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Robert Lang Davis Is Laid To Rest

Central Figure in Farmville Business World Passes

All Business Suspended As Thousands of His Friends Pay Tribute At Last Rites

Suspending all activities of business, school and farm, an assemblage of thousands of sorrowing relatives and friends, white and black, from every walk in life, and representing almost every town in Eastern North Carolina, gathered to pay their last tribute of love and esteem at the last rites for Robert Lang Davis, Farmville's beloved "Uncle Bob," conducted this morning (Friday), at ten o'clock, by Rev. J. B. Roberts, in the Primitive Baptist Church, which was built, furnished and presented to the congregation by this Christian gentleman of the old school, some years ago. Elder Ernest Cobb, of Wilson, assisted in the burial service, characterized by the simplicity and gentle dignity, which marked the life of Mr. Davis.

Interment followed in Forest Hill cemetery, beside the grave of his brother, John R. Davis, and under a blanket of handsome floral offerings, which covered the entire plot.

Active pall bearers were: A. C. and J. Y. Monk, J. I. Morgan, D. E. Oglesby, T. C. Turnage, J. H. Harris, J. T. Thorne and D. F. Lang. The family designated as honorary pall bearers all of his many friends.

Mr. Davis was unmarried but was deeply attached to the following nieces and nephews, who, with his brother, F. M. Davis, Sr., survive him: Mrs. L. B. Johnson, Columbia, S. C.; Miss Mamie E. Davis, Palatka, Fla.; Lang Davis, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. F. M. Davis, Jr., Greenville; Miss Elizabeth and Miss Janie Davis, Mrs. W. Alexander Allen, Jr., and George, Frank and Robert Lang Davis, Jr., of Farmville.

The death of Mr. Davis occurred at six-thirty, Wednesday afternoon, in a Greenville hospital, where he was rushed after a collapse, and in which his nephew, Dr. F. M. Davis, Jr., is a surgeon.

Mr. Davis went down to his office early Wednesday morning as he had done for more than fifty years, but his great weakness was so apparent that he was persuaded to return to his bed, where he soon relapsed into a coma.

Robert Lang Davis was born the eldest of three sons to the late Benjamin Archibald and Mrs. Mary Lang Davis, in 1856. Beginning with a small merchandising business in the early eighties, he later took his brothers, F. M., Sr., and the late J. R. Davis into the business, which has grown into one of the largest establishments of its kind in the State, under the firm name of R. L. Davis and Brothers.

Serving four years as county, and twenty as town commissioner, twelve as school trustee, president of the Bank of Farmville from its organization thirty-two years ago, until last year, a staunch supporter of the tobacco market, he remained the central figure in Farmville's commercial world to the day of his death, and was a generous contributor to the Primitive Baptist denomination.

REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1936, 5 P. M.

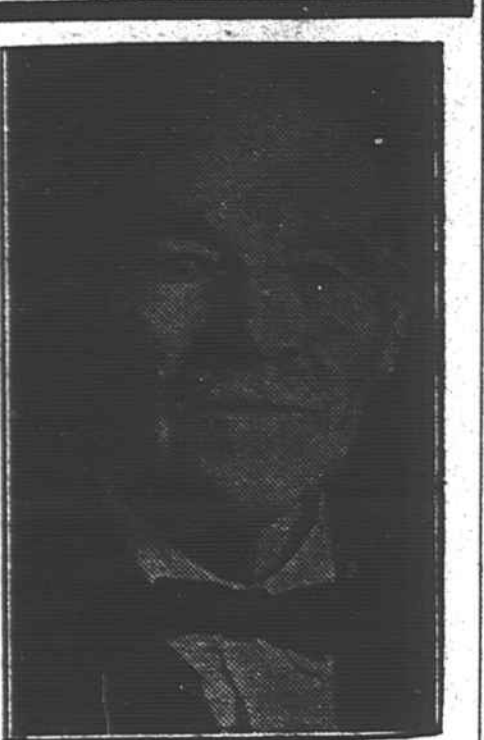
WHEREAS, Mr. R. L. Davis, Chairman of this Board since January 1st, 1936, until October 7th, 1936, was stricken with death on the said date of October 7th, 1936; and whereas he established this, the Bank of Farmville in 1904, and served as its President from its organization until January 1st, 1936, at which time he felt that it would be of the best interest of the bank if he should resign as President on account of his failing health;

