

# Mooreville More Than Keeps Pace With State

Mooreville enjoyed healthy economic growth during 1963. Many new jobs were created through industrial expansion. More than half of our manufacturing concerns either began or completed major improvement and/or enlargement programs during the year. Not to be disregarded was the big shot in the arm of the local construction business (and Mooreville can compete with any area in this field) brought on by work done for industry.

W. J. Haselden, executive secretary of the Mooreville Chamber of Commerce, declared near the close of the year that "Mooreville more than kept pace with capital investment and industrial expansion in North Carolina as a whole." Well, that took some doing, as spelled out recently by Governor Sanford. The daily press already has picked the bones of the report clean, but Tarheel's 1963 record is such that it can stand reiteration.

Last year, North Carolina smashed all records for capital investment in industry. Expenditures in investment and plant expansion were 68 per cent more than in 1962, and 38 per cent higher than the existing record set in 1961.

During the 12-month period, projects involving costs totaling nearly \$387 million were announced. These projects will create something like 31,000 new jobs for Tar heels who will realize a jump in potential earnings of \$106 million. These figures al-

so are all-time records.

The full release prepared by the Governor's office should be most-reading for all citizens of the state. We won't go into details here, because the complete report may be found elsewhere in this issue.

Permit us to make one further comparison. In mid-November, the rate of unemployment in North Carolina was 3.9 per cent. But, and mark this well, Mooreville's unemployment was not but two per cent of the work force. This is not altogether a happy statistic, as far as can be determined. Mooreville people without jobs aren't qualified or simply don't want to work. Our textile plants are crying for help.

One point as an aside: Experts see inadequate housing here as one reason our supply of jobs is not being demanded. We would like to see the Chamber move ahead with the housing survey it now is conducting. We would like to encourage industrial concerns who have been holding up the findings to speed their research into the problem. At worst, the completed housing survey will confirm what we already know—that we need more housing. At best, the study will give investors and would-be homeowners the assurances they need in the future of this industrially-based community.

## The Home Is Deadlier Than The Highway

"It's nearly a month after Christmas and all through the house, toys and assortment of Santa loot is scattered like so many accidents waiting to happen.

The hazards we invite each year with the avalanche of gifts was brought to mind rather jarringly recently when we slipped on a chess piece and fell sprawling, smashing our personal electric shoeshiner."

The American Medical Association regularly issues warnings and tips concerning home safety. Few of us realize that home sweet home, the pillar of security, is the site of more injuries each year than the nation's highways.

On an average, 26,000 Americans are killed accidentally in their homes each year. An additional four million are hurt. These injuries and deaths are caused largely by falls—mostly by old people.

For the most part, these falls among older people occur at floor level, and in general, they are easily preventable. When you can answer "yes" to the following ques-

tions, then you have set the pattern for safety proofing your home against accidents of the aging.

Do you have scatter rugs—those bright and cheerful magic carpets of death—fastened securely or provided with nonskid backing?

Do you have handrails of a proper height and strength on all stairways and steps and by the bath tub and commode?

Do you have for yourself or for visiting old people a comfortable, safe, stable chair with sturdy armrest?

Do you have a light switch by the bed and flashlights at all needed areas?

Do you know that older people should sit a moment on the edge of the bed before rising; that they should stand still an instant after coming to their feet to prevent accidents from possible dizziness?

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According to newspaper reports: "In his budget message, President Johnson is expected to try to convince the economy-minded Congress that the price of needed new programs is the abandonment of outmoded ones." The President's idea is an excellent one and, hopefully, it will be carried into action.

One of the first programs which should be considered for abandonment is the Rural Electrification Administration.

REA was established during the thirties to bring electricity to our nation's farms. It has now fulfilled that purpose. Some 98 per cent of the nation's farms, thanks to REA and the investor-owned electricity utility industry efforts, now enjoy the blessings of electricity.

Still REA lingers on and is coming to

REA has done its job. The co-ops, by and large, can support themselves. Let's scrap REA and put the tax dollars now wasted in needless competition to work in a worthy cause.

WORDS OF WISDOM

We have grown too careless about protecting our brightness. We lose our freedoms just as easily through internal corruption as through external aggression.—Corvallis (Ore.) Gazette-Times.

If you are dull and like to be alone, you can easily get your wish.—William Feather.

People have got to think. Thinking isn't to agree or disagree. That's voting.—Robert Frost.

Women like silent men. They think they're listening.—Marcel Aymard.

Trifles make perfection, and perfection is no trifle.—Michelangelo.

