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A New Minister

THE Presbyterian church in Highlands is to be congratulated on securing as pastor the Rev. Robert B. DuPree, who undertakes permanent charge of the church in May.

Since the untimely death of another young minister, the Rev. C. R. McCarty, who, in his brief years of service, endeared himself to his people, Mr. DuPree has served as a supply while continuing his studies at the Seminary.

One of the members of the church pays him this tribute as he undertakes his pastorate:

"I believe that we shall find him lacking in none of those qualities which go to make up a good minister or a good citizen. His manner invites confidence. One feels that one's own personal problems, when confided to him, will be met with sympathy and understanding as well as invaluable advice. His sermons are presented with a gentle forcefulness which creates a lasting impression upon one's mind. We may rest assured that his unconscious influence will be equally as great as his conscious influence.

The people of Highlands should indeed be happy to welcome his wife and him into their hearts and homes."

Likewise the church members of neighboring communities will unite in welcoming another who will contribute to the Christian leadership of Macon county.

WPA In Macon County

THERE are some values that cannot be estimated in figures, and are yet more enduring than material progress than can be stated in dollars and cents.

The facts and figures given in reports of WPA work in this county, and printed in the news columns of this issue of The Press, impressive as they are in visible accomplishment and results, are even more significant when analyzed.

The expenditure of more than \$137,000 in a little more than a year—most of it for labor—has been an untold blessing to individuals, to families and to business.

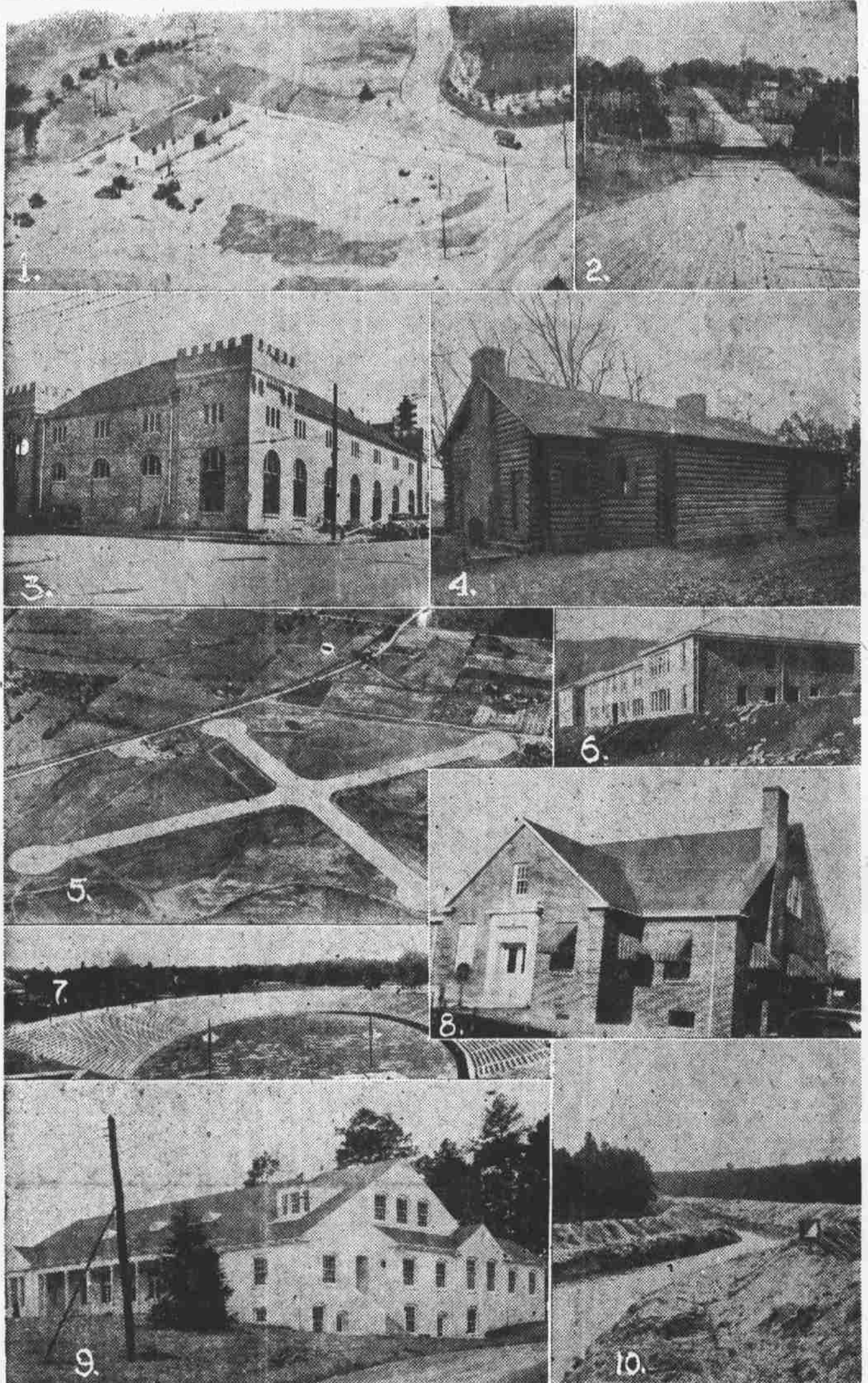
A hundred miles of farm-to-market roads offer new life and opportunity to man and beast and fliivver in our mountain country.