AND WHEREAS, at all meetings of this board he was friendly, kind, generous, and considerate of all its members, and whereas he met all of its problems with intelligence and a fine co-operative spirit;

AND WHEREAS, There remained foremost in his mind at all times the safety and soundness of this Bank; the security and confidence of its patrons, and the happiness and fair treatment of its employees;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved: That this Board of Directors, of the Bank of Farmville, in regular monthly session does hereby express its sincere regret for the passing of its beloved chairman, and the Bank's benefactor, and does hereby extend to his brother, Mr. F. M. Davis, and the other members of his family and relatives its deepest sympathy in this hour of sorrow;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:



ROBERT LANG DAVIS

That this Board, out of respect for its deceased Chairman, does hereby declare that the doors of the Bank of Farmville will not open for business on Friday, October 9th, 1936, until 12:00 o'clock, Noon, and that this meeting of the Board shall be adjourned without consideration of any other matters of business.

This the 8th day of October, 1936.
A. C. MONK,
J. I. MORGAN,
W. A. POLLARD,
C. L. HARDY,
T. E. JOYNER,
J. O. POLLARD,
D. E. OGLESBY.

TO GIVE CONCERT

Rehearsals are now underway by the Farmville Symphonic Chorus, in preparation for a concert, to be given Sunday afternoon, November 15th. The program of this recently organized and growing musical group, which is under the direction of Lewis Bullock, will be augmented by singers from nearby towns.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Crumpler announce the birth of a daughter, Sybil Ann, on Tuesday, October 6.

Lieut. Jones Says Patrol Radio Be Ready Dec. 15

Division Headquarters and Each of Automobiles and Motorcycles to Be Equipped With Sets.

Greenville, Oct. 8.—With the contract for the purchase of \$70,000 worth of transmitters and receiving sets for the State Highway Patrol radio system due to be let Friday, Lieut. Lester Jones, head of the Eastern Division of the force, with headquarters here, said today that he expected the hook-up to be completed by the middle of December and ready for operation.

In addition to the offices of the patrol here, each of the 13 automobiles and 40 motorcycles in this district will be equipped with receiving sets. The radios will be set on the transmitting stations and only broadcasts from these will be heard.

Five stations will be located in the State, but the Eastern Division will rely chiefly on the one to be located in Martin County. Each of the stations will go on the air at 15-minute intervals and at any time for emergency announcements.

Lieut. Jones said when any patrolman had any alarm to broadcast he would call the station and have the call put on the. The patrol head expressed the belief the system would aid materially in the apprehension of criminals in the State.

Work has not been started on the erection of the radio stations as yet, as they will have to be constructed to conform to the type of equipment to be purchased Friday.

The system is being installed chiefly for the Highway Patrol, but will be available to all sheriffs and local police stations. The city and county units will have to purchase their own receiving sets, however, while the State will furnish those for the patrol force.

Unless there is some unforeseen holdup, it was expected the plan would be in operation before the first of the year.

Party's Feminine Aides Held Meeting Tuesday

Greenville, Oct. 6.—Pitt County women met at the home of Mrs. Vance Perkins this morning (Tuesday), at 10:30, at which time Mrs. J. B. Spilman, vice-chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee, spoke to the women, and plans were made for campaign activities.

Mrs. Spilman, whose home is in Greenville, returned here to organize the women of the county to get out a large vote for Democracy on election day.

Mrs. Perkins is vice-chairman of the Pitt County Democratic Executive Committee. Practically all of the vice-chairmen of precinct organizations attended the meeting and took part in the discussion of the best means of insuring a large vote at the November election.

The meeting held here today was similar to many others conducted throughout the State by Mrs. Spilman. Following the business session Mrs. Perkins entertained the ladies at a luncheon.

FOUNTAIN NEWS (By MRS. M. D. YELVERTON)

PERSONALS

Mr. Bruce Beasley, Jr., a student at U. P. I. spent the week-end with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Lane, Jr., has as their guest for the week-end Miss Ruth McCullers and Miss Florence Batts, of Raleigh, and Miss Evelyn McCullers, of Zebulon.

