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Settlement Of Coal Strike Is Asked By FDR

Roosevelt Tells Labor Unions That The Public Good Is Now At Stake.

WASHINGTON, May 9. — In language which sounded much like an ultimatum, President Roosevelt announced today that he had asked coal operators and union officials for a quick settlement of the bituminous coal deadlock.

The request was made at a conference in his office, attended by five leaders of the United Mine Workers, five mine operators and Secretary of Labor Perkins. Mr. Roosevelt advised newsmen later that he had told the disputants that the public good demands an immediate resumption of mining, and that by tomorrow night they should work out a method for reopening the mines.

The President spoke with unusual vigor and emphasis as he informed the reporters of the conversation, his voice rising to an indignant pitch when he asserted the two factions had agreed on every point at issue except one, and were agreed in principle on that. They had, he said, only to settle the details of that one point to reopen the mines.

The deadlock, or failure to agree on terms for renewing the union contract which expired April 1, has resulted in closing coal mines in 26 states. It has made some 460,000 coal miners idle and raised the threat in many sections of an early coal shortage.

A prime obstacle to agreement has been the union's insistence upon what Lewis calls a "union shop" and elimination from the new contract of penalties in case of strikes or lockouts. The operators have insisted that the penalty clause was necessary to stabilize the industry. They also contend it would deprive them of protection against illegal strikes.

All School Bus Routes In Ashe To Be Inspected

Representative From State Department To Be Here Later Part Of Month.

A representative from the State Department of Public Instruction will be in Ashe county the latter part of this month to go over the school bus routes with the local school officials, Supt. J. B. Hash announced this week.

Mr. Hash stated that he is notifying all of the district committees to send him at once the names of the school principals so that arrangements can be made with them to inspect the various school routes and to consider any changes or extensions which they want.

He also stated that he has not received the new teacher appointments made by the various committees.

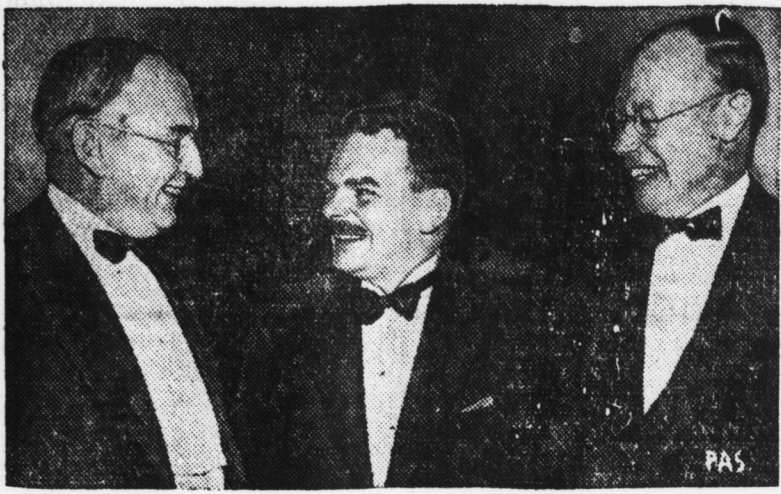
WILL RESUME WORK ON SEWAGE PROJECT

Work on the completion of the sewage project in West Jefferson is expected to be started the latter part of this month under WPA since an allocation of \$6,000 has recently been made for this project. Around 40 men will be used on this work. Engineers are now completing preliminary surveys so that the work can go forward within a short time.

Grading On Road Project Here Is Speeded Up Some

Grading work on the West Jefferson-Baldwin road improvement project was speeded up a good deal this week when the State Highway Department assigned a shovel to this job. The WPA crew has been making fine progress grading a more or less new road bed, which will be wider and will eliminate a lot of unnecessary curves and the addition of the shovel will enable the WPA to complete the grading within a short time and be ready for surfacing. Traffic is not being interrupted by this work.

Possible GOP Presidential Candidates



WASHINGTON, D. C. . . Possible candidates for the Republican Presidential nomination in 1940 were guests at the annual banquet of the American Society of Newspaper Publishers and Editors. Left to right: Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg of Michigan; Thomas E. Dewey, District Attorney of New York, and Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio.

Record Progress Is Being Made On REA Construction

Zone Missionary Meeting At M. E. Church Monday

Special Program Planned For All-Day Meeting. Lunch To Be Served.

MANY EXPECTED

The women of the West Jefferson Methodist church will be hostesses to the annual zone meeting of the Women's missionary societies of the Methodist churches of this zone on Monday.

A full day meeting will be held, with Mrs. T. V. Goode, of Statesville, district secretary in charge. Two outstanding speakers will discuss the work of the Methodist women's missionary societies and other interesting features have been planned for the program, including special music.