## Parson Jones' Pulpit

DEAR MR. PUBLISHER:

I share an inked-out. Before you get the wrong idea I better tell you I didn't get this way from preaching. No, it was all these blame committee meetings I been going to. The finance committee met on Monday night and decided to have our annual Holy-Holy-balling on Monday night. Only thing is, we can't have it on Monday night, we decided to use Sunday instead. Now I know that's a little irregular, and you might think folks would get suspicious, but for me, I was there and I was using folks would know the difference now. We work hard to use Sunday instead of Monday night.

On Tuesday night the membership committee done some powerful thinking and come up with its annual membership drive. We didn't get in many new members this past year. I don't know how come. Rule said it was cause I preached on sin too much, and scared 'em away.

He allowed it might be better if we didn't mention sin—we could just call it a personality complex. All the folks I had that idea so they voted that, from now on a fellow didn't have to confess his sins—just his complexes. I look for a big upswing in Church membership this year.

Wednesday night the music committee got together. Billie Nick, teisinger, our number one choir singer, was there. We had asked her to sing a little to begin the meeting. Well, she said, "I'll sing, cleared her voice and began. She said, 'Before I make my talk tonight, I got something to say.' That was a lie if I ever heard one, cause she didn't say no more before, but that she did during it. She made me a hole lot of air blowing in a windy bucket. We met til midnight that day and finally decided, by majority vote, to wash the dirt off the piano keys.

On Thursday night I met with the garbage can committee. Big Slim reported that all cans were being used. He allowed as how two of the cans had the bottom rusted out, and would have to be replaced. Hezekiah's wife objected. Big Slim argued there wasn't anything more useless than a can without a bottom. Course that made good sense to all of us. But ole Hezekiah's wife swore that throwing them away would cause some people to get mad and leave the Church. He said that Brother George and his wife had donated the cans in memory of their beagle dog and that they had plaques right next to the handles.

They say the plaques cost more than the cans. This was kinda bad cause Brother George bought the cans and we paid for the plaques. They finally voted that to put the bad cans in the preacher's study to brighten up the atmosphere.

Friday the pulpit committee met. First and the only trouble they had was getting folks to move over in their pews when visitors come. Instead of moving over folks had to crawl over their legs like they was running a obstacle course in the Army. Mr. Publisher, that's what we got a site a members who wouldn't move over when we got for love nor money. Ole pore woman sprung her back trying to go around Hezekiah. We finally decided to wire the ends of the pews with electricity. Now if they don't move, we'll make a button and move 'em.

Well, Mr. Publisher, you can see why I'm inked-out. I share hope the Lord makes some sense out of all these gobs-on. So long.

Yours Truly,  
Parson Jones

OUR COMMUNITY

1954

10 YEARS AGO

IN OTHER YEARS

Highway Commissioner J. W. Scarborough, and Robert W. Moore, manager of the Mooreville Chamber of Commerce, issued a joint statement Tuesday announcing that construction of the unfinished portion of the highway 700 bypass will begin this week.

That portion begins at a point above the Mooreville Community College and ends at a point below the Mooreville Community College. The highway bypass will be about two miles long and will connect the Salisbury highway about two miles north of Mooreville.

The local Chamber of Commerce has been working closely with the highway department over the past several months in securing the construction of the bypass.

Mooreville citizens want a wooden yard with a top of 120 to 130 persons at the start and have an annual payroll of about \$250,000. They will get a chance to prove it tomorrow (Friday) night at a city meeting slated to be held at the War Memorial Building at 8 o'clock.

At this meeting Premium Spinning Mills, Inc., of New York City, which is interested in locating in Mooreville, will make its bid for the support of townsmen.

A hundred dollars will buy one share in the proposed new company. Each share pays four per cent interest. Tomorrow night's goal will be \$50,000.

If the money is raised, the company's building will be erected on a 10-acre site within the city limits, on which the Chamber of Commerce already has positive option.

The crash of two automobiles on the outskirts of Wadesboro Sunday morning claimed the life of a Mooreville girl and critically injured a local young man.

Believed so critically that she died enroute to a Wadesboro hospital was Betty Louise Ballard, 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Nathan Ballard of Mooreville, route 2. Admitted to the hospital was Dwight Atwell, 29, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Atwell, also of Mooreville, route 2. He suffered a skull fracture, but it is said the fracture of both legs and did not require confinement until Monday afternoon.

Miss Hilda Thompson visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Thompson, residents of Carpenter avenue, over the week end. She is a student at Appalachian State Teachers College at Boone.

Miss Nancy Brown, a first-year student at Newberry College, S. C., spent the Easter holidays with her mother, Mrs. Augustine Ritchie Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Lyman and children of Greenwood, S. C., and Mr. and Mrs. Banks Pritch and children, of Burlington, spent the Easter holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Thompson, of Mooreville, route 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beaver and son, John, of Augusta, Ga., spent the Easter holidays with their parents, Mrs. Sloan Beaver and Mr. and Mrs. John T. Gilliland.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Isenhour had as guests over the holidays her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Acheson of Raleigh, N. C., and her sister, Mrs. F. M. Lothery, of Davidson. Mrs. Lothery, Mr. and Mrs. Arledge, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Casky and Charles visited relatives in Rock Hill, S. C., Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Harold Smith and children, including Clyde and Cynthia, also were here Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Smith and her family are in the Raleigh area.

