

Broad River Farmers May Receive Damage

To Crops And Land As Result Of Opening of Flood Gate At Lake Lure Dam.

Rutherford News.

The property owners along Broad river below Lake Lure dam, who suffered much damages to crops and land as a result of opening the flood gates at the dam, may now proceed to file suits in the superior court of Rutherford county. Permission to do this was given in an order signed by Federal District Judge E. Y. Webb, at Charlotte, Tuesday. However, the order provides that these suits must be instituted on or before June 1, 1930.

The Carolina Mountain Power company, the owner of Lake Lure, the dam property and power plant have been in the hands of federal receivers for some time. F. G. Pierce of Charlotte and N. C. Harris, of Rutherford, are the receivers appointed by the court in a foreclosure proceeding instituted in the early part of 1929, by the bondholders under the first mortgage; and by the terms of the order appointed receivers, all persons were enjoined from instituting any suits without first obtaining leave of the court. Consequently before the property owners below the dam could proceed, it becomes necessary to petition the federal court for permission. This petition was filed in January of this year. Attorneys representing the receivers and bondholders vigorously resisted the granting of the order, until the attorney representing property owners claiming damages pointed out that under the law of North Carolina a mortgage on the property of a public service corporation does not exempt such property from execution under a judgment for damages of this kind, and this being true the receivers could not well afford to ignore these claims.

Attorney Stover Poe Dunagan, who filed the petition in behalf of Mr. John R. Washburn and others, and who represents about fifteen of the property owners sustaining damages, states that while the time limit was fixed as of June 1, he expects to have the suits filed within two or three weeks, and hopes to get some of the cases disposed of at the August civil term of court. He also stated that the Duke Power company, whose dam is alleged to have been operating the dam at the time of opening the flood gates, would be included as a defendant in the suits.

It will be recalled that in 1928 there was much concern about the possibility of the dam at Lake Lure breaking. It appears that in an effort to save the dam the flood gates were opened and the lake drained. The dam was saved. However, the great volume of water released from the lake destroyed the crops on bottom lands along the river for more than fifteen miles below the dam and thousands upon thousands of dollars worth of corn and other farm produce destroyed, as well as damaging some of the land. There was a similar damage in 1929, but the loss was not as great apparently as the previous year.

At that time The News protested in behalf of the farmers.

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BELWOOD NEWS OF CURRENT WEEK

Farmers Needing Rain. Several on Sick Leave. Personal Mention of People on the Go.

(Special to The Star.)

Belwood, April 22.—The farmers of this section are very busy planning their crops. We would be glad to see a good shower of rain.

Miss Male Edwards of High Point college spent the Easter holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Smith had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Walter Canipe and son Arnold, of Greenville, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cline of Lawdale, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Smith of Hickory, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Smith and children of Fallston.

Miss Pearl Gantt spent a few days last week with her aunt Mrs. J. T. Ramsey of Shelby.

The Juniors of Belwood High school entertained the seniors with a picnic at Bridgewater Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Ruth Greene spent the week end with her mother Mrs. Lewis Greene of Vale.

Mr. Benjamin Willis spent the week end with his sister Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bingham of Fallston.

Miss Pearl Gantt spent last Tuesday night with Misses Helen and Ora Sain of Toluca.

Misses Hazel Richards and Lorene Goodman were the dinner guests of Miss Veda Dayberry Sunday afternoon.

Messames Jasper Childress and R. C. Johnson and son Thad spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Pressley Brown of Play. Mrs. Brown has been quite ill but is improving. Mrs. M. E. Proctor is spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Willis of Lincolnton R-1.

Misses Pearl and Mayo Gantt had as their guests Sunday afternoon Misses Ethel White and Nannie Lou Goodman.

Mrs. Ellie White spent a while with Mrs. Eliza Mull Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Porter and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Swain.

Miss Kathleen Boggs spent Sunday with Misses Rosemary and Dorothy Peeler.

Miss Helen Falls is seriously ill at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hicks and son of Mooresboro, visited Mrs. Hicks' parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Ivester Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Z. Falls had as their guests Sunday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Peeler and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sain and Misses Maie Sain and Martha McLeod.

