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## SAYS CAN NEVER BE DEPRESSION

That is, Like the Recent One, According to Figures Recently Compiled

### FUND TO ACT AS BHAKKE

Raleigh, Nov. 22.—There can never be another depression in North Carolina—or the United States—like the recent one, figures compiled by the ever-expanding state unemployment compensation commission disclosed today.

The commission, set up by the extraordinary session of the North Carolina general assembly in December, 1936, to act as "a brake" on the next depression, has already collected more than \$8,000,000 from 8,500 Tar Heel employers and establishments for the state's unemployment coffers.

By the time the embryo commission has completed expansion next May or June, collections will total upwards of \$15,000,000—with ten millions pouring into the fund every year thereafter according to Charles G. Powell, chairman of the commission.

"There can never be another great depression," Powell asserted today. "This vast fund will take care of the unemployed, while our unemployment service branch will secure them jobs as quickly as possible."

The commission, which is working night and day shifts so it will be ready to begin unemployment compensation payments by January 1, 1938, has a staff of 450 in the payments division, and another 400 in the unemployment division—which finds jobs for those out of work while the \$15 maximum weekly compensation grants keep them off relief for 16 consecutive weeks.

Since the beginning of this year more than 700,000 North Carolina workers have been registered in files at the compensation office. Of this number, 475,000 will become eligible for compensation payments Jan. 1.

To facilitate collection of the two per cent tax levied on employers' payrolls, the commission has established 10 district offices and 45 branch offices. Three per cent will be sliced off payrolls for unemployment compensation beginning January 1, 1938, when the tax will remain at that percentage, Powell said.

Powell explained that the compensation plan would quickly break the "downward spiral" of the next depression through the payments to those thrown out of employment. They would receive half their salaries, up to \$15 maximum weekly, and not below \$5, during a 16-week period; meanwhile, the job-finding division of the commission will be doing its utmost to secure work for the jobless men.

The commission chairman pointed out that if the percentage collected remains at three that within the next 10 years there will be an accumulated fund, from the 48 states, of more than \$15,000,000,000 (b)—barring, of course, any sizeable depression when payments would seriously cut into the fund.

"It's the largest thing ever conceived," Powell declared, "one of the greatest humanitarian projects of all time."

Meantime, the commission is studying plans for a "merit system" which will be submitted to the 1939 General Assembly. Under this system employers would be "kept in line" to prevent curtailment of salaries or employee staffs in order to avoid compensation payments.

Each employer, under the merit plan, would receive a "merit rating" based on the work standards of his establishments. If the standards are high, he would be required to pay a smaller tax on the payrolls than if the standards are low, Powell explained.

Thus it will be to his advantage to keep his standards well up," Powell said.

Payments from employers, which are pouring into the commission coffers at the rate of half a million dollars a month, are collected without trouble or kick-backs," according to the commission chairman. Delinquents are liable, under the law, to seizure and sale of their property or properties to meet payments.

Cost of administration of the program in North Carolina is met out of one-tenth of one per cent of collections, which goes to the federal government. The government supervises administration of the program in each state, and, if it finds the work unsatisfactory or badly handled, has the privilege of cutting off expenses, Powell said.

## MOUNTAIN PARK

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Adams and family of Winston-Salem, visited relatives here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Luffman of State Road and daughter, June, visited Mrs. James Mooney last Thursday.

Mr. M. E. Swift of Charlotte visited relatives here last week. Miss Emily Holder of Zephyr spent last week-end with Miss Annie Laurie Johnson.

Mr. Clyde Cockerham of Winston-Salem visited relatives here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Layton Watson of Charlotte visited relatives here last week.

Miss Lillian Swift spent part of last week in Winston-Salem visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Cockerham and family of Winston-Salem visited relatives here last Thursday.

Miss Maude Swift of Mooresville visited relatives here last Tuesday.

Miss Minnie Williams of Raleigh and Miss Ola Williams of

Enfield, spent part of last week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Williams.

Mr. M. K. Landreth and son, Mack, Jr., spent last Friday in Winston-Salem.