Miss Dorothy Smith spent the week-end in Walstonburg with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Smith.

Miss Nelle Owens attended the Woman's Democratic meeting in Greenville Tuesday, and was a luncheon guest of Mrs. Vance Perkins.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Pope spent Sunday in Greenville.

Mrs. C. S. Eagles and Miss Lucille Yelverton, both of Saratoga, visited friends and relatives in Fountain on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Copeland and Mr. William Eagles, all of Durham, were week-end guests of Mrs. J. R. Eagles.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Fountain, Sr., visited Mr. John Newton, a brother of Mr. Fountain, in Enfield Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Crane and daughter, Julia Frances, of Tarboro, spent Sunday night and Monday with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reddick.

WOMAN'S CLUB MEETS

The Woman's Club met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. G. W. Jefferson. Mrs. H. B. Mayo, chairman of the art department, presented a very interesting program. "The Flower Girl of Holland." Hitchcock was reviewed by Mrs. Mayo. "Children of Charlie," VanDyke, was discussed by Mrs. B. A. Pope. "Sistine Madonna," Raphael, was presented by Mrs. G. W. Lane, Jr.

Punch was served the guests as they arrived and following the program and a very short business session, the hostess served a delectable ice course with cake.

ENTERTAINS FOR BRIDE

Miss Odelle Killibrew and Mrs. Alton Moore were hostesses Tuesday afternoon at the home of Miss Killibrew, honoring Mrs. W. J. Killibrew, Jr., a recent bride. Punch was served the guests as they arrived, by Mrs. L. E. Baker and Mrs. J. R. Cooke. Miss Killibrew presented the bride to the guests as they entered the living room. Two contests were enjoyed and prizes were awarded to Mrs. C. M. Smith and Mrs. Leny Owens. Following the contests little Marjorie Killibrew brought in a beautifully decorated wagon laden with miscellaneous shower gifts for the bride. After the gifts were opened the hostesses served Metropolitan Whip with cake.

HONOR ROLL, SEPTEMBER

First Grade—Lillian Harris, John Lilley, Nina Ruth Oakley, Alan Parker, Virginia Pollard, Doris Yelverton.
Second Grade—Aileen Gardner, Rachel Horton, Marjorie Killibrew, Warren Peele.

Third Grade—None.
Fourth (H) Grade—None.
Fourth (M) Grade—Edna Grey Edwards, Mary Parker, David Wooten.

Fifth Grade—None.
Sixth Grade—Guy Eagles, Janie Holland, Lillian Little.

Seventh Grade—Rachel Wooten.
Eighth Grade—Ruth Carol Yelverton, Louise Wooten.

Ninth Grade—Margie Gardner, Dwight Johnson, Luther Owens.
Tenth Grade—Mary Carolyn Reddick, Nina Estelle Yelverton.

Eleventh Grade—Estline Bryant, Hazel Owens.



By Hugo Sims, Washington
Correspondent

COURTING THE FARMER
CANDIDATES MAKE BIDS
LONDON'S MAJOR EFFORT
WINANT RESIGNS TO FIGHT
PEEK ACCUSES ROOSEVELT
RE-ALIGNMENT UNDERWAY
ENDS CURRENCY WAR
WORLD FIGHT FOR TRADE
MAY MEAN PROGRESS

Probably the most interesting phase of the present presidential campaign is the battle to win the farmer vote. This centers in the Middle Western farm States through the inevitable logic of political conditions. The South is strong for Roosevelt and New England is strong for London. On the West Coast the tide seemingly runs with the President. Hence, the tug of war that is going on in the central section of the country, where the farmer is being courted as never before.

The President has several advantages (chief of which is his record of performance. Regardless of methods his administration has paid the farmers huge sums of money and has made substantial achievement of the long sought-after parity prices. However, in doing this, the New Deal ran into the Supreme Court, which upset its crop control measures, and invited the charge that it sought to control the farmer from Washington.