Mr. Kenneth Beam of Charlotte, and Mrs. G. P. Baker of Lincolnton spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. John Peeler.

Misses Hazel Richard and Veda Dayberry spent last Wednesday night with Miss Inez Propst.

Miss Irene Peeler had as her guest last Saturday night her cousin Miss Rosemary Peeler.

Misses Mary Sue Tillman and Ruby Ticks and Mr. J. D. A. Autry spent last Thursday night at the home of Miss Inez Propst.

Miss Elizabeth Spangler spent last Wednesday night with Miss Maie Sain.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dixon and family of Lincolnton and Mr. and Mrs.

Unemployment Gets Better In America

More Workers Finding Jobs In April. First Change Shown Yet.

Washington.

Unemployment doubtless has decreased in April. During the first three months of this year the number of jobless persons did nothing but mount. This is the fact shown by the government's own figures, despite persistent optimistic assertions by government officials.

Assuming that jobs are becoming widely available at last, it is now possible to look back upon the worst period of idleness and survey its extent and its implications.

Albert Dixon of Hendersonville and Mr. and Mrs. Dare Brackett spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. C. K. McMurry.

Misses Mayo and Pearl Gantt attended the Epworth league at Palm Tree church Sunday night.

Miss Green Norman of Elling Springs college spent the week end with her aunt Miss Hattie Norman.

Miss Mary Beth Warlick of High Point college spent the week end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. John T. Warlick.

Many of the facts are being brought out by the debate on the Wagner employment bills in the senate.

There is no assurance that anything of permanent importance will be done about unemployment in the near future, despite various proposals. But there has been an increasing national awareness both of the problem and its tendency to more frequent recurrence.

No Preparation For It.

The recent employment slump showed that there was no machinery to measure the amount of enforced idleness and no machinery to deal with unemployment itself. It showed that administrative agencies are unwilling to admit the real facts of severe unemployment and are even unwilling to represent them. It showed that congress could be too busy taking millions from American pockets for tariff-grabbers to worry about the matter of several million people being out of work.

Right from the first of this year the administration claimed a gradual decrease in unemployment. But the government's own figures—about the only ones it had—crept right behind and indicated a steady increase. For each week in January an improvement was announced and then the bureau of labor statistics' regular monthly survey showed

at January unemployment had increased over December's.

President Hoover and Secretary of Labor Davis differed by a million or so in their public guesses at the number of unemployed—until Davis guessed again to square with his chief. Early in March Mr. Hoover announced that employment had gradually increased since early January—and a week later the hard cold figures and decimal points of the bureau of labor statistics said that employment in February had decreased slightly as compared with January in manufacturing and the seven major groups of industries surveyed.

On through March the ballyhoo chorus continued—conditions were alleged to be easing up and everything was said to be much rosier.

Well, the combined figures for manufacturing and the seven other major industrial groups for the month of March showed a decrease in employment—meaning an increase of unemployment—of 1 per cent as compared with February and a decrease in payrolls totals of 1.2 per cent. The decrease in employment in manufacturing industries was 0.6 per cent with an increase of 0.1 per cent in payroll totals.

Those figures covered 36,810 establishments in the eight indus-

tries, which had 4,915,407 employees in March—a large cross-section. Employment increased in the quarrying, hotel and catering industries and fell off in coal mining and metal mining, public utilities and wholesale and retail trade.

If you wonder how much unemployment there was last March as compared with March in 1929 you might look at the bureau's index figures. These show that for every 100 persons employed in nearly 13,000 manufacturing plants in 1926 there were 89.8 in March, 1930, 90.3 in February and 90.2 in January—as compared with 98.6 for March 1929. These figures don't come from the Communists; they're the government's own.

LAST CALL FOR COUNTY TAXES

The state law compels me to advertise and sell all real estate on which taxes have not been paid by May 1st.

This list will be prepared in a few days, so please relieve me and yourself of any embarrassment by paying at once.

IRVIN M. ALLEN, Sheriff

THE STAR EVERY OTHER DAY \$2.50 PER YEAR



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New stock of New Perfection Oil Stoves just in. Built-in ovens or plain stoves. From two to five burners.

They are now on display in our store. Come in and make your selection early in the morning.

