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Attempt To Rob Bank Fails

Officers Surprise Robbers. Five Captured Amid Hail Of Bullets

The plans of what appears to have been a gang of rank amateur bank robbers went badly awry here at three thirty Saturday morning when five of the six gangsters were captured after a veritable hail of lead had been let loose by the officers.

Officers had been watching the gang for some time, as they waited for the crowd that had gathered near for a dance to disperse.

Arrested after the firing were Lawton B. (Crip) Wilson, now on parole; J. A. Waller, 35, who runs a garage in Raleigh; J. E. Johnson, 55, Raleigh merchant; Eugene Albright, of Salisbury, railroad employee, and "Red" Fowler, 32, ex-convict of Raleigh.

Equipped with an acetylene torch, purchased in Raleigh, Friday, and other tools, the gang came to Wendell early in the morning Saturday, and officers on the watch for them spotted them as they hung around waiting for the dance to be over.

When the thieves thought the coast was clear, about three thirty A. M., they parked their car, a new Ford coach, at the curb near the bank, running the hose from oxygen and acetylene tanks left in the car through a window into the bank, and starting to work on the massive vault door.

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as look-outs, and fled when the firing began. While officers were patrolling the highway a half hour later they picked up Albright, who had tried to thumb a ride into town with the officers.

Tuesday morning at ten o'clock the five men captured were arraigned before Judge W. A. Brame in recorders court here.

Attorneys Parrish, Crawley, and Hatch of the Raleigh Bar, represented the accused men, and they argued at some length for smaller bonds than those under which the men were originally held.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations as follows:

Principal marketing specialist, \$5,600 to \$6,400; senior marketing specialist, \$4,600 to \$5,400; marketing specialist, \$3,800 to \$4,600; associate marketing specialist, \$3,200 to \$3,800; assistant marketing specialist, \$2,600 to \$3,200 a year, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Department of Agriculture.

Agronomist (single variety community cotton improvement), \$3,800 a year, Bureau of Plant Industry, Department of Agriculture, Closing date, November 19, 1934.

Senior agronomist (cotton genetics and breeding), \$4,600 a year, Bureau of Plant Industry, Department of Agriculture. Closing date November 19, 1934.

Household equipment specialist, \$3,200 a year, Bureau of Home Economics, Department of Agriculture. Closing date, November 19, 1934.

Agent for home economics, \$4,600; special agent for home economics education (special groups), \$3,800 a year, Office of Education Department of the Interior. Closing date, November 19, 1934.

The salaries named are subject to a deduction of not to exceed 5 percent during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1935, as a measure of economy, and also to a deduction of 3 1-2 percent toward a retirement annuity.

All States except Iowa, Vermont, Virginia, Maryland, Rhode Island, and the District of Columbia have received less than their quota of appointments in the apportioned departmental service in Washington, D. C.

DUPREE CONVALESCES FOLLOWING OPERATION

Friends of J. L. Dupree will be pleased to know that he is convalescing nicely following a recent operation. He has been removed to his home on Cokey Road from the Rocky Mount Sanitarium, where the operation was recently performed.

Wide use of aerial tactics featured football games.

Cotton Acreage To Be Increased

By R. L. KLUTZ

Raleigh.—Cotton allotments for 1935, under the adjustment contracts, will be 25 per cent larger than they were this year.

This year a grower who had a base of 10 acres was allotted six acres to plant. Next year he probably will be allotted seven and a half acres, according to Dean I. O. Schaub of State College.

The increase in allotments to be allowed is due largely to the fact that the cotton program has removed most of the surplus cotton that was responsible for the low prices of 1932 and growers can now start producing as much cotton as is consumed each year, the dean explained.

The exact size of the allotments will not be announced, Schaub added, until the AAA cotton section finishes its study of the cotton situation, including both domestic and foreign markets.

Growers who have already signed contracts will keep the contracts they have, while non-signers will be given another chance to join the program and participate in the rental and benefit payments.

Schaub pointed out that the referendum to be conducted on the Bankhead act will in no way effect the AAA adjustment program, since the contracts were signed for a two-year period, with the provision that the secretary of agriculture could terminate them at the end of one year if necessary.

When the referendum is conducted, the growers will have a chance to make known their wishes in regard to whether those who have signed contracts wish to be protected by the Bankhead Act from growers who do not sign, he observed.

Unless the act is continued, he said, non-signers will be able to increase their production as much as they wish and offset much of the work done by the signers in eliminating the surplus and bringing prices back to fairer level.

RED CROSS DRIVE HERE POSTPONED

The annual roll call of the Rocky Mount-Nash county chapter of the American Red Cross has been postponed until the week of November 26 local officials of the unit announced today.

In making the announcement, Lynwood Edmore, roll call chairman and A. J. Berres, representative of the national office, said that the chapter sought to cooperate with plans of the community chest authorities who are planning their annual campaign on November 6-7.

Mr. Edmore said that the list of chairmen of the various divisions has been completed and will be announced early next week.

The Red Cross drive originally was scheduled for November 11.

LOCAL BOY NOMINATED FOR FRESHMAN OFFICE

M. W. Henry Is Candidate At Wake Forest

Wake Forest, Oct. 27.—M. W. Henry, of Rocky Mount, was listed as one of the eight candidates for vice-president of the freshman class at Wake Forest college Friday night.

In the meeting which resulted in the nominations, a total of 34 freshmen were named as nominees for the offices of president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. This was an all-time record for nominees in any election, class or campus, held here since the founding of the college in 1834.

Elections will be held Monday, October 29, and several run-offs will probably be necessary before anyone is elected by a clear majority.

Loans by Reserve member banks rose sharply in September.

Corn for feed lacking, farmers are selling lightweight hogs.