Gov. Landon's counter offer, tariff equivalent payments to growers of export crops, is not so certain in amount as cash checks that the farmers will receive in the next few weeks and also runs into a barrage of criticism on the part of those who say that any bounty on production will cause increased yields, which, in turn, will pile up unwieldy surpluses to depress prices. While there are reports that his farm program was well received in the West the consensus of opinion is that some clarification is necessary, especially as to whether his crop insurance companies and whether the conservation program includes any money from the Federal government.

Following Gov. Landon's series of speeches in Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin, the President began his active campaign and Secretary Wallace took up the stump to answer the Kansan an agricultural problems. At this stage of the battle all impartial observers agree that the President has the lead and that Gov. Landon must capture practically every doubtful State in order to win. The fact that organized labor, almost unanimously, but actively supporting his candidacy, and that a number of Progressives are doing the same thing emphasizes the importance of the farm vote in the Middle Western States, which both candidates are assiduously seeking.

Observers watched last week for the reaction of the voters to the attacks of Gov. Landon on the administration farm program, its reciprocal treaties and its social security set-up. All were heavily bombarded by the Republican. His social security includes no government participation in unemployment insurance and would put the needy aged, those past 65 on a dole sufficient to afford them what he called a "living pension." The money would come from the taxpayers and not the recipients nor their former employers, being in essence a pay-as-you-go style of direct relief. No idea of its cost or of any taxation to support it was offered.

One of the unexpected results of the Landon attack on the Social Security Act was the resignation of John G. Winant, chairman of the board set up to administer the measure. Winant, twice Republican governor of New Hampshire, expressed his faith in the "humanitarian measure" and resigned in order to be free to answer the Republican candidate. He pointed out, in his letter to the President, that the act was viewed as non-partisan and that it was supported by three times as many Republicans as voted against it. Being the "minority" party member of the Board, and unable to take part in its defense as long as he stayed on the board, Mr. Winant resigned in order to have a free hand.

George N. Peek, former AAA administrator and former head of the Export-Import Bank, announced his support of Governor Landon after the candidates speared on farm matters. Mr. Peek asserted that the President had broken his pledges, made to the farmers, and that the policies pursued had been destructive of farm income. Admitting that the farmers have made gains, the Peek statement insisted that farm income "lags at \$8,000,000,000 a year, whereas, during the Twenties, which were lean years for agriculture, farm income averaged

Crop Association Head Is Convicted

Former Secretary of Beaufort Organization Goes To Prison for Forgery.

Washington, N. C., Oct. 8.—E. N. Durant, former secretary of the Beaufort County Corn-Hog Control Association, was sentenced to the Atlanta Federal Penitentiary today for forging corn-hog contracts and checks amounting to more than \$2,700.

Judge I. M. Meekins sentenced Durant, after the defendant had admitted the forgeries in Federal Court here.

On each of 16 counts in the indictment, Durant was fined \$1 and given a three-year prison term, these to run concurrently, and on the 17th count he was given another three-year term.

Durant was arrested in August. The association, of which he was secretary, included several eastern counties in its operations.

ed \$11,000,000,000 yearly." Answering the charge that he is "being fooled by Republican promises which will quickly be broken," Mr. Peek retorts that Governor Landon is the kind of man who keeps his promises.

The campaign has been marked by the number of men who have come out against their own party in support of President Roosevelt, or, through opposition to his policies, have declared for Gov. Landon. Former Governor Alfred G. Smith is one Democrat to desert the President and he has the company of several prominent Democrats. On the other hand, Senator Couzens went to his political demise in a Republican primary because he espoused the Roosevelt candidacy and he, too, has the company of other Republicans.

The fact is, as indicated in these columns many months ago, there is a new political alignment taking place in the country. President Roosevelt's strategy, aimed at winning the support of farmers and laborers, and ex-posing of liberals, acquiring the confidence of the defection of conservative members of his own party has made progress. Whether the alignment will be permanent or not depends upon the voting in November. If the President wins, you can look for significant party shake-ups before 1940, with the possibility that there will be a regrouping under three, if not four, major parties.