Priced from—

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Specials For April 25th & 26th

- OLD MANSION COFFEE, lb. Can 39c
- BORDEN'S MILK, small can 5c
- BORDEN'S MILK, large can 10c
- CAROLINA MADE Flour, plain, 24-lb. bag \$1.10
- CAROLINA MADE Flour, S. R., 24-lb. bag \$1.15
- ISAAC SHELBY FLOUR, 24-lb. bag, S. R. . 95c
- ISAAC SHELBY FLOUR, 24-lb. bag, plain . 95c
- BOST'S BREAD, 3 Loaves For 25c
- PALMOLIVE SOAP, 3 10c Cakes For 25c
- CLEEN-MADE MACARONI, 3 10c pkgs. . 25c
- STALEY'S SYRUP, 5-Pound Can 39c
- CORN MEAL, 10 Pounds For 33c
- MIGEL, 3 10c Packages For 25c
- SAUER'S EXTRACTS, Large size, per bottle 24c
- MORTON'S IODIZED SALT, per pkg. 9c
- LIMA BEANS, No. 2, 2 cans for 35c
- PILLSBURY'S PANCAKE Flour, 1 lb. pkg. . 14c
- STANBACK Headache Powders, 4 10c pkgs. 29c
- VAN CAMP'S PORK & BEANS, large can . 23c
- LIPTON'S TEA, 30c Package for 25c
- LANCE'S PEANUT BUTTER, per jar 29c
- P. & G. SOAP, 3 5c cakes for 13c
- SUNSHINE CAKES, 6 packages 25c
- F. F. V. MACAROON CRISPS, 1 lb. for 37c
- WINDSOR BROOM, No. 6 69c
- COLUMBUS PKG. CO. Pure Lard, 8-lb. bkt. \$1.19
- BLUE KROSS TOILET TISSUE, 3 10c rolls . 23c
- FRENCH'S MUSTARD, 2 15c jars 25c
- 2 LARGE HEADS LETTUCE 25c
- CELERY, PER BUNCH 15c
- BANANAS, 4 pounds for 28c
- NEW POTATOES, No. 2, 6 lbs. for 27c

All Q. S. S. Stores Feature Coca Cola and Chero Cola

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We want to take this opportunity to thank our friends and customers that came in last week and asked for a demonstration of the new model A Ford car. It is a pleasure for us to demonstrate this car and put it to any test that you may want.

We welcome comparison with any car regardless of price. Come around and look over our display of these wonderful cars and ask for a demonstration. It costs you nothing to ask questions.

Judge: Well John, I can give you this divorce but it will cost you ten dollars.
John: Well Judge, I'll tell you I don't believe I want no divorce. There ain't ten dollars difference between them two women.

The city of Shelby purchased their second model AA Ford truck to be used by the street cleaning department. Another tribute to the program of economy that is being carried out by Mayor McMurry and the present board of aldermen.

"Mother," asked little Bennie when they had guests for dinner "will the dessert hurt me or is there enough to go around?"

Mr. Talmadge Gardner is now driving one of our new model A Tudor Sedans. Ask Mr. Gardner what he thinks of his new car.

"Do you ever take alcoholic drinks?" asked the temperance

advocate of the candidate for office.
"I must know whether you put that as a question or an invitation before I give my answer," said the candidate.

Mr. E. L. Irvin, our popular service manager, is the proud owner of a new model A Tudor Sedan. Mr. Irvin says that he has more time to attend to his social duties as the model A cuts down his time in transit and is much more comfortable.

"Does your fiancée know much about automobiles?"
"Heavens no. She asked me if I cooled my car by stripping the fenders."

Mr. A. K. Harris, R-5, Shelby N. C., is the proud owner of a new model A Sport Coupe.

We delivered Mr. Roland G. Holland, Eastside mill, Shelby N. C. a new model A Town Sedan.

Pete: Why hasn't daddy got much hair?
Mother: Because he thinks a lot, darling.
Pete: Then why have you got so much, mother?
Mother (after a pause): Go on with your breakfast.

Do not put off coming around to our place and looking over the new model A Ford cars. It will be a pleasure to have the opportunity of serving you.

CHAS. L. ESKRIDGE