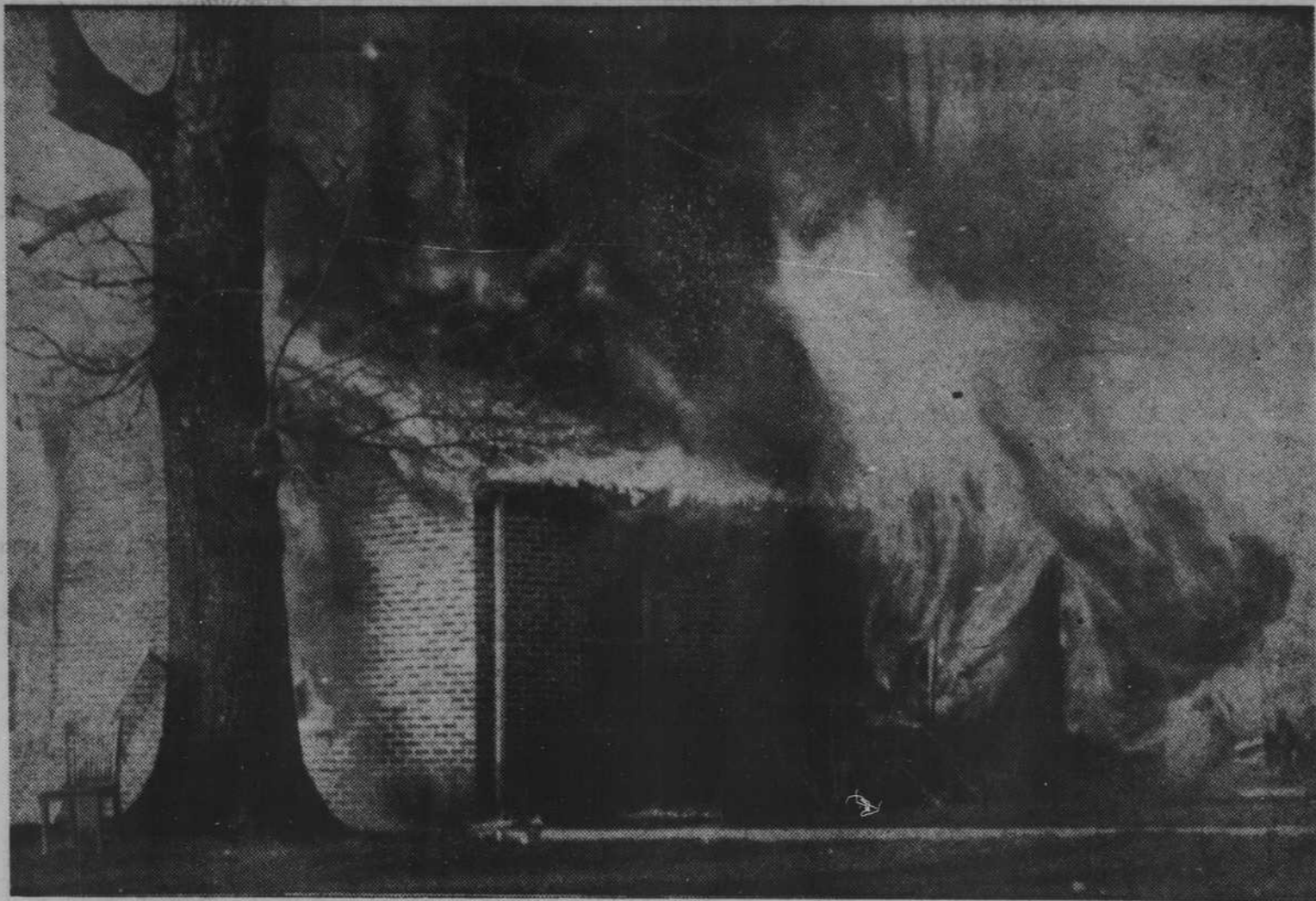
No Insurance
When J. E. Brendle was chairman of the county commissioners he took out a \$2,000 fire insurance policy on the building. This policy expired Feb. 19, 1939, and was not renewed.

For Governor



Hon. Robert H. McNeill, above, well known Republican of Statesville and Washington, is now a full fledged candidate for the nomination for Governor of North Carolina on the Republican ticket. Mr. McNeill is from a staunch Republican family and has been active in state politics for many years.

