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State To Receive Over \$23,000,000 From PWA Funds

Will Also Share In \$1,125,000,000 Fund Established By Legislative, Executive And Special Allotments

The construction industry has been slowest in recovering and officials insist that the great bulk of those ordinarily engaged in this line are unemployed, making up the largest group still dependent upon relief agencies.

Chapel Hill, May 22.—North Carolina will directly benefit through grants by the federal emergency administration of public works to the extent of \$23,870,000.

In addition to this amount, Administrator Ickes' communication stated that North Carolina will share in the fund of \$1,125,000,000 established by legislative, executive and special allotments.

Administrator Ickes informed Dr. Baity that in addition to the non-federal projects handled through the latter's office, PWA records show that:

"Allotments for federal projects in North Carolina total, to March 15, 1934, \$19,920,000. This includes \$9,522,293 which is North Carolina's share of the \$40,000,000 earmarked by Congress for highway construction."

"Of the \$200,000,000 allotted for work-creating loans to railroad companies, the best estimates obtainable indicate that \$70,000 of this fund benefits the state of North Carolina directly."

Secretary Baity announced that state non-federal projects handled through his office which have been approved to date amount to \$4,123,500.

Administrator Ickes explained that the information was being made available "in order that a true and complete picture of the PWA situation, as it applies to North Carolina, may be presented."

Murder Trial Ends In 32-year Verdict For Young Bausell

Bernace Bausell, charged with the murder of his father-in-law, T. Eugene Cornett, at the latter's home near Rural Retreat, on January 13, was found guilty by a jury in Wythe County Circuit Court, Wytheville, Va., Friday and his punishment was set at thirty-two years in the penitentiary.

The jury deliberated two hours and fifty-six minutes, having received the case for consideration at the convening of court Friday morning.

Court had remained in session Thursday until 8:15 p. m. in order for lawyers' arguments to be concluded. Masterful pleas were offered by both prosecution and defense counsel.

There is also current comment upon the fact that Darrow engaged Charles Edward Russell, Socialist leader, to pen the draft of

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Man Killed As He Falls In Path Of Steam Shovel Mon.

An appalling accident occurred in Independence about 9 o'clock Monday morning when James Robert Vaughan, Jr., 30, son of J. R. Vaughan, Roanoke, Va., was instantly killed as he started to climb upon a steam shovel to hold up some wire in order for the shovel to pass.

The accident is said to have been unavoidable. A man named Lanford, who was operating the shovel, suffered a nervous stroke, it is said.

The deceased is survived by his parents and a sister, Mrs. Richard M. Moore.

Funeral services were conducted at the home in Roanoke yesterday (Wednesday) morning at 10:30 o'clock by the Rev. Francis Hume Scott, pastor of the First Christian church of Roanoke.

Governor Of Va. Extends Clemency To Posey Sexton

Death Sentence Imposed Upon Murderer Of Sheriff McKnight Commuted To Life Imprisonment

Posey Sexton, who was convicted of the murder of Sheriff C. C. McKnight, of Grayson county, Virginia, by a jury in the Grayson court on March 10, 1933, will not die in the electric chair as the jury recommended and as he was sentenced by Judge Horace Sutherland, Galax, Governor George C. Peery, of Virginia, on Wednesday of last week, commuted Sexton's sentence to life imprisonment.

Sexton was sentenced to die on June 15 of last year but on June 7 Governor Pollard granted a reprieve of one year and Governor Peery gave, in the letter, as a reason for his action the fact that the Governor's Advisory Board on Mental Hygiene, after observing the condemned man during the period of reprieve, had advised him that, in its opinion, Sexton is mentally deficient to the extent that he is not responsible for his conduct.

Sheriff McKnight was killed late Sunday, March 5, 1933 at the home of Tom Isom, east of Independence. Judge Sutherland called a special term of court for March 9 to try Sexton and on Friday the jury returned the death verdict.

TO CLEAN CEMETERY AT ELK CREEK SAT., JUNE 9 Announcement has been made that Saturday morning, June 9, has been chosen as the time for cleaning the cemetery at Elk Creek.

Those who are interested in the care and preservation of the Elk Creek cemetery are expected to be present at that time to assist in the work.

NEW SERVICE STATION OPENS FRI. IN SPARTA Sparta Service Station, a new and up-to-date automobile service station, owned by the West Jefferson Chevrolet company, recently built on Main street in Sparta, opened for business Friday.

The station is new and modern in every respect. Modern rest rooms have been provided and the latest in tanks and equipment has been installed.

A Gracious Gift, A Song and a Rose



In New York, on Mothers' Day, amid a great profusion of beautiful flowers everywhere the beloved Ernestine Schumann-Heink (left), symbolized a fitting tribute to Mrs. James Roosevelt (right), mother of the President, when at the end of her song dedicated to Mrs. Roosevelt, she presented a lone red rose to the gracious guest of honor.

