

## President Appeals To Nation For United Effort In National Recovery Program

### Asks Employers Of U. S. To Sign Common Covenant Of Higher Wages--Shorter Hours

In a message broadcast to the nation Monday night President Roosevelt appealed to every employer in the country to sign the "common covenant" of uniform higher wages and shorter hours "in the name of patriotism and humanity" and thus make the "New Deal" an immediate reality. The uniform code which has been set up provides 35-hour week and a \$14 minimum wage for labor and a 40-hour week and \$15 minimum for the "white collar" worker. Failure to get full cooperation will mean another desperate winter, and the "shirker" will play his part "at the expense of his country's welfare" said the President.

He discussed the methods by which credit problems had been solved. On March 6 every national bank was closed. One month later 90 per cent of the deposits in the national banks had been available to the depositors.

To aid the individual in his credit problems "the home loan act, the farm loan act, and the bankruptcy act were passed."

Portions of the President's speech as given by the Associated Press, are quoted below:

It was a vital necessity to restore purchasing power by reducing the debt and interest charges upon our people, but while we were helping people to save their credit, it was at the same time absolutely essential to do something about the physical needs of hundreds of thousands who were in dire straits at that very moment.

Relief Measures  
Municipal and state aid were being stretched to the limit. We appropriated half a billion dollars to supplement their efforts and in addition, as you know, we have put 300,000 young men into practical and useful work in our forests and to prevent flood and soil erosion. The wages they earn are going in greater part to the support of the nearly one million people who constitute their families.

In this same classification we can properly place the great public works program running to a total of over three billion dollars—to be used for highways and ships and flood prevention and inland navigation and thousands of self-sustaining state and municipal improvements.

Two points should be made clear in the allotting and administration of these projects—first, we are using the utmost care to choose labor creating quick-acting, useful projects, avoiding the shell of the pork barrel; and secondly, we are hoping that at least half of the money will come back to the government from projects which will pay for themselves over a period of years.

Half and Half.  
Thus far I have spoken primarily of the foundation stones—the measures that were necessary to re-establish credit and to head people in the opposite direction by preventing distress and providing as much work as possible through governmental agencies. Now I come to the links which will build up a more lasting prosperity.

I have said that we cannot attain that in a nation half boom and half broke. If all of our people have work and fair wages and fair profits, they can buy the products of their neighbors and business is good. But if you take away the wages and the profits of half of them, business is only half as good. It doesn't help much if the fortunate half is very prosperous—the best way is for everybody to be reasonably prosperous.

For many years the two great barriers to a normal prosperity have been low farm prices and the creeping paralysis of unemployment. These factors have cut the purchasing power of the country in half. I promised action. Congress did its part when it passed the farm and the industrial recovery acts. Today we are putting these two acts to work and they will work if people understand their plain objectives.

First the farm act: It is based on the fact that the purchasing power of nearly half our population depends on adequate prices for farm products. We have been producing more of some crops than we consume or can sell in a depressed world market. The cure is not to produce so much.

and the farm bill gives them a method of bringing their production down to a reasonable level and of obtaining reasonable prices for their crops. I have clearly stated that this method is in a sense experimental, but so far as we have gone, we have reason to believe that it will produce good results.

It is obvious that if we can greatly increase the purchasing power of the tens of millions of our people who make a living from farming and the distribution of farm crops, we will greatly increase the consumption of those goods which are turned out by industry.

That brings me to the final step—bringing back industry along sound lines.

Industrial Goal.  
Last autumn, on several occasions, I expressed my faith that we can make possible by Democratic self-discipline in industry general increases in wages and shortening of hours sufficient to enable industry to pay its own workers enough to let those workers buy and use the things that their labor produces.

This can be done only if we permit and encourage cooperative action in industry, because it is obvious that without united action, a

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### ROARING GAP FAMOUS FOR SCENIC VIEWS

### Local Resort Compared With Blowing Rock.

Roaring Gap and Blowing Rock, North Carolina, perch atop their respective heights and admire each other across an ocean of blue mountain waves—at least they should—for they are two of the most delightful mountain top resorts in a State which abounds with them.

When the mercury hits the 90's elsewhere in the vicinity, an icy wind comes roaring up the gap, and around the old grey rock fresh breezes blow. Roaring Gap is famous for its views. Through a telescope on the brink of the cliff, where the summer cottages cling to the dark rocks you can pick out towns on the plains below. There's Mount Airy, with the great white patch of its granite quarry; Elklin, known for its fleecy Chatham blankets; and thirty miles away, a white-pillared county court-house. At night, the village lights come up to you through the trees like fireflies.

