

OUTSTANDING NEWS EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK

Washington, June 27—Removal of 1,000,000 Southerners from the labor market was revealed today as a primary objective of President Roosevelt's proposed long-range economic and social development of the vast Tennessee River basin.

Raleigh, June 27—W. A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture, who repulsed numerous moves in the last legislature to reorganize and dismantle his department, yesterday forced the resignation from the State Board of Agriculture one of the men most active against him—George Watts Hill, of Durham, son of State Senator John Sprunt Hill.

Raleigh, June 27—The chance that the electric chair at State's Prison would claim its first woman victim Friday faded yesterday when the trial judge and solicitor interceded for Sara Black on grounds that she is a woman.

Vass, June 27—Seventeen-month-old Alice Carolyn Evans came near meeting a horrible death Sunday evening when she toddled out from her grandparents' home onto the railroad track and seated herself directly in the path of Seaboard passenger train No. 3. The child's 13-year-old uncle snatched the child out of danger just as the engine roared by.

WELL KNOWN WOMAN OF COUNTY PASSES

One of County's Oldest Citizens.

Mrs. John A. Caudill, of Whitehead died from an attack of pneumonia last Saturday at the home of Major Joines. Aunt Mahala, as she was known by her many friends, was 93 years old May 15. She had been afflicted for several years. She was very widely known in this section, and had relatives in North Dakota, West Virginia, and Maryland.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday by Revs. Hoppers, Walker, and Hamm at Landmark Church and interment was made in the family burying ground. A large crowd attended and many floral tributes expressed the love and esteem of the people for this good woman.

The flower girls were her grandchildren and great grandchildren. The grandchildren were: Ethel and Vredia Pruitt. The great grandchildren were: Carmon Joines, Mrs. Hattie Joines, Virginia Joines, Earline Joines, Stella Joines, Edith Pruitt, Cleo Caudill, Edna Edwards, Ella Edwards, Ortheida Pruitt, and Pauline Richardson.

The pallbearers were her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Grandchildren were: J. C. Caudill and Will Joines. Great grandchildren were: Harmon Joines, Avery Waddell, Bert Caudill and Glenn Richardson. Funeral directors in charge were Joines and Richardson.

NEW SCHOOL LAW ELIMINATES SMALL DIST.

Number of Local Administrative Officers Reduced.

The new school machinery act will eliminate many small school districts by consolidations and provide transportation of pupils to better buildings and teachers, according to a statement by Leroy Martin, Secretary of the State School Commission.

The plan will be to set up districts on the high school basis, each district having a high school and each district having one committee, handling the affairs of the one or more elementary schools in the district, as well as the high school. Mr. Martin said. He pointed out the advantage of one committee scattered over the district having charge of all schools in the district, high and elementary. Also, there will be advantage in having one superintendent or principal over all of these schools, the elementary units all being feeders to the high unit topping the district system. The course of study and methods of teaching in the elementary schools would be under direction of the high school head, he said.

One county, with 40-odd districts at present, has mapped out a plan for a consolidation into nine districts each having or expected to have in the completed program, a high school to top off the district. Until the high school is provided in each district, pupils may be transported to high schools in other districts, he pointed out. Eliminating many local boards will also eliminate much of the local school trouble, it is believed.

SALES TAX LAW EFFECTIVE SATURDAY

3 Per Cent Tax Must Be Passed On To Consumer.

The general sales tax law which was enacted by the last General Assembly becomes effective Saturday, July 1. This law provides that, with certain exemptions, a three per cent tax shall be imposed upon all merchandise sold at retail. This tax must not be absorbed by the merchant, but must be passed on to the consumer. There has been some question as to how the merchant will collect this tax on small sales and whether stamps will be affixed to articles purchased. Commissioner Maxwell has been conferring with various retail merchants' associations relative to this matter and it is expected that rules and regulations will be sent to merchants at an early date. It is generally understood that on purchases up to 35c. a tax of one cent will be collected; on purchases from 35c. to 65c., a two cent tax; and from 65c. to a dollar, three cents.