The North Carolina State Highway System; Its Extent, Maintenance and Administration

by Harriet M. Berry Secretary, N. C. Good Roads Association

The North Carolina Highway System was a dream long in inception which has gradually reached a splendid fulfillment. Had it been started in 1905 instead of 1921, it would have saved the counties, townships, and road districts around \$250,000,000, which represents bonds issued with very little result except the debt.

This system, together with the county roads, now represents a distance of 59,000 miles, twice around the world and one-third around again. The state system consists of approximately 8,000 miles of hard surfaced road and 3,000 miles of gravel and sand clay. This huge project is under the care and general supervision of the State Highway Commission, and its effectiveness is governed by the funds allotted for maintenance and construction of new roads and bridges for which there are demands in every county.

Following the era of the dynamic Frank Page, who hewed his way through the rocks and shoals or political pitfalls to bring to completion about 5,000 miles of hard surfaced roads, and

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Mt. Airy District M. E. Conference Holds Annual Meet

The annual district conference of the Mt. Airy district, M. E. Church, South, of which Rev. A. C. Gibbs is presiding elder, opened Tuesday in the Rural Hall church, of which Rev. C. M. McKinney is pastor. The Rev. Mr. Gibbs was in the chair.

The conference was composed of delegates and ministers from Alleghany, Surry, Wilkes, Stokes, Yadkin and Ashe counties. Reports of committees were heard on the opening day. When the roll call of ministers in the district took place all were found to be present except one.

The conference was largely attended, it being estimated that some of the sessions were attended by nearly 1,000 persons.

Dr. W. A. Jenkins, of North Wilkesboro, delivered a sermon Tuesday night and Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock. Dr. Paul N. Garber, of the school of religion at Duke University, Durham, preached on the subject: "The Christmas Conference." Dr. Garber gave many interesting facts about the first annual conference of Methodism held in Baltimore, Md., on December 24, 1784.

At noon Wednesday the women of the Rural Hall charge served a picnic dinner to the conference visitors.

Associate Justice Of Supreme Court Passes Away Sun.

Raleigh, May 22.—Judge W. J. Adams, 74, associate justice of the North Carolina State Supreme court, died unexpectedly Sunday in Baltimore, Md. A supreme court session scheduled for Monday was cancelled in respect to the fallen jurist.

The state paid tribute today to the memory of Judge Adams. Funeral services were held in Carthage and Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus, Chief Justice Walter P. Stacy and other state officials planned to attend.

Governor Ehringhaus announced today that he would probably name Adams' successor after the tribute has been paid tomorrow. Meanwhile, the governor declined to discuss the successorship.

If Ehringhaus follows the lead of the late Governor Kitchin, former Governor Morrison, and former Governor McLean, the choice would fall on Major L. P. McLendon, of Durham, who was successful manager of his primary campaign against R. T. Fountain in 1932.

The names of Judges Michael Schenck, A. M. Stack, John H. Clement, Wilson Warlick, M. V. Barnhill, and Attorneys A. Hall Johnson, of Asheville, U. L. Spence, of Carthage, and Wallace W. Winborne, of Marion, have been mentioned as possible successors to Justice Adams.

Adams' term was to have expired next January 1.

Joint Meet Held At Independence By M. E. Women

The Women's Missionary societies of the Methodist churches of Sparta and Independence, were very graciously entertained at a joint meeting Friday afternoon, May 18, at Independence, by Mrs. H. T. Smith and Mrs. T. E. Brannock, as joint hostesses, at Mrs. Smith's home.

An interesting program dealing with The People's Central Institute of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, was presented by the leader of the Sparta organization, Mrs. Sidney Gambill, assisted by Mrs. Carlisle Higgins, Mrs. Dalton Warren, Mrs. John Cheek, Mrs. Vance Choate, Mrs. Lola White, Mrs. R. E. Black and Mrs. Jay Hardin.

Following this program the Independence society provided excellent entertainment for the group. Mrs. Kyle Cox gave such an interesting reading that an encore was demanded. Mrs. C. R. Carson rendered a vocal solo, which was greatly enjoyed.

The hostesses served delicious refreshments in two courses to about 35 guests. Special guests of the occasion were Rev. C. W. Russell, pastor of the Sparta Methodist church, and Rev. C. H. Browning, pastor of the Independence Methodist church.

Wooten Asks That Applications For Work Be Renewed

Director Of National Reemployment Service At N. Wilkesboro Says Renewal Necessary Every 90 Days

R. L. Wooten, director of the National Reemployment Service at North Wilkesboro, states that all names in his files must be renewed every ninety days if the applications are to stay in the active file.