At Blowing Rock, the first thing you do is visit the rock itself. There's a tale that a hat or handkerchief, thrown over at the proper place, will drop to the bottom, where it is caught by a strong upward current and returned. We tried it—and lost a hat.

Then there are golf courses on the high plateaus; bridle paths between fragrant pines and flowering mountain laurel; and quiet little lakes and streams for swimming and fishing.

The mountains roundabout are full of treasures. The well-traversed all-year-rounders can tell you of finding fairy stones, supposed to bring good luck. Or perhaps they'll show you one of the "brown crosses"; a sample of "limber rock," the flexible sandstone which bends easily; or the beautiful quartz which has caught the light of the sky and air and imprisoned it.

And the tales they tell! See what you can find on a summer's day in the Blue Ridge.—Tours and Detours.

### SPECIAL NOTICE TO COUNTY TEACHERS

The County Board of Education has made an order that the teachers of the county that are holding low grade certificates must aise them in order to teach in the schools of the county.

I have been requested to try to get an extension class for this county. I have communicated with the officials of Extension work, and if a class large enough can be assured I am sure that we can get a class here. I would like to hear from all teachers that are interested at once. The Extension work will be given by some reputable college.

G. GLENN NICHOLS, Sparta, N. C.

### Music Festival, Whitetop, Aug. 11-12; Mrs. Roosevelt To Be Guest Of Occasion

Many notables are expected to attend the third annual Music Festival on Whitetop Mountain on August 11th and 12th. Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt, the first lady of the land, and representatives of American and English folk societies have signified their intention of attending.

Mountain musicians from Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, and West Virginia will gather on Whitetop on Friday, August 11th, for the preliminary contests, with an informal program and square dancing

Friday night. Finals will be held on Saturday, with a special program from the winners and others, including some of the finest folk talent available from several states, in music, balladry, and traditional dancing.

### FAMOUS ARTISTS EXPECTED

Paul Green, famous writer of folk plays and novels, and Lamar Stringfield, director of the North Carolina Symphonic Orchestra, are expected to attend the festival. Last year over four thousand people attended, and

this year the attendance is expected to be even greater.

Roads leading to Whitetop Mountain have been graded, widened, and drained, and the thousands who attend will find the place easily accessible. The C. C. C. workers are extending the government telephone line to the camp and rebuilding the old telephone line across Iron Mountain.

A number of people from Sparta and Alleghany County have signified their intention of attending the festival.

### HIGHWAY 21 GETS FEDERAL AID

### Section Between Wytheville and Independence to Be Completed.

Now that it seems an assured fact that a large portion of Federal Highway No. 21 between Independence and Wytheville will be completed within a reasonable length of time folks living between Independence and Speedwell have just cause for rejoicing.

With the allocation of state funds made several weeks ago, an allocation of funds to be obtained from the Federal Public Works fund, and another allocation which Highway Commissioner Shirley is reported to have promised for construction work on this road, it looks as though pretty much all of the road will be built in the near future.

We are indeed pleased that funds have at last been made available for the completion, or near completion, of this road. To us it seems that this is one of the most important highways in Grayson county, being a part of the Lakes to Florida highway, and the resident of Long's Gap and Elk Creek, we think, have been entitled to a good road for a long time.

With the road's completion will come a great increase in tourist travel North and South through Grayson county and this will, in turn, bring a more rapid development of this section of the county.—Grayson-Carroll Gazette.

### WILKES TO GET C. C. C. CAMP SOON

### Site Near Jones Creek Approved by Army Officers.

One of the Civilian Conservation camps will be located in Wilkes county, it was learned definitely the latter part of last week when the lease for a campsite between Purlear and Parsonville was signed and forwarded to governmental officials.

Only formal approval is necessary to make the camp an assured fact. The camp site was approved last week by army officers who went to Wilkes county to look over prospective sites.

The camp will be located on the property of Dewey Yates near Jones Creek on the Purlear-Parsonville road. Seven acres were leased for this purpose.

Two hundred young men will be put to work in the near future, it is understood, in the mountain section, adjacent to the camp.—The Elklin Tribune.