Meanwhile, there were similar efforts to "size up" the effect of the sudden and dramatic conditional stabilization of French, British and American currencies, which is everywhere taken as a contribution to the stimulation of world trade and a step toward peace. This agreement by the Government to assist the French in their financial crisis, coupled with the aid of the British, answered criticism of an earlier failure to co-operate with these nations to secure stabilization and left the Republicans unable to make any direct attack because it is in line with what they have insisted upon. Of course, the open course is to assail the administration for torpedoing an earlier stabilization conference and for this delaying such a step in 1933.

The war of currencies, which has occupied the nations of the world for the past few years, is not easily understood. While the gold standard was in effect the moneys of one nation had a settled ratio to that of another, because both were expressed in gold weight. However, early in the depression, Japan cheapened the yen in terms of gold by weight, thus making it easier for foreigners to get more yen with gold, and encouraging them to buy Japanese goods which were cheaper in gold than corresponding purchases in other nations. The effect of this caused Great Britain to cut the pound from gold, as did other countries. The result again was that the dollar, in gold weight, was worth more in Great Britain than before and consequently the dollar eventually came down, leaving the French and a few smaller nations almost alone on gold.

In a normal world, trade between nations will be improved by stable currencies, when importers in one country can accurately figure the expense of purchases abroad and when they do not have to gamble on the monetary action of a government in power. International trade, which is the swapping of goods and services, depends upon stable currency because the amount of goods swapped in exchange varies with fluctuating monetary standards, and when these are unreliable and uncertain the risk of loss retards traders.

At the same time that the world was engaging in this rush to depreciate currencies, in order to secure trade, the nations were also resorting

Prices Up on Farmville Market; Record Sale Experienced Monday

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS on October 7th, 1936, there was taken from us by death our most beloved, most respected and most dependable citizen, Mr. R. L. Davis;

AND WHEREAS his life and resources were forever used to the building and betterment of this community in a spirit of honesty and unselfishness;

AND WHEREAS he was friendly and kind to all, generous of heart and considerate of feelings, none being too poor or ignorant for his time and kindness, none too rich or haughty to enjoy his simple intelligence and straight thinking;

NOW THEREFORE, out of respect for Farmville's greatest citizen and benefactor, I, as Mayor of the Town of Farmville, do proclaim a complete cessation of business for the Town of Farmville between the hours of Nine A. M. and Twelve, Noon, on Friday, October 9th, 1936.

This the 8th day of October, 1936.
JOHN B. LEWIS,
Mayor Town of Farmville.

MISS WILLIAMS AND MR. MORGAN HONORED

Wilson.—Miss Louise Dickinson entertained informally Monday evening at her home on North Goldsboro Street, honoring Miss Margaret Williams and Mr. Irvin Morgan, Jr., whose marriage took place Monday.

Bowls and vases of fall flowers were used about the home. In the dining room where hors d'oeuvres were served, a color scheme of yellow and lavender was carried out in the decoration, the centerpiece for the table being a silver bowl of yellow and lavender flowers. Yellow tapers in silver holders, completed the table decorations. During the evening many attractive games were enjoyed.

Miss Dickinson's guests were: Miss Williams and Mr. Morgan, honorees; Mr. and Mrs. Parker McRae, of Brunswick, Ga., Mr. and Mrs. Charles McLean, Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Fike, Miss Martha Pierce, of Weldon, and Mr. Bob Norfleet, Miss Margaret Culum, of Columbia, S. C., and Mr. Walter Woodard, Miss Ann Willis and Mr. H. G. Connor, 3rd; Miss Dorothy Taylor and Mr. Archie Carroll, Miss Rosalind Bryan and Mr. H. H. Elliott, Jr., of Rocky Mount, and Edward Lancaster-Bickel.

Senator Says Counties Due Road Funds

Martin Solon Insists the State Should Pay the Claims; Prefers a Re- fund to New Highways

Raleigh, Oct. 8.—Senator R. L. Coburn, of Martin County, one of the authors of a 1935 law providing for a commission to study the matter of road debt refunds to counties, told the group today that each county having a claim it could substantiate for funds donated or State highways built, should be refunded "without further consideration."

The Senator appeared for Martin County and was showered with questions by Carl Bailey, chairman of the commission, and other members.

Coburn explained he referred to counties included in the highway system of 1921 or added to it by the highway commission under the terms of the Act of that year in his assertion that counties making donations for such roads or building them and turning them over to the State should be refunded.