Mr. Wooten is director of the Reemployment Service for five counties: Wilkes, Alleghany, Ashe, Watauga and Alexander. His office is maintained in the city hall at North Wilkesboro.

The Reemployment Service at North Wilkesboro will furnish the labor for PWA projects in this district. Under the old set-up a National Reemployment Service was maintained in each county, then later reorganized into districts and the files from the offices in the counties mentioned above were placed under Mr. Wooten's care in North Wilkesboro.

The continuous renewals are necessary in order that the files at the office may include the names of people who are still unemployed and who are still hoping to get employment through his office.

Attention is called to the fact that a personal call is not necessary for renewals. Renewals may be made by letter, telephone or personal call. Skilled laborers are asked to give particulars of the training and experience they have had, especially in the case of machine operators.

TWIN OAKS MAN INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT SUN.

George Petty, Twin Oaks, was painfully but not seriously injured Sunday morning, about one-half mile from Sparta on Highway No. 18, when the roadster, he was driving left the road and overturned against the fence.

Petty received a severe cut on the neck and several bad bruises but no bones were broken.

LOW BIDS ON PROPOSED ROAD PROJECT APPROVED

A news dispatch from Raleigh states that low bids on nine road and street projects were approved on May 15 by the State Highway and Public Works commission and have been sent to Washington, D. C., for consideration of the Federal Bureau of Roads.

Among the low bids approved at Raleigh were those for the widening and paving of 5.81 miles of route No. 26 from a point near Twin Oaks toward Roaring Gap. Low bids on this project were as follows: Nello L. Teer, \$73,252; Structures, R. B. Tyler, \$5,127.45.

Governor R. A. Doughton, Sparta, attended the meeting in Raleigh.

Fire In Chicago Burns Forty-Two Blocks Saturday

Stockyards Razed By Most Disastrous Fire That City Has Had Since The Holocaust Of 1871

Chicago, May 19.—This city's most disastrous fire since the city-destroying holocaust of 1871 wiped out 42 square blocks of Packingtown and the adjacent area tonight with a loss estimated at from \$10,000,000 to \$25,000,000.

The conflagration starting as did the historic fire of '71 in the stockyards area raged uncontrolled for four and one-half hours. Not until 7:30 p. m. (C. S. T.) did Fire Marshal Michael Corrigan, directing efforts of 2,000 firemen, declare that the blaze was under control.

Every available piece of fire fighting equipment in the city was thrown into the melee. Firemen off duty and on vacation were hurriedly summoned to the fight.

Despite its wide sweep, the blaze did not attack any of the major packing companies plants. They were located in a westerly direction from the flames which started near the western limits of the mile square yards, apparently from a carelessly tossed cigarette.

No deaths were reported but three persons were reported missing. Officers and physicians carried through the heavy pall of smoke and embers, 25 seriously injured firemen and spectators. They were taken to hospitals as were a score of others who had been stifled by the oppressive heat and fumes. Three of the casualties were in a critical condition.

At least 1,200 persons were rendered homeless.

A score of famous landmarks in Packingtown—seat of the world's greatest meat packing industry—dozens of cottages, shops, stores and office buildings were attacked or demolished by the flames that swept with volcanic fury from the eastward into the heart of the yards and on across Halsted street into a residential and commercial neighborhood.

Hundreds of cattle, sheep and hogs, trapped by the scorching wave, perished in their stalls but others were herded to havens. Pens, corals, runways, plants, sheds and other wooden structures in the yards burned like paper boxes in the wave of fire.

Smoke at the height of the fire could be seen as far away as South Bend, Ind., by aviators. The flames were clearly visible from the tops of taller Loop buildings, five miles to the north.

ELEVATOR IMPRISONS FARLEY AND FRIENDS

Washington, May 22.—The information leaked out today that an elevator took Postmaster General James A. Farley and four fellow Democrats for a ride and imprisoned them in the cellar of the Post Office Department for 30 minutes. Farley, Senator Joseph O'Mahoney (D), Wyo., "Wild Bill" Lyons, a Post Office Department employee; Ambrose O'Connell, Farley's executive assistant; and William Bray, Farley's secretary, were the ones who fell.

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I don't seem to be getting anywhere. What is the use of running when you are not on the right road?

- MAY 21—Amelia Earhart flies across the Atlantic, 1932. 22—George Washington refuses American throne, 1782. 23—Steerage rates from Europe priced at \$10, 1904. 24—English hang Capt. Kidd, famous pirate, 1701. 25—Lake Erie rises four feet in ten hours, 1840. 26—Al. Jolson born, calls loudly for Mamma, 1886. 27—Charles Lindbergh marries Anne Morrow, 1929.