### Bible School Begins At Glade Valley

A daily vacation Bible school, in charge of Rev. O. W. Marshall, of Glade Valley, is now in progress at Glade Valley High School. Classes began Monday morning July 24, at 9 o'clock and will continue for two weeks. Children from two years to 18 years are eligible for enrollment. All instruction is free.

The work will be divided into three types: devotional study, travels in Bible lands, and a period of hand-work. School convenes at 9:00 A. M., and adjourns at 11:30 A. M., five days to the week.

Miss Clarise Thompson is principal of the Bible school with the following teachers assisting: Mr. Clay Thompson, Mrs. Wagoner, and Miss Francis Cashon, of North Wilkesboro. It is hoped that many young people of the section will avail themselves of the opportunity to study the Bible in this school.

### SCOTTVILLE DOWNS LOCALS 6-4 SATURDAY

Sparta lost to Scottville by a score of 6 to 4 in an exciting game played here last Saturday. Sparta took the lead in their half of the first inning by scoring two runs, by a pass to Moxley and Edwards an error, and a hit by Jones. In the third Moxley was passed for the second time. Nichols hit a single, Edwards singled to fill the bags, Carpenter forced Moxley at the plate, leaving the bases full. Jones hit for two bases, and two runs crossed the plate to end the scoring for Sparta.

Scottville scored two in the fourth on a double by Jones, a single by Glenn Sheppard, a sacrifice by W. Shepard, and a single by Gambill. In the fourth they scored two more to tie the score. In the eighth McMillan reached first on an error and W. Sheppard hit for the circuit, finished Sparta will play Laurel Springs at Laurel Springs next Saturday.

Scottville and Grassy Creek will play at Scottville.

Box score and summary is as follows:

Scottville	pos.	Ab.	R.	H.	P.O.
Jones, lf.		4	2	2	4
Sheppard, G., 3b.		4	1	2	1
McMillan, c.		4	1	0	5
Sheppard, W., 2b.		4	1	1	0
Gambill, ss.		4	0	1	0
Black, rf.		3	0	2	0
Evans, lb.		4	0	1	14
Perkins, cf.		4	0	0	0
Absher, p.		4	1	1	1
		35	6	8	27

Sparta:

Pos.	Ab.	R.	H.	P.O.
Reeves, cf.	5	0	0	4
Moxley, c.	3	1	1	1
Nichols, p., 2b.	5	1	3	1
Edwards, ss.	4	2	1	0
J. Carpenter, 3b.	4	0	0	4
Jones, lb.	4	0	2	15
Boyer, lf.	3	0	0	0
G. Carpenter, rf.	4	0	1	0
Wyatt, p.	4	0	1	0
Gentry, c.	1	0	0	1
	37	4	8	27

### WYTHEVILLE BOOSTERS ENJOY SPARTA HOSPITALITY HERE WEDNESDAY

The Wytheville Booster Club headed by the Austinville band arrived in Sparta about noon Wednesday on a good-will tour of this section. The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church served an appetizing lunch under the big oak on the church lawn.

After lunch Mayor Floyd Crouse welcomed the Club on behalf of the town of Sparta. He then called upon Gov. R. A. Doughton, who spoke briefly about the spirit of good-will that exists between Virginia and North Carolina. He spoke of the Park-to-Park Highway, a section of which traverses Alleghany, and urged the completion of the link between Wytheville and Independence.

Then Dr. B. A. Wagoner, president of the Wytheville Business Men's Club, spoke of the purpose of the tour, which is to foster a spirit of good-will, to get acquainted, and to advertise the Wytheville horse show and live stock market. Other Wytheville business men spoke briefly.

Just before leaving the band paraded up street and rendered two selections in front of the court house. Carl Goerch ate lunch here, but was called away before the speaking tour. He will mention the good-will tour over radio station WPTF, Raleigh, Sunday night.

Birth Announcement  
Mr. and Mrs. Brantley Fender announce the birth of a daughter, on Thursday, July 20th.

### C. E. JENKINS BUYS WILKES RAILROAD

### Operations May Be Resumed After Years of Inactivity.

The Watauga and Yadkin River Railway, leading from North Wilkesboro to Darby and Granin, has been bought by C. E. Jenkins, of the Jenkens Hardware Company, of North Wilkesboro. This road ceased operations in 1918 when the second disastrous flood in two years destroyed sections of the road.