Aircraft experts warn of menaced of war bombing.

Should Not Your Election Officials Be Elected Rather Than Appointed?

Corruption in elections is the most undermining influence to a Democracy and unless the willful frauds and corruptions are eliminated in our elections it will ultimately destroy the public confidence in our Government.

If a man steals a chicken then he is prosecuted and in all probability sent to the roads or the Penitentiary by the Judge but if a man steals an election through fraud most of the time there is nothing done about it and if, and when an investigation is made and these evil practices are found to be true then they are called irregularities by our election officials and still, there is nothing done about it.

The State Board of Elections in North Carolina is appointed by the Governor and if it is not possible for him to appoint a State Board of Elections to correct these evils, then the next Legislature should make these offices elective and let the people try their hand at the job.

REPUBLICANS MUST GET SLOGAN OTHER THAN BALANCED BUDGET

The old Campaign slogan of the Republican party, "Full Dinner Pail," has been discarded by the leaders of the Republican party and they have selected them a new slogan entitled "Balanced Budget."

The slogan "Balanced Budget" is in line with the policy of the Republican party and just as cold as steel itself. What father would undertake to balance a budget when his children are crying with hunger and cold from the want of clothes.

The Republican party is now making a great effort to regain the confidence of the people but we feel before they are able to ingratiate themselves into public confidence again they will have to bring forward a different slogan than balanced budget.

\$10,000 Fire At Nashville

Nashville—Fire of undetermined origin late today destroyed two residences and two store buildings and \$1,400 worth of cotton, and damaged two residences. The residences burned were those of Will Clark and Jack Langley.

LOCAL AGENTS ATTEND SESSION IN RICHMOND

Alford and Roberts Go To Harvest Sale Congress

Harvey Roberts and Dallas Alford, local insurance agents, attended the session of the Harvest Sales congress, sponsored by the Richmond Virginia Association of Life Underwriters and held Friday in the John Marshall hotel in Richmond.

During the meeting they heard

Rail Pension Bill Illegal

Washington.—The railway retirement act was held unconstitutional Wednesday in a ruling handed down by District Supreme Court Justice Alfred A. Wheat.

WILLIFORD NEWS

Miss Mattie Williford

Friends of Mrs. E. C. Sexton will be glad to know she and the baby are doing nicely.

Mrs. Lula Tyree returned home Monday after a two weeks visit with her sister, Mrs. B. B. Williford.

Friends of Mrs. Frank Cockrell will be sorry to know she is sick. Duke Sheron was home last week-end.

Dr. John Tyree of Richmond, Va., and three of his friends visited Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Williford last Saturday night.

PARAGRAPHS ON NATIONAL PROBLEMS AT WASHINGTON

Legion Demands Bonus Payment

Frank N. Belgrano, Jr., Of San Francisco Elected National Commander. Universal Draft Advocated

After demanding the bonus by an overwhelming vote of 987 to 183 the American Legion Convention adjourned at Miami, Fla., Thursday, October 25, to meet next year at St. Louis, Mo.

Frank N. Belgrano, Jr., was unanimously elected National Commander for the coming year without opposition.

A progressive legislative program was adopted which included, besides the bonus: A Universal Draft law, conscripting capital, labor industry, and manpower in case of war. Registration of all aliens, and deportation at once of criminal aliens.

The legion, in passing the bonus resolution and asking for the remission of interest on loans already made, stated that the present administration is committed to a spending program to restore prosperity, and that the payment of the bonus would prove the greatest stimulus to business that could be suggested.

REV. S. T. HABEL JR. RESIGNS

Rev. S. T. Habel, Jr., has resigned his pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Nashville to become pastor of the Enfield Baptist Church.

The young pastor, who is only twenty-five years old, has served the Nashville church, his only pastorate, for four years.

Mr. Habel is very popular in Nashville, with all denominations. The pastor's farewell sermon was preached to his congregation on the fourth Sunday in October when both churches united their services as a tribute to him.

On Monday night a farewell party was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Habel. They were presented with a parting gift of \$250.00 and a complete set of silver, glassware and china.

Mr. Habel is a Virginian and a cousin of Congressman Harold D. Cooley.

ELECTION NEXT WEEK OFF-YEAR LOSS USUAL TO ENDORSE NEW DEAL

ROOSEVELT MAY GET HARD DRIVING FOR THE BONUS HOUSING PROJECTS START CAMPAIGN TO BE ENLARGED

By Hugo Sims, Gold Leaf Farmer Special Washington Correspondent

The citizens of forty-eight states will go to the polls on Tuesday, to select thirty-three governors, thirty-four senators, and 432 members of the House.

Records of past off-year elections show that the party in power has lost strength in the lower house without exception since the administration of President Buchanan. Some reduction in Democratic strength in the House would be in line with the experience of the past, which shows that, as a rule, the strength of the party in power in the House, on the average, has dropped from sixty to forty-eight per cent in off-year elections.

Unless there is a great change of public sentiment, President Roosevelt and his New Deal policies will record a victory without precedent in off-year elections. This is the considered opinion of practically all observers. They foresee a minimum gain of four seats in the Senate and probably the holding of the enormous majority in the House which was not expected a month ago.

Readers should understand that it is not the business of this column to take sides in national political affairs. At the same time, if it is to be worth reading, it must give an honest report of the state of affairs in the nation, together with something like an intelligent interpretation of the facts we seem to expect.

With this in view, let us point out that such a triumph for the Democrats or the Administration will present a serious threat, in itself. Lacking effective and militant opposition, the Democrats are liable to split up into factions, with a consequent invitation to the Republican to step forward in 1936 and take advantage of the family row.

Charges Republicans that practically all candidates in the presents vote-getting drive have taken advantage of the spending policies of the Administration. (Please turn to page eight)

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