Mrs. Ralph Dyer spent the Easter holidays with relatives and friends in Orangeburg, Florence, Charleston, and Columbia, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gibson and son, Richard, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Widenhouse in Concord Easter Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Widenhouse are Mrs. Gibson's parents.

Wayne Thompson, a student at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe D. Thompson, during the Easter holidays.

Howard Allen, Jr., a student at Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, and Miss Frances Cynith, a student at Charlotte College, Salisbury, spent the Easter holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Crouch.

## IREDELL COUNTY AFFECTED 85¢ Minimum Wage Becomes Law

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The 1964 hike in the state's minimum wage law was passed by the 1963 General Assembly. A number of federal county employees are affected by the law. As originally passed by the 1963 General Assembly, the law required that the minimum wage be 80 cents an hour for the last four years, 1960-1963.

For 1964, 700,000 North Carolina employees in businesses engaged in interstate commerce or producing goods for interstate commerce, the Federal minimum wage is now \$1.25 an hour. For an additional substantial group of employees, working in large retail stores and restaurants, the minimum wage is \$1.00 an hour. For the remainder of the state's employees, the minimum wage is \$0.85 an hour.

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## Cleveland Community News

By Mrs. W. S. Bunker  
—Choir rehearsal Wednesday evening at the Cleveland Baptist Church at 7 o'clock.

—The general meeting of the WMF of the Cleveland Baptist Church will be their Thursday morning at 8:30 at the Cleveland Baptist Church.

—The guest missionary at the Cleveland Baptist Church is Rev. J. E. Williams.

—Visitors at the Cleveland Baptist Church Sunday morning for worship service were Charles Church, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Young, and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Morris of New Lexington.

—The Altar Guild of Christ Episcopal Church met Wednesday night with Mrs. James Leachy.

—Mrs. Lizzie Williams of Barter hasn't been so well for the last few days. Mr. Williams suffered a light stroke several weeks back.

—Mrs. E. H. Kennedy was on the sick list over the week end.

—Mrs. Iva Keeler shows improvement and getting along fine at her home.

—Visitors last week to see Mrs. Iva Keeler were: Rev. Clyde Barber, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Garbitt of Winston, Mrs. C. S. Shutt of Barter, Mrs. C. A. Brown, Sr., Miss Ruth Brown and Carry Young, and Mrs. Dennis Owens.

—EVC held its regular meeting Sunday evening at 8:30 in the parish house.

—Mrs. Joe Steele of Patterson was home last week.

—Miss Lizzie Barber is now a patient of Lynn Haven Rest Home and is getting along fine. After a few days not being so well, last week.

—During the business session a new member was received, Mr. Albert McLaughlin, and a visitor, Mrs. Jerry Orbinson, was acknowledged.

Future North Carolina teachers as well as ones currently teaching in the state must pass the North Carolina Examination in order to keep their certificates, following action last week of the North Carolina State Board of Education.

The board said the move was only one of a series of steps aimed at improving teacher qualifications in the state. The board said that teachers failing to score a minimum grade will be placed on two-year probation, and if they continue to fail, their certificates will be revoked.

In other action the board: —Approved programs for state teacher certification at the University of North Carolina.

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—Mrs. Jennie Morgan shows improvement in health at home.

—Mrs. E. L. Lowery of Mimsa, formerly of Salisbury, slowly improves at home.

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## Pfeiffer Offers Scholarships To Area High School Seniors

Area high school seniors with notable academic records are reminded of a series of 50 competitive academic scholarships being offered by Pfeiffer College. The stipend each from Mrs. Carl H. King of Statesville, a trustee of the college.

Mrs. King noted that the scholarships, valued at \$5,000 each, are awarded on the basis of high school record, designated test scores and personal interviews.

The successful applicant should have an inquiring mind, should have made a notable record in one or more areas of high school work and should be interested in a personal application to undergraduate education. Fifty scholarships are reserved for entering freshmen.

The scholarships cover a wide range of areas including languages, the social sciences, the natural sciences, church music, teacher preparation, religion, and a host of pre-professional programs such as pre-law, pre-engineering, pre-medical, and general liberal arts, Mrs. King explained.

Area students may secure information by writing K. D. Holm, Pfeiffer College, Misen, N.C. or by talking with their high school guidance director.

Blackwelder, Mrs. Blackwelder returned home Sunday from the