Mr. Harold Cockerham visited Mr. Charles Swift last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Kenzie spent last week-end in Roanoke, Virginia, visiting relatives.

Miss Lucy Mae Perry spent the week-end in Raleigh.

## PUPILS SHINE SHOES TO AID CHINA'S WAR

San Francisco, Nov. 27.—When Chinatown's 20,000 patriots went to work to raise funds to assist their homeland in the Japanese war, they were thorough.

St. Mary's Chinese language school organized 80 of its pupils into a "shoeshiners' brigade" and sent them out to do business. As a result \$600 was turned into the war chest.

The hippopotamus is a fresh water animal, but it will travel through salt sea water from one river mouth to another.

## WINSTON BARBER SHOT TO DEATH

Husband Returns Home to Find Man in the House With His Wife

### SURRENDERS TO POLICE

Winston-Salem, Nov. 27 — Walter Lee Smith, 54-year-old barber of 1338 Verdum street, was fatally shot last night at the home of John A. Hartle, a grocer, at 627 East Sprague street.

Police said Hartle told them he shot Smith when he found him with Mrs. Hartle in a room of the Hartle home.

The merchant surrendered to officers and was held on a charge of murder.

Officers said Hartle, operator of a small store at 114 Lexington street, about a block from his home, told them he went to the store about 6 o'clock for the eve-

customer presented a check for which he could not make complete change. He went to his home to obtain additional money.

When he arrived, according to his story to officers, he found his home closed and locked but did not find the key to the front door where it usually was secreted.

Officers quoted him further as saying that, as he started to the rear door of the house he heard his wife's voice raised in a tone of protest, that he forced a rear door which was thumb-latched, and entered the living room, playing his flashlight in front of him. There was no other light in the room.

Police said he told of finding Smith and Mrs. Hartle in the room and that he forthwith fired his pistol—a .38-calibre gun—into the floor at Smith's feet. He is quoted as saying Smith fled into the hall as he fired two shots into the floor and then turned to come back. It was then that he fired directly at his victim, according to the story he related to the officers.

## GETS BIG CROP FROM ONE ACRE

Strip Mowed Three Times This Summer and Produces 2 Tons of Feed

### LESPEDEZA AND CLOVER

More feed than he had ever gotten from one acre before, is the way Ernest Long, a tenant on the farm of Joe Gant in the erosion control demonstration area near Burlington, describes his crop of hay from a one-acre meadow strip.

The strip was mowed three times this summer and produced 2 tons of the best quality he had ever seen, Mr. Long said.

Fifty-six meadow strips, comprising 51 acres, have been constructed on farms of cooperators in the Burlington area, Acting Project Manager H. N. Kelly reports. Eighteen of these were pre-

pared and seeded this fall. These strips furnish a practical and economical method of disposing of surplus terrace water and at the same time produce much valuable hay, he points out.

A meadow strip on the farm of W. S. Squires produced 2 tons of high quality hay from two cuttings and a strip on the farm of Dr. S. F. Scott produced 2 1-2 tons from 3 cuttings this summer, Kelly said.

Meadow strips in the demonstration area are seeded to a mixture of lespedeza, clovers and grasses. On those prepared for spring seeding, all the seed are planted at the same time. On those prepared for fall seeding, grasses and clovers are seeded during September and October and the lespedeza are added the following spring, Kelly said.

No Surprise. He—"I've wanted to ask you a question for weeks." She—"And I've had the answer ready for months."

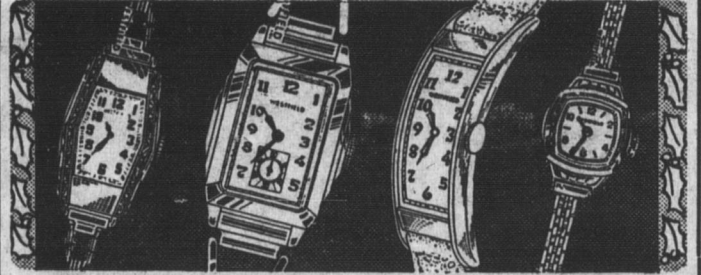
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