Built by northern capitalists when the lumber business was active, this road was operated successfully for a number of years. Mr. Jenkins intimated that it may again be operated by either his company or some other concern.

The property consists of 32 miles of rails, three locomotives, 26 passenger, box, and flat cars, and one wrecking crane. The trains have been standing on the tracks one mile west of the city since the road ceased operation. Workmen are now engaged in repairing the track in order that the engines and cars may be moved to the yards in the city.

### Alleghany Relief Families Decrease 42 Per Cent

The number of families in Alleghany County receiving relief in June was 42 per cent less than the number in March, according to recent figures from the Governor's office of Relief. In March, 351 families received aid and in June, 201 families received aid. The decrease for the State as a whole, was 41 per cent. The number aided in June was 92,272 as compared with 164,000 during March.

The total represents a decrease of nearly 13 per cent below the 11,778 families aided during May.

Ronald B. Wilson, acting relief director of relief, attributed the decrease in aid needed to three causes: Improved business conditions, a logical seasonal decline, and the fact that many families are now dependent upon their sons who are enrolled in the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Despite the improved conditions generally, there are six counties whose relief load during June was higher than at any time since Federal Relief funds became available. They are Cherokee, Columbus, Dare, Franklin, Hertford and Swain. Two of these counties, Cherokee and Swain, are mountainous and located in the extreme western part of the State; two others, Dare and Columbus, are coastal, and Franklin and Hertford are easterly inland counties. Thus every section except the Piedmont is represented among the six counties whose rate of destitute has not decreased.

### Inter-Racial Game Arouses Much Interest for Fans

A ball game of unusual interest was played here last Thursday between Laurel Springs and a negro team from North Wilkesboro. The white team won by a score of 10 to 4. Some real good playing was done by both teams. Each team used two pitchers and there were several strike outs. As far as any baseball fan can remember this was the first game to be played in the county between teams of the different races.

There was a large crowd in attendance as has witnessed a game here in several years and everybody present seemed to enjoy the game.

### UNIFORM SALES TAX SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE AUGUST FIRST

### New Schedule To Be Posted In Every Store.

Beginning August 1st all North Carolina retail merchants will use one uniform sales tax schedule instead of the four-schedule plan used during July, according to announcement of Commissioner of Revenue A. J. Maxwell. Some difficulties of collection of the three per cent sales tax under the four-schedule plan were anticipated by the Commissioner upon its adoption when he stated that a more comprehensive and a more uniform plan might become effective in August.

The new schedule, applying to all retail merchants, follows:  
Less than 10 cents, no tax.  
Ten cents to 35 cents, 1 cent.  
Thirty-six cents to 70 cents, 2 cents.  
Seventy-one cents to \$1.05, 3 cents.  
Above \$1.05, a straight 3 per cent tax will be applied, fractions to be governed by major fractions.

Placards with the above schedule will be furnished merchants by the State Department of Revenue. Regulations require that this placard shall be kept posted by every merchant where it may be conveniently seen by the customer, and is intended to protect both merchant and customer. It is mandatory upon every merchant to collect the sales tax, and no more, in addition to the sales price of merchandise.

No tax will be collected on flour, meal, meat, lard, milk, molasses, salt, sugar, coffee, gasoline, fertilizer, and public school books. Wholesale merchants will pay a tax of one-twenty-fifth of 1 per cent.

The statement from the department of revenue follows:  
"Three weeks with actual experience with the sales tax has developed less of friction and difficulty than was generally anticipated.

"Regulations governing the application of the tax were promulgated experimentally for the month of July only. It was expected that experiences would suggest the need for revision of these rules. The July regulations have been unsatisfactory in the following particulars:  
"The use of a series of schedules has been confusing, and has made uniformity of observance and practice difficult.

"Merchants in the same general class would fall into different schedules because one would have a larger percentage of sales below 10 cents than the other. For instance, schedule three applies to one drug store and schedule four to another.  
"Merchants not in the same general class carry some merchandise of the same class, which would add a tax in one store and not in the other, by use of differing schedules.

"Merchants having a large percentage of sales in the low price group have not been able to collect the amount of the tax. Drug stores, for instance, using schedule three, have collected only about two-thirds of their tax, and having to absorb one-third.  
"The July schedules were set up on the theory of setting the first taxable line as high as possible to avoid excessive rates of tax on small sales. To compensate for the loss of tax on sales below the taxable line the use of a cumulative rule on purchases at one trading period was denied, so as to give the merchant an excess on taxable merchandise to make up the loss on non-taxable sales below the taxable line. The denial of the right of the customer to have the tax computed on the total of purchases made at one time, rather than upon each article, in many cases resulted in charges of 5 and 6 per cent when the total purchases were large enough to apply a straight 3 per cent. This was so confusing that many merchants elected not to use this advantage.