The tax is not imposed on manufacturers, wholesalers or jobbers, but on the aggregate sales of all merchants selling to consumers direct, but certain items are exempted from the tax, if proper record is kept and report made of them. The exempt items are adopted list public school books at fixed prices; sales made to Federal, State or local governments, including public welfare and relief sales; flour, meal, meat, lard, molasses, salt, sugar and coffee, but the plain items as commonly used and not including fancy products, as cereals, canned or jar meats, butter, oils or fats, syrups, evaporated milks and sugar, salt or coffee substitutes.

Retail merchants are required to secure in advance a license costing \$1 for a year, and pay the three per cent tax accrued in monthly installments by the 15th of the next month unless the monthly tax is less than \$10, when it may be paid quarterly or if less than \$10 per quarter, then annually.

Commissioner Maxwell points out that this tax is in addition to any other tax imposed by law, stating that gasoline and commercial fertilizer, on which an inspection tax is paid, are exempt from the sales tax.

COMMISSIONERS USE OF SCHOOL BUSES

Provide Transportation To and From School Only.

From now on school buses may be used only for the purpose of transportation of pupils to and from school for the purpose of attending classes during the prescribed school day, according to a letter to school officials from Secretary Leroy Martin of the State School Commission. The letter follows:

"To County and City School Officials: The practice of using school trucks for various functions other than transporting pupils to and from school has caused considerable discussion in all sections of the state among both school officials and other citizens. During the past week numerous requests for information relative to the use of school have been filed with the State School Commission, and these requests prompted the action of the Commission in its recent meeting in promulgating a regulation governing the use of school trucks. This regulation should not require a lengthy explanation for it states very clearly that there is one use of a school truck—'to transport pupils to and from school for the purpose of attending classes during the prescribed school day.'"

School transportation regulation No. 1 "the school truck shall be used only to transport pupils to and from school for the purpose of attending classes during the prescribed school day."

This action of the State School Commission is taken in view of the fact that the State School funds are not sufficient to meet the cost of any school activities other than those absolutely necessary for the actual operation of the school.

LERROY MARTIN, Executive Secretary."

CHURCH NOTICES

Decoration services will be held at Meadow Creek, four miles west of Galax, Va., Sunday, July 2, at 10 o'clock. Elder W. H. Handy will have charge of the service.

I will preach at New Hop next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and at Jefferson at night. The revival at Scottville is continuing through the second week at Scottville, with good prospects.

J. L. Underwood, Pastor.

LATE NEWS FROM THE STATE AND NATION

Raleigh, N. C.—Gov. Ehringhaus proclaimed the week beginning Monday as "Cotton Acreage Reduction Week." Field workers began Monday in 67 counties to seek contracts for cotton reduction. Their goal is to retire 363 thousand acres of cotton from cultivation through voluntary agreements of the growers.

Washington, June 24—A processing tax of about six cents a pound will be put into effect soon on cigar leaf tobacco to finance a program of reducing the acreage of this year's crop.

Barnstable, Mass., June 24—Kenneth Buck was sentenced tonight to not less than 24, nor more than 25 years in state's prison for the kidnapping of 10-year-old Margaret "Peggy" McMath and the extortion of \$80,000 ransom from her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Neil C. McMath, of Harwichport and Detroit.

London, June 24—A drive for an international accord to raise prices in harmony with the American recovery program was under way in the world economic conference tonight as Secretary of State Cordell Hull assailed the sources of suggestions that internal and inter-governmental schemes of action were in conflict.

Charlotte, June 24—A lock box stolen from the Catawba Bank at Catawba last November, was found in the Catawba river today. It contained several thousand dollars in bonds.

Chicago, June 24—Robert W. Madrey, director of the news bureau of the University of North Carolina, was today elected president of the American College Publicity Association at the closing sessions of the 14th annual convention of the organization which was held here at the Hotel Bismarck.