Fire Completely Destroys County Farm Agent's Office



Above picture shows the County Agent's building at the height of the blaze Wednesday morning as the flames ate through the windows and roof of the structure, causing damage estimated at \$15,000. The fire, which was thought to have started from one of two stoves in the building, was discovered about 7:45 by a passerby, but had gained too much headway to be controlled. It completely gutted the five rooms, destroying valuable maps, farm surveys, and records of all kinds. None of the office furniture was saved, with the exception of one chair, shown in lower left of picture. The building was completely destroyed, the roof and sides caving in shortly after the above picture was snapped. (Yadkin Ripple Photo by Bill Rutledge.)

R. H. McNEILL LATEST ENTRY FOR GOVERNOR

Well Known Republican Enters Primary in Governor's Race

PAYS ENTRANCE FEE

Robert Hayes McNeill of Statesville, with law offices in Washington, Saturday announced his candidacy for Governor on the Republican ticket, subject to the party's first primary for this office.

McNeill to Speak
Hon. Robert H. McNeill, of Statesville, Republican candidate for Governor, has accepted an invitation to speak to Yadkin Republicans at their county convention. He will no doubt have an interesting message to deliver.

Mr. McNeill has been active in Republican politics in North Carolina for around 40 years, but this is the second time he has sought election office, having once sought election to the state Supreme Court.

He served as secretary to United States Senator J. C. Pritchard and as secretary to the United States committee on patents. He was secretary of the North Carolina Republican executive committee two years. He has frequently addressed state conventions and other gatherings, and has a large political following in the state. He is a native of Wilkes county, where his family has been prominent for generations.

In his announcement he declared that if he is nominated "the candidate of the Democratic party will be answered on every stump."

His announcement follows: "I hereby announce my decision to become a candidate for the nomination of Governor in the approaching Republican primary election. I am today sending the required fee for entering the primary to Raleigh.

"So many earnest and spontaneous endorsements of my nomination and pledges of support in the primary have come to me, from every section of the state, that I enter the primary with full confidence of success.

"I do not enter this contest lightly or thoughtlessly. I am sure that my closest friends and Republicans generally realize how seriously I have deliberated before declaring my candidacy. I have delayed my announcement chiefly for two reasons:

"First, I wanted to be sure (as I now am) that there existed a real demand from Republicans, with whom I have worked so long

Finnish Relief

The chairman and secretary-treasurer of the Finnish Relief Fund in Yadkin County are very well pleased over the response of many of our people. Yet we feel that many others will wish to share in this worthy movement to help the little Finns wipe out the spread of Communism over the earth. Russia must be defeated in her attempt to ruthlessly snatch away for herself the fine little neighboring countries of Europe. Our dollars add to the strength of the Finns in their battles against Russia and Communism.

Send all funds to Mr. W. E. Rutledge, who in turn reports them to headquarters. Let's "Keep on keeping on."

MRS. PAUL PRICE DAVIS
Chairman Yadkin County Fund

Jonesville Woman Passes Away from Pneumonia Attack

Mrs. Myra Messick Mathis, 76, died Friday night at her home in Jonesville from pneumonia. Mrs. Mathis became ill on Wednesday before her passing. She was a life-long resident of Yadkin county and a well-known woman. She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Bethel Messick, of Yadkin county and was the last surviving member of her family. She was married to James H. Mathis, of Jonesville, who passed away seven years ago. She was a member of the Jonesville Methodist church.

Surviving are four sons, J. Wesley and R. Baxter Mathis, of Washington, D. C.; Harvey W. Mathis, of High Point, and Charles G. Mathis, of Jonesville, and two daughters, Miss Mary Mathis, of Jonesville, and Miss Daisy Mathis, and twelve grandchildren.

Took Long Time

Ruth—Jack and I were out riding last night and something went wrong with the ignition. Virginia—Did it take long for you to get started?

Ruth—Well, it was about five minutes before he put his arms around me . . .

In party affairs, that I seek the nomination and that they would vigorously support me and see that I was successful in the primary.