But even more impressive were accounts of work done when nearly a hundred women met Saturday from every corner of the county to hear reports of women and children's work done under WPA.

Through sewing rooms, resettlement work, home demonstration, school lunches, youth and recreation projects, under the guidance of men and women devoted to the highest standards of performance—well, here is a story that inspires the imagination. When lives of children are strengthened through better nourishment, made wholesome and happy by opportunity for self-help and recreation, homes restored and improved under wise and helpful guidance, surely this is a building to a more enduring nation.

The gratitude of every citizen should be expressed to those who have made effective and enduring this constructive provision of our national government.

Some WPA Projects



Among the 2214 WPA projects in North Carolina are the above **MONUMENTS TO PERMANENT ACHIEVEMENT TO THOSE WHO WORK ON WPA.** (1) Bath house and swimming pool, (2) farm-to-market road, (3) armory, (4) community building, (5) airport, (6) school building, (7) stadium, (8) agricultural building, (9) club house, (10) drainage and malaria control.

Lake Emory

By LUTHER ANDERSON

A. H. Turpin, of Waynesville, was through this section last week, visiting friends and buying cows of the better class. It must be said of Mr. Turpin that he knows his cows.

Master John and G. C. Smith have returned from a visit with relatives at Canton.

Robert Williams, one of the aged citizens of the Ridgcrest section, is critically ill.

Mrs. Frank Sanders is on the sick list.

J. D. Kinsland, of the CCC camp at Hot Springs, N. C., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Kinsland, of Watauga.

The Morgan-McMahan Lumber Co. is doing extensive work in the Watauga area. There are quite a number of sawmills being established hereabout. This gives needed employment. But those who own timber should see that only the mature timber is cut. The method of cutting everything that can be converted into any kind of lumber, is a grave mistake. "Conserve the young timber," should be the method.

Dahlias Grow Well In North Carolina

A soil that will grow good vegetables will grow dahlias, said Robert Schmidt, horticulturist at the N. C. agricultural experiment station.

A sunny location with partial shade in the afternoon, and protected from drying winds, is ideal for a dahlia garden, he went on,

The soil should be well drained. For poor, run-down soils, turn under a liberal application of well rotted stable manure several weeks before planting time.

A handful of bone meal to each hill or a small amount of well balanced commercial fertilizer mixed thoroughly with the soil at planting time will aid the growth of the young plants.

In central North Carolina, dahlias may be planted from April 1 to late June, though May 1-15 is probably the best time, Schmidt pointed out.

The dahlia buds, or eyes, are found on the base of the stem, or crown, and not in the roots. A root without an eye will not produce a dahlia plant. However, one root with one good eye is sufficient for planting one hill.

Medium to small-sized roots are better than large ones, he continued. Plant them six inches deep in sandy soils and not more than four to five inches deep in heavy soils. Hills should be spaced three feet apart in rows three and a half to four feet apart.

When about 15 inches high, the plants should be top-dressed with a handful of good potato fertilizer to each hill, but don't place the fertilizer closer than six inches to the plant. Repeat this when the buds begin to appear, and every three weeks thereafter until mid-September. But do not over-fertilize, Schmidt warned.

Control Disease To Succeed in Farming

Controlling plant diseases, when possible, is much cheaper than suffering heavy losses at harvest time,

Some of the things North Carolina farmers can do to protect their crops from disease are listed by Dr. R. F. Poole, extension plant pathologist at State college.

Do not plant corn that shows pink or black diseased areas, or corn coming from moldy cobs. Good stands are obtained only by planting healthy corn.

Sulphur sprays are effective in controlling scab, but they must be applied timely and thoroughly in pre-pink and petal-fall stages.

Serious arsenical burn can be prevented where sprays containing lead arsenate are used on peaches if zinc sulphate is mixed with the spray material.

Do not plant the same crops on lands where heavy losses from disease occurred last year.

Remember that sunshine kills the fungi that cause blue mold in tobacco plant beds.

Brilliant New Signs Illuminate Town

The Bryant Furniture Co. has installed this week one of the longest neon signs in Western North Carolina, a strip of brightness 42 feet long, which covers the front of the establishment and makes a splendid appearance. Angel's Drug Store has also had a neon border placed across the front show window and another bright sign on the side of the building where it will be visible to all visitors coming from the south. The Macon County Supply Co. likewise has a neon display further down the street in front of their store. These fellows believe in letting their light shine.