Washington, N. C., June 24—The federal government has inaugurated a permanent reclamation, reforestation, and recreational development in Hyde county, on the 46000 acre Swan Quarter game refuge.

Washington, June 25—A general revision of Federal tax laws to remove present inequalities and to bring them in line with present economic conditions will be presented to the next Congress, it was learned tonight.

Langley Field, Va., June 25—Four Langley Field fliers whose plane crashed into the James river near Rushmere last night, were sought today in the vicinity of the partially submerged craft. Albert C. Olive, of Smithfield, N. C., was among the missing men.

Chicago, June 26—The most uproarious trading session in the modern history of Western grain markets sent wheat prices up seven cents to within three-fourths cent of a dollar today and added approximately \$70,600,000 to the potential wealth of America's farmers.

Local People Visit Reforestation Camps

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Reeves and Sheriff and Mrs. McMillan visited Forest Camp F. A. near Barnardsville. This camp for men employed in the reforestation service is located in a beautiful mountain section about 20 miles from Asheville. Reports are that the boys are liking camp life fine. At present they are mainly employed in cleaning up the camp, getting a water supply, building houses, and a machine shop. Later they will build roads, cut out dead timber, and plant trees.

There are 180 boys in this camp which is in charge of army officers. The camp is divided into groups, each group being detailed to certain definite tasks. Plenty of nourishing food is furnished, and such recreation as baseball, boxing, and games are provided.

Both Mr. Reeves and Sheriff McMillan have boys in the camp.

Bill Collins Wins Pen

A number of people are finding it easy to secure subscriptions to the Times. Bill Collins went out Saturday morning and secured ten in a short while. He was awarded a Shaeffer fountain pen for his work.

SILVER FOX FARMING NEW INDUSTRY IN CO.

Alleghany Climate Favorable For Successful Breeding

Pioneers in a new industry in Alleghany County are W. L. Edwards, Voscoe Edwards, and Bert Edwards. Two years ago at their homes near Whitehead they started to raise silver foxes on a small scale. Breeding stock was imported from Ohio. Now they have a total of twenty-five foxes, some silvers, reds, and grays.

So far as is known these men have the only silver fox farms in North Carolina. It is thought that the high altitude here is conducive to success in breeding and raising these fur bearers.

The foxes are confined in long pens completely covered with fine mesh wire. Each pair breeds once a year with from three to five in a litter. Food consists of bread, milk, and similar articles. Occasionally fresh meat is fed. Expense of upkeep is about the same as that for a dog.

Breeding stock is very costly. The cost of a pair ranges from \$300 to \$1000. Pelts, which are in their prime in November, sell from \$80 to \$700, depending upon their quality and uniformity.

If they are successful, the owners expect to add minks and other fur bearers to their stock next year.

At one time these men raised chickens and white rabbits for the market, but prices dropped so low that profits vanished. Last year Mr. Edwards had 500 New Zealand rabbits, but now he has only forty which he is keeping for breeding.

CASES IN J. P.'s COURT

State vs. Jeff Sanders and Root Sanders, charged with assault with deadly weapon. Hearing waived and defendants bound over to September Superior Court.

State vs. Robt. Landreth, charged with assault on Jeff Sanders and Robt. Sanders. Hearing waived and defendant bound over to September Superior Court.

State vs. Troy Fortner, charged with abandonment and non-support. No compromise could be reached and defendant was bound over to September Superior Court under \$200 bond.

Kilby Hash, colored, charged with assault on his wife with shotgun, rocks, and fist Saturday night, was released on \$100 bond and hearing set for Monday, July 3.

LOCAL LETTER POSTAGE REDUCED JULY FIRST

Changes in Postal Laws and Regulations effective July 1st are as follows:

A letter for delivery in the same town or city in which it is mailed will require a two cent stamp on July 1, and after. The rate on mail for outside destinations will continue at three cents.

Postmaster General Farley, announcing the reduction on local mail, said the Post-office Department hoped to regain much business which was lost when the rate was increased to three cents last July. Many concerns have been sending out bills and other local communications by messenger.