Lunch will be served in the recreation rooms in the basement of the church by the local members of the missionary society.

All Methodist churches of the county are particularly urged to send representatives. The public is cordially invited to the programs.

Representatives are expected from Boone, Sparta, North Wilkesboro and other towns in this zone. In discussing the program Rev. W. J. Huneycutt, pastor of the church said that he felt that the meeting would mean much to the women of the church and that he hoped that every one who could would attend.

In addition to special features and lectures on the program, reports and discussions regarding the work will be given.

Claude Blevins Buried On Mon.

Was Well Known Here. Was 35 Years Old At Time Of His Death Sun.

The entire community was saddened by the sudden death of Claude Blevins which occurred Sunday in the Wilkes hospital. He was 35 years old at the time of his death and altho his health had not been good for some time, his death was unexpected.

Funeral service was at the Baptist church on Monday with Rev. W. T. Whittington in charge. The church was filled to overflowing by a large number of friends and relatives.

The deceased who was a well known business here, well known among both the old and young, and his capacity for making friends made him popular with every one.

He is survived by his wife and two children, James Carson, Jackson, and Billie Joe Blevins. Another son, Claude, Jr., died a year ago. The following brothers and sisters, also survive: John Blevins, W. C. Blevins, Mrs. Elizabeth Linton, Emma Blevins, and Mrs. Dell Ramsey.

A domestic wheat crop this year of 685,000,000 bushels representing a sharp reduction from the 930,000,000 bushels produced last season, is indicated by the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Average Of Two And A Half Miles Erected Daily. Part Of Lines Energized.

Record-breaking progress is being made on the construction of REA lines in Ashe and Alleghany counties, according to information received yesterday from the local offices of the Caldwell Mutual Corporation and Melvin Burgess, Inc., contractor.

Poles have been erected and wire strung on the main line through Ashe and nearly to Sparta and from the Watauga county line to Clifton. Clearing of right-of-ways and setting poles have been completed on several of the branch lines and this week staking and survey work is expected to be finished on the 285 miles of lines in the two counties, Harry Dewar, project engineer of the Caldwell corporation, stated.

Two lines in this county have already been energized and the people from Todd to Donation and from Watauga line to Sutherland are now enjoying the use of electricity, Mr. Dewar said.

A. L. Bowlen, general superintendent of the construction company, stated that an average of 2 1/2 miles of lines have been built every day since construction in Ashe and Alleghany commenced.

This is regarded as quite a record for mountain country like this section.

He stated that the company has only had one serious accident in the two counties, and that is regarded as another fine record, as the erection of poles and stringing wire is hazardous.

He estimated that there are around 150 men working on the different projects in the two counties at this time.

Sewage Plants Must Conform To Health Law

Due to building and remodeling of homes now going on in this section, special attention has been called to the state laws regarding the disposal of sewage by the tri-county health department.

The following statement and explanation was issued this week by the department:

"It has been called to the notice of the District Health Officer, Dr. Robt. R. King, that certain contractors from out of our district have been recommending the installation of sewage disposal plants emptying untreated sewage directly into streams. This is strictly contrary to the laws of North Carolina and all residents are advised to confer with our district sanitarians before signing contracts for sewer systems.

"Chapter 71 of the Public Laws of 1919 covers the approved types of sewage disposal and all contractors and builders of Ashe County are advised to acquaint themselves with this law so as to protect their patrons from unnecessary annoyance and expense.

"Mr. Walter Hart, Sanitarian of Ashe County, will be glad to advise with contractors and property owners as to their plans so that the work done will meet with the approval of the North Carolina State Board of Health."

Sewing Room In Ashe Is Closed Out This Week

Requirements Of New Project Too Expensive, County Commissioners Decide.

TRANSFER WORKERS

The Ashe county WPA sewing room, which has been in operation since November, 1935, was closed Tuesday afternoon on account of WPA's general curtailing program and the lack of funds by the sponsoring agency to meet increased requirements, it was learned yesterday.

All of the sewing room workers who were physically able, have been transferred to work on the horticulture projects in the county, sponsored by the board of education. Joe Davis, of Lansing, is supervisor of this school ground beautification project which includes the planting of shrubbery and flowers.

When the sewing room was closed Tuesday, there were 13 women on the job. Mrs. Hattie Gentry, county supervisor, stated that for the past several months an average of 16 have been working in the sewing room, which has been located on the first floor in the George Eller building in Jefferson for some time.

J. F. Scott, chairman of the Ashe county board of commissioners, said he was sorry the valuable project is being discontinued.