"Second: I wanted to so adjust my personal affairs that, if nominated, I could throw my utmost mental and physical strength into making a campaign of which the party would be proud and by reason of which I might render a distinct public service to my beloved native state.

Beloved Minister Dies At Boonville; Funeral Is Today

Rev. Robert P. Coram, 80, well known and beloved Baptist minister, died at his home near Boonville early yesterday morning, following a long illness.

He was a life long resident of the Boonville section and during his active life as a minister served churches in Yadkin, Surry and Davie counties. He retired from active work five years ago, after many years of religious work. He organized and helped to build Charity Baptist church and had been a member there since.

Survivors include his wife, who before her marriage was Miss Amanda Clingman Reese, three children: Mrs. Enos Stinson, Mrs. Ransom Burgess and Mrs. Nanette Davis, all of Boonville, 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held today at 2 p.m. from Charity Baptist church. The services will be in charge of Rev. E. W. Turner, of Mocksville; Rev. Will Crissman, of East Bend; Rev. R. E. Adams, of Mayodan, and Rev. E. G. Jordan, of Elkin. Interment will be in the church graveyard.

Active pallbearers will be grandsons. Honorary pallbearers will be ministers, as follows:

Rev. J. P. Davis, E. C. Norman, R. L. Speer, C. H. Hutchens, Ernest Stinson, D. G. Reese, Cleat Simmons, Geo. Burrus, R. L. West, T. S. Draughan, J. H. Green, Emit Caudle, W. M. Crouse, Loyd Pardue, J. L. Powers, Richard Day, Eph Whisenhunt and M. F. Reavis.

Water System Bids Being Received

Sealed bids are being received by Yadkinville officials for construction of the town's water and sewer system for which bonds were voted Dec. 19.

Mayor W. E. Dobbins stated yesterday that bids would be received until 3 o'clock on March 19, for 43,000 feet of pipe; 24 fire hydrants and equipment; 55,000 brick; manhole covers and other material.

Also bids are asked on a 100,000-gallon elevated water tank and the boring of two deep wells for a water supply.

W. F. Freeman, of High Point, is the consulting engineer for the project, which will cost \$145,000. Two-thirds of this is a grant from the federal government.

Officials here state they hope to complete the water system here by Christmas. So far sufficient labor has been lacking.

Instead of 1000, there are 1500 islands in the St. Lawrence river.

COUNSEL SAY DUKE AIDING YADKIN SUIT

High Point Appeals Argued Before Supreme Court Last Week

TWO CASES PENDING

Raleigh, Feb. 29—The State Supreme court heard charges today that the Duke Power company is helping to finance a fight by Yadkin county against High Point's proposed \$6,500,000 power plant on the Yadkin river.

The charges were made by Roy Deal, attorney for High Point, in an oral argument before the court. Intimating that the salary of Yadkin county counsel was being paid by the power company, Deal asserted:

"We think this situation is the reason why Yadkin county and High Point have not been able to get together on this case."

Womble said it was true that his firm represented the power company in Winston-Salem. He added, however, that he was "first approached by a citizen and taxpayer whose home site is threatened by this project."

The Yadkin county suit is one of two cases pending before Supreme court, in appeals by the city of High Point from restraining orders issued by Judge H. Hoyle Slink. The other case was brought by certain residents of High Point, and the Duke Power company intervened.

Principal Issues
Principal issues in the Yadkin suit are whether the city of High Point has the right to acquire Yadkin county property by eminent domain, and whether a license issued by the federal power commission is valid.

The second issue became of secondary importance today, when Deal conceded that the power commission might not have jurisdiction over the river.

The main question in the suit by High Point residents is whether the city government has the right to incur debt for the project which would be financed by a loan and grant from the PWA.

A decision in the case could be rendered in two or three weeks. However it may be longer.

CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank each and everyone for the services rendered and donations given us after our recent burn out. We do not have words to express our deep appreciation for the noble response the people gave to our need.

J. S. COUCH AND FAMILY

Two Are Killed, Four Hurt In Crash Near Boonville Sunday

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

From the State and Nation

NATIONAL

SHENANDOAH, Pa., March 6—New settlements added to the hazards of this anthracite city today as two new danger spots were revealed in sections not yet affected by the 24-block cave-in of Monday. Eye-widening fissures gave rise to fears that many of the damaged buildings might collapse. City authorities roped off the Gozinsky Building, which was condemned after an inspection revealed it was near collapse.