"These experiences have been strongly persuasive in the direction of a single schedule for all merchants, starting with a lower taxable line for the benefit of merchants having a large volume of sales below the taxable line and making it adjustable to all merchants by using a higher top range in each bracket and giving the customer the benefit of a tax adjusted to the total sum of his purchases at one trading period.  
"Under the rule now promulgated it will not be possible for the merchant to include the tax in the price of each article of merchandise, because the amount of tax on a given article is not an exact sum, but will vary with reference to whether two or more purchases are made at the same time, and depends upon the to-

### REV. W. E. POOVEY PASSES AT MT. AIRY

### Funeral Services Tuesday Morning; Interment at Hickory.

Mount Airy, July 23.—Rev. W. E. Poovey, 54, presiding elder of the Mount Airy district in the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference died at the Martin Memorial hospital here tonight following a two weeks' illness of abdominal cancer.

Funeral services will be held from the Central Methodist church, this city, Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock with Rev. J. T. Mangum and others officiating. Interment will be made at Hickory at 3 o'clock that afternoon.

While the condition of Rev. Mr. Poovey had been grave since an operation on July 7 when the extent of the cancer was discovered, his passing came as a shock to the community. He had apparently been in excellent health until recently.

Rev. Mr. Poovey came to Mount Airy four years ago as presiding elder of this district in addition to his church work. He has been very active in civic and fraternal affairs. At the time of his death he was serving as master of the local Masonic lodge, and was orator of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

William Edgar Poovey was born near Hickory on November 17, 1878. He was educated at Rutherfordton College, Rutherfordton, and Emory and Henry College, Emory, Va. He was a minister in the Methodist church for the past 27 years.

He was married to Miss Mabel Stroup, who is also a native of Hickory. To this union two children were born, Miss Maybelle Poovey, of Duke university, Durham, and Edgar Poovey, of this city. He is survived by his wife, two children, his mother and several brothers and sisters.—Greensboro Daily News, July 24th.

total sum of such cumulative purchases. The single uniform schedule gives to the merchant the advantage of fair and uniform trade practice, and to the purchaser the advantage of tax applied to his cumulative purchases as near to the 3 per cent tax paid by the merchant as can reasonably be applied. The rule does not require the use of coupons, stamps or sales tickets and can be easily applied by every merchant, and easily understood by the customer.

"Under this simple single uniform rule the customer can never be overcharged more than a fraction of a cent on any purchase or group of purchases, and is given a part of the break of fractions on taxable purchases and no tax on single purchases below 10 cents.

"The general scope of this new schedule has been discussed with representative merchandising groups in the state, and has met with a very pleasing degree of approval and assurance of co-operation in its observance.

"The practical unanimity with which it has been accepted by merchandising groups is a fine indication of their real desire to co-operate with any set of regulations that provide uniformity of practice and protect them from absorption of the tax, which was the clear intent of the general assembly.

"In the interest of uniform practice and understanding the new regulation has been put in the form of a placard that is printed by the department of revenue and will be furnished without charge. The accompanying cut is a fac-simile reproduction of the placard. They will be furnished in lithograph printing on bristol board, size 11x14 inches, in such quantities as may be needed to merchants' associations for distribution to their members and other merchants. In communities where there is no organization of merchants it is requested that some particular merchant order a sufficient quantity to supply the merchants in the community."

### Wytheville Live Stock Market Sales of Tuesday

On the Wytheville live stock market Tuesday 380 lambs were sold at \$3.50 to \$6.80 a hundred, 127 cattle sold as follows: heifers—\$2.50 to \$4.80; steers—\$2.50 to \$5.00. 87 veal calves, \$2.50 to \$5.00. Stock shoats sold from \$1.50 to \$3.50 a head.

Dr. Thompson On Vacation  
Dr. C. A. Thompson and wife left Tuesday for a ten day vacation. Dr. Thompson expects to visit the leading hospitals in Richmond, Va.; Baltimore, Md.; Philadelphia, Boston, and Atlantic City while away.