As the sponsoring agency, he stated that the county, in the past, had only been required to pay rent, fuel costs and furnish thread and buttons. All of the cloth and materials have been supplied by the WPA, he said and explained that the old project expired recently and that according to the requirements of the proposed new project, it would be necessary for the county to furnish right much of the materials used.

"This would naturally cost (Continued on Page Eight.)"

Garbage To Be Collected Here Every Tuesday

Garbage, trash and waste of all kinds will be collected up here each Tuesday in both the business and residential sections and every family and every business is urged to co-operate and to take advantage of this free service which the West Jefferson town fathers have inaugurated.

Each home and business should have a large garbage can, box or other container and on Tuesday mornings, to have the garbage placed next to the street so that it can be picked up easily and without too much delay.

"One of the biggest complaints against our town is that it is dirty and unclean," Dean McMillan stated. "The tourist season will open soon and let's clean up and keep it that way."

Dormitory Site Picked As Location For Ashe Hospital

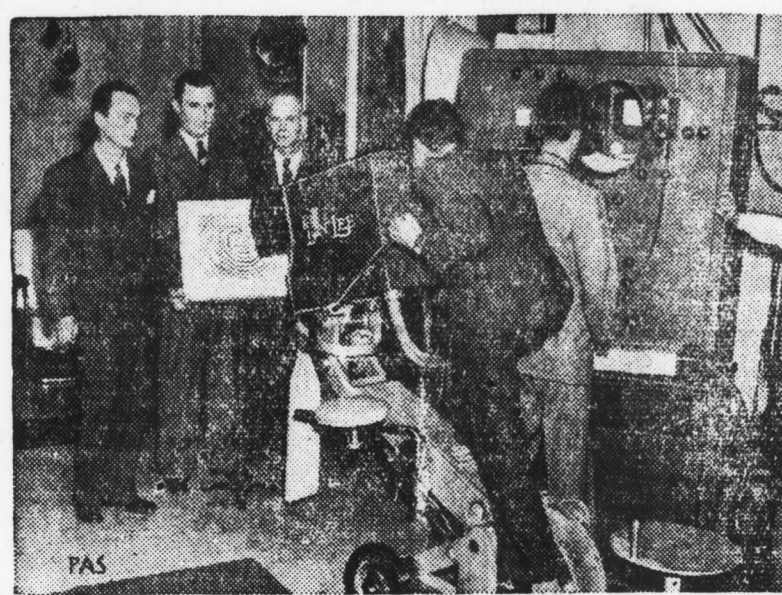
The old Jefferson dormitory site, located on a well rounded knoll back of the home of V. V. McConnell, a few hundred feet from the West Jefferson-Jefferson highway and also a short distance from the Warrensville-Jefferson highway, was selected as the location for the proposed WPA Ashe county hospital by the location's committee of the hospital association last Saturday night.

The committee had tentatively picked this location at a previous meeting, but withheld final approval pending upon an investigation to determine if enough land were available without cost.

Later the question was reopened and Saturday afternoon the committee held a public meeting in the American Legion hall here and the various offers were again presented. Several short talks relative to the advantages of the different prospective free locations were made by interested citizens, most of whom were from Jefferson.

W. B. Austin and Charlie Neal stated that Mrs. Neal had agreed to give the two strips of land ad-

Fingerprints By Television



LOS ANGELES . . . Thomas S. Lee, owner of the West's only television station, with Otto Faulkner and L. E. Christiansen, both of the Long Beach Police Department, are shown left to right, in the broadcasting studio here recently during a test to determine the advisability of transmitting fingerprints by means of television.

Increase In County's Public Assistance Program Requested

Slight Change In Rates Announced

All Subscribers Urged To Renew Their Subscriptions Promptly As Possible.

During the past week notices have mailed to all subscribers whose subscriptions have expired.

In accordance with postal regulations, in the near future the mailing lists of The Post will be revised and it is hoped that everyone will renew his subscription before that time.

Ashe county cook books are still being given away with each one year's new or renewal subscription. Be sure to get one of them before they are all gone.

Printed elsewhere in this issue is an announcement of a slight change in subscription rates of The Post. One year subscriptions in the county will remain the same, but effective June 1, there will be a slight increase in out-of-county subscription rates and also less than one-year subscriptions in the county.

These revisions are being made because of the increased cost of paper and general production cost. All out-of-county papers have to be wrapped singly and this requires a lot of extra time. Thus this rate is being increased from \$1.25 to \$1.50 per year.

To place a name on the mailing list for three or six months takes just as much time and the cost is just as high as it is for one-year subscriptions. Therefore, these rates are increased to 60c for six months and 40c for three months.