WASHINGTON, March 6—President's Roosevelt's expressed support gave new confidence today to senators seeking to broaden the Hatch act against political activity of government workers. Nevertheless, opponents of the amendments now being debated in the Senate predicted that they had a good chance to beat the extension and even narrow the law's present scope.

INTERNATIONAL

HELSINKI, March 6—Harassed behind battlefronts by the Red air armada, Finnish forces were reported still clinging to foredoomed Viipuri today, while fighting a fierce delaying action with their own planes and heavy guns. A half-hundred persons were killed and scores wounded at a small town in south central Finland in the latest and perhaps the deadliest Russian aerial thrust behind the lines.

BUCHAREST, March 6—The Soviet legation said today that Russian Premier-Foreign Commissar Vacheslav M. Molotov will visit Bucharest soon to sign a Soviet-Rumanian nonaggression pact. Preparations have been completed for Molotov's visit, the Russian legation said. The legation confirmed arrangements for the visit after it had been rumored in Russian circles that Molotov soon would come to the Rumanian capital.

Yadkin County Republicans To Meet April 6

Yadkin County Republicans will hold their county convention in Yadkinville on Saturday, April 6, according to announcement made here today by Walter Zachary, Yadkinville attorney and chairman of the county committee. The precinct conventions will be held a week previous, March 30, to choose delegates and alternates to the county convention.

The business of the county convention is to perfect its county organization; elect delegates to the state, senatorial and congressional conventions, and make an endorsement for state senator from this the 24th district.

The county executive committee held a meeting with Chairman Zachary Monday. A report from the meeting states that Republicans of the county are taking on new life as the campaign approaches.

Candidates for the offices of county commissioner and the house of representatives have been spoken of but none have made announcement of their intention to seek office except in the East Bend district, where D. A. (Yank) Smithman has been given the full endorsement of Republicans for county commissioner.

No formal call has been issued by Chairman Zachary but it will call for precinct meetings to be held at the regular polling places at 2 o'clock March 30, and the April 6, at Yadkinville.

SPEEDING CAR HURTLES OVER HIGHWAY FILL

Elkin Girl, Jonesville Youth Death Victims

RUSHED TO HOSPITAL

Marie Collins, of Elkin, Is Said to Have Chance for Recovery

CAR IS TOTAL WRECK

(Picture on Back Page)

Two were killed and four injured, two seriously, in an automobile accident Sunday afternoon about 4 o'clock on the Boonville-Crutchfield highway about two miles north of Boonville, when the light sedan in which six were travelling left the highway, catapulted 30 feet across a fill and landed in the edge of nearby woods.

Those dead are Thomas Barnett, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pinkney Barnett, of Jonesville, and Ruth Groce, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Groce, of Elkin.

Badly injured were Marie Collins, 18, of Elkin, and Carolyn Barnett, 15, a sister of the dead Barnett youth. She was said to

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Finnish Fund Is Growing Rapidly

The Yadkin county Finnish relief fund continues to grow as donations come in from outlying sections of the county.

Last week we noted a donation from Jonesville school teachers and students of \$8.85. This week they sent in an additional \$1.15, making \$10.00 in all for this school.

The West Yadkin district, through W. N. Ireland, Jr. principal of the West Yadkin school, sent a check yesterday for \$10.00, which comprised funds from the school and some churches.

Below is given a summary of the funds to date:

Previously received	\$41.98
Jonesville (additional)	1.15
West Yadkin District	10.00
Forbush section through	
Mrs. J. S. Long	1.80
Total	\$54.93

A check for \$17.00 was sent Finnish Relief headquarters on Feb. 19. Another check for \$15.00 was sent in on Feb. 27, and another yesterday for \$22.00.

Donors to the fund sent in by Mrs. Long were: Mrs. I. G. Sherman 50c; Mrs. W. R. Nichols 50c; Roy Nichols 20c; H. E. Mackie 50c; and J. L. Long 10c.

Out for Congress



D. C. Phillips, of Southern Pines, above, has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination to Congress from the Eighth Congressional district. Mr. Phillips is a salesman and former newspaper man.