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## PARAGRAPHS ON NATIONAL PROBLEMS AT WASHINGTON

SENATE SURPRISES WORLD COURT BEATEN RELIEF FUNDS NEAR END NOT SO MUCH SPENT BONUS COMPROMISE ABOUT HOLDING COMPANIES WILL BE REGULATED WHAT ABOUT NRA.

By Hugo Sims, Special Washington Correspondent

The Senate surprised Washington and the nation by rejecting American adherence to the World Court, and speculation immediately sprang up as to the effect this defeat will have upon the prestige of the President. Up until the vote itself, it was generally conceded that the World Court would win by one or two votes more than the necessary two-thirds. However, the final muster showed 43 Democrats and 9 Republicans voting for adherence, with 20 Democrats, 14 Republicans, 1 Progressive, and 1 Farmer-Laborite opposed. The count was 52-36, but a change of seven votes would have adopted the protocols.

This is the second major congressional defeat for the President since he took office nearly two years ago. The other was the passage over his veto of the Independent Offices bill by the last Congress. While the St. Lawrence Treaty was defeated in spite of the President's advocacy, it was not made a paramount issue by the White House. It is generally agreed by friends and foes of the Court that the long fight has been ended for the present at least, although continuation of activity by some advocates is expected.

It was originally intended that the World Court issue would be before the Senate for some time. But Administration leaders forced the issue in the face of bitter attacks on the part of Father Coughlin, the Catholic priest, and the Hearst newspapers. In addition, the situation in Europe, with many autocratic forms of government, the repudiation of war debts, and the ingenuity and determination of senatorial opponents, were given major credit for defeating the proposal.

Some fear is expressed by relief officials that long debate in the Senate on the huge Works Relief bill will mean that funds for the needy will be exhausted before final action on the measure is taken. Meanwhile, observers point out that it will take many months to spend the five billions requested. They point to the record of present spending agencies to show that PWA, in eighteen months, disbursed only two billion dollars, and that FERA in nineteen months spent or approved the expenditure of about \$1,700,000,000.

In other words, the two chief spending divisions have failed to spend four billion dollars in about nineteen months. During this period industry suffered a relapse and recovery apparently stalled. At present, the upward trend seems to be more pronounced, as shown by the latest Federal Reserve Board Statistics, but it is expected by some that the new year will see a lessened need for such huge governmental expenditures.

The troublesome soldier bonus question opened up on a new front last week when champions of the bill sponsored by the Legion and those of the Patman bill, already twice approved by the House, opened hostilities. Representative Patman declared that the Legion itself had thrown a "monkey wrench" into the machinery by introducing a rival measure which placed all bonus legislation in jeopardy. He insisted that the Legion measure is a "bankers' bonus bill."

The other measure, introduced (Please turn to page eight)

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## Mrs. J. M. Pirkey Laid To Rest

Mother of Local Man Died in Virginia—Known Here

Mrs. J. M. Pirkey, aged mother of J. Fred Pirkey, prominent local business man, who died at Waynesboro, Virginia, late Saturday, was laid to rest Sunday in Waynesboro after final services were held from the Episcopal church there.

Mrs. Pirkey, who has been ill since about Christmas day last year, succumbed to a heart attack Saturday afternoon. Though expected somewhat, her death came as a distinct shock to the community where she had served in religious and civic work for many years.

Services were conducted early Sunday afternoon and interment followed in a Waynesboro cemetery.

The deceased was a native of the Richmond, Va., section, and was born nearly 75 years ago at the Fred Chevalier homeplace, "Amphill." Her parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. Fred Chevalier.

Mrs. Pirkey was well known in this city as she had visited her only son here a number of times. She was 72 years old.

Besides her son, J. Fred, she leaves her three daughters, Mesdames Ella Hughes, Waynesboro, Va., Nobel Pierce, Winchester, Va., and George Deffenbaugh, Greensboro. Her husband, J. M. Pirkey, also survives.

## Beloved Minister Claimed By Death

Theodore Partrick, Jr., beloved rector of the church of the Good Shepherd in Raleigh, died at Rex Hospital Monday evening. He had been ill two days with a virulent form of influenza-pneumonia. The funeral was held from the church of the Good Shepherd Wednesday afternoon at 3:30. Services were conducted by R. T. Rev. Edwin A. Penick, bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina, assisted by Dr. Milton A. Barber, rector of Christ Church and the Rev. Joseph F. Fletcher, chaplain of St. Mary's School.

Mr. Partrick came to Raleigh four years ago last October from Scotland Neck and was greatly beloved in the city by his own parishioners and many in other churches.

Besides his wide circle of friends in Raleigh and throughout the State, he had won numerous admirers in the Nation's great radio audience. Services of the church of the Good Shepherd have been broadcast at stated intervals over WPTF.

Also he was known and admired throughout the State because of his association with the North Carolina National Guard as Chaplain and Captain in the 120th Infantry. Beginning in 1922 he had attended every encampment of the military unit at Camp Glenn.

In 1912 he assumed the editorship of the Sampson Democrat and he always held fond memories of his newspaper work. Later he was editor of the Carolina Churchman.

A native of Clinton, he is survived by his widow and two children. He was 45 years old.

## TARBORO MOURNS DEATH DR WHITEHEAD

Tarboro, Feb. 4.—Dr. Cliff Whitehead of Woodville, who died in Rocky Mount hospital Sunday had a host of friends here who deeply deplore his death. For many years Dr. Whitehead practiced dentistry here and he was universally popular. He was a genial, affable gentleman, who made friends wherever he was known.

## LIBRARY HAS BUSY YEAR

The Library of Congress reports its busiest year, with many requests for books and articles relating to the President.

## A Capella Choir Will Be Here

Max Noah, Guilford College Music Director, To Accompany Choir to City

Harold T. Parry, director of music in the city schools, has announced today a coming musical event of more than ordinary interest, the A Capella choir, of Guilford, which will make a visit to this city on Saturday, February 16. The choir will be heard at the first Baptist church and will include a local girl, Miss Elizabeth Adams, who is a student at Guilford college. Max Noah is director and organizer of the group.

The choir, which was heard in Greensboro in a highly pleasing performance recently, will make an Eastern tour, and will appear in Elizabeth City and Raleigh during the same week it will visit this city, according to Mr. Parry, who is a personal friend of Mr. Noah.

The term A Capella as applied to a choir had its origin in a very indirect and round about way. The word "capella" means a short cloak, and from this word the term chapel has gradually come into usage, because the religious building in which