Subscription rates of The Post are still below the average weekly rates in the United States. Most of them charge \$1.50 per year and \$2.00 out-of-county.

Applications Exceed Present Quota. Application Is Sent To Raleigh.

Ashe county's old age assistance and aid to dependent children budget estimate request for the ensuing fiscal year beginning July 1, which has been signed by welfare board and county commissioners and sent to the state department, calls for a substantial increase over the budget appropriation for this year.

For the current year, the county's maximum number of old age assistance cases is 225 and the request for 1939-40 is 300, with the average monthly payment being set at \$8.00 and the total cost running \$28,000, of which the county's part would be \$7,200.00. (The federal government pays one-half and the state, one-fourth.)

This year the maximum number of aid to dependent children cases is 125 and the new request for 1939-40 calls for 200, with the average payment ranging around \$4.00; total cost \$10,200 and the county's part, \$3,300.00.

The estimate set up the administrative cost at \$4,830.00, of which the county has to pay one-half.

In other words, the total social security program was set up for 500 cases, costing a total of (Continued on Page Eight.)

Kerr Scott To Speak To Grads At Riverview

Rev. John Hoyle To Preach Sermon Sunday. Finals Exercise Next Wed.

PLAY SAT. NIGHT

On Saturday night, May 13, the Riverview high school play will be presented. The title of the play is "The Red Headed Stepchild." It is a delightful comedy in 3 acts and a cast of 12 members of the high school student body, with Miss Margaret Lee Ashley in the leading part and supported by Phyllis Sharp, Dana Eller, Nona Lee Roark, Gladys June Graybeal, Mae Richardson, Maude Estridge, Wayne Hartsoe, Frank Roland, Wade Eller Jr., and Few Oliver.

The commencement sermon will be preached by Rev. J. W. Hoyle, presiding elder of the Statesville district. This will be Saturday night at 8:00 o'clock, May 14th in the gymnasium of the school.

On Wednesday night at 7:30 in the gymnasium the graduating exercise will take place. The senior class has 16 in it this year and these young people have been faithful students and loyal to their school.

The address will be made by Hon. W. Kerr Scott, commissioner of Agriculture of the State of N. C. It is to be hoped that many Ashe county farmers and citizens of other vocations will attend this exercise to hear the State Commissioner.

After the address, the diplomas and several medals will be awarded.

Plans Started To Re-Open NYA In Ashe By July 1

State And District Officials Visited County In Interest Of Program.

NEED IS SEEN

Plans are now being worked out to re-open the NYA program in Ashe county, state officials of the organization said Friday when they came to here to make a general survey of the needs and possibilities of the development program in the county.

John A. Lang, state NYA director said that he was quite anxious to see a program carried out in Ashe county as he felt there was a definite need for the type of work NYA sponsors. "I feel confident that the program can be re-opened here on or around July 1," he said. "We want to see every county in North Carolina, receive the aid and benefit of the NYA program," he added.

Mrs. Pansy B. Fetzter, State consultant on girls work in connection with NYA, who was with Mr. Lang here, made a number of inquiries into the type of program most needed by girls. Mrs. Fetzter pointed out that a very practical type of homemaking including the study of foods, canning, clothing, and other home-making problems could be taught under the NYA program. She explained that the needs of this particular section would be studied before a definite program was decided upon.

Other NYA officials in the group who visited here were J. M. Smith, director with offices in Wilkesboro, whom Ashe county is directly under, and Maynard Turner of the Asheville district headquarters.

The group pointed out that NYA is proving very successful in most of the counties of the state and is not only giving employment to youths who otherwise would have no opportunity to work, but is training them for future service to themselves and the community.

While in the county the group contacted Supt. J. B. Hash, J. F. Scott, chairman of the county commissioners and other groups and individuals interested in the work of NYA. The NYA program was closed out here the first week in April, due to lack of funds, proper supervision, and worthwhile projects.

NYA paid out a total of around \$15,000 to between 75 and 100 young men and women in Ashe county last year.

Supt. J. B. Hash Is Re-Appointed On Welfare Board

Supt. J. B. Hash was re-appointed last week as a member of the county welfare board.

His term of office expired May 1 and the re-appointment was for three years. The other two members of the welfare board are Bryan Oliver and Mrs. Mary Kilby Jones, of Lansing. Mrs. Jones was appointed last summer for two years by the State Department of Charities and Public Welfare and Mr. Oliver's selection had been made a year or two by the other two members of the board.

This board approves and supervises all of the activities of the county welfare department.

JOE GUN

How to Win Friends And Influence People