Counties should be given a preference in payment of refunds over allocations for new road construction, Coburn said, "as it is better to be just than generous."

Eleven counties appeared before the commission to present claims aggregating \$8,704,067.34.

Duplin County asked \$574,004; Martin \$562,260.09.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Revival services will begin at the Advent Christian Church, near Marlboro Thursday, night, October 8th. Everybody is invited to attend.

HEROIC TELEPHONE GIRLS

An interesting story which relates how a "hello girl" stuck to her switchboard with a tornado battering the building and other recent examples of courage, quick thinking and resourcefulness by women operators. One of the many features in the October 18th issue of the American Weekly, the big magazine which comes every Sunday with the BALTIMORE AMERICAN.

More Than Two Million Dollars Paid Farmers for Weed This Season

Bidding well towards being recorded as the heaviest sale week of the season, as near capacity sales have been experienced each day, figures for this, the sixth week of the 1936 tobacco selling period, through Thursday, reveal a total of 1,860,094 pounds, which, added to the season's sum total, carries the poundage of this market to 10,001,279.

Official figures give this market for the week, including Thursday, a poundage of 1,860,094; receipts \$433,105.37, and an average of \$23.28, which has boosted the season's totals to 10,001,279 pounds, bringing \$2,176,801.62 and providing an average of \$21.77.

Noting that some of the East Carolina markets have fell below the \$20 mark in general averages this season, the Farmville market is proud that its lowest figure is \$21.34.

All grades are reported as selling higher this week, and prices on good and medium tobaccos are observed as much better.

The volume of sales for the past several days would indicate that farmers are following the advice of tobaccoists to get their weed in good shape for marketing, and to sell as rapidly as possible.

Graham to Discuss Annual State Fair

The last in a series of broadcasts on the North Carolina State Fair will be made on the Carolina Farm Features program Saturday, October 10, when Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham, will give a description of the exhibits to be seen.

The Fair, which opens October 10 in Raleigh, is expected to surpass all previous fairs in the number of agricultural exhibits displayed by the farm people of North Carolina. Cash prizes have been increased in practically all of the various departments.

High grade animals from all parts of the State will be in competition for prizes, as well as grains, vegetables and fruits.

One of the outstanding departments at the Fair will be the 4-H division. Club boys and girls, working under the direction of L. R. Harrill and Miss Ruth Current, will submit exhibits and will compete with one another in judging contests.

The Fair offers a splendid place for buyer and seller to get together. Growers who have outstanding seed and animals on display find other growers who are interested in improving their strains and who are willing to pay good prices for high-grade specimens.

The schedule in full for the week of October 5-10 follows: Monday, Dr. C. D. Grinnels, "Keeping Farm Animals Fit;" Tuesday, M. E. Gardner, "Selecting Fruits and Vegetables for Exhibit;" Wednesday, Dr. Practices;" Thursday, Miss Mamie G. W. Forster, "Cotton Marketing Whimsies;" Friday, H. C. Gauger, "Commin Diseases of Poultry;" and Saturday, W. A. Graham, "The North Carolina State Fair."

Meadow Strips Serve Dual Purpose on Farm

Meadow strips take care of water from terraces and provide a hay crop at the same time, according to H. R. Tribou, agricultural engineer of the Soil Conservation Service.

The strip is generally about 20 to 30 feet wide, while the length depends upon the size of the field and the area that the landowner wants to convert into a meadow strip.

Water flowing from terraces emptying into the strip is slowed up, spread out in a sheet, and soil that might wash from terrace channels is collected, eliminating practically all soil loss on the field.

The practicability of the meadow strip, said Tribou, lies in its being easy to establish, its permanency and usefulness. Meadow strips can be mowed several times in one year. The hay from the strips is often worth more to the farmer than any crop that could be planted on the same area.

A very good example of the efficiency and utility of the meadow strip as terrace outlet can be found on the farm of L. O. Willard, who lives in the Deep River erosion area, near High Point.

The National Union for Social Justice, the organization of the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, listed expenditures of \$473,380 between January 1st and August 31st. Receipts during the same period were about \$16,000 more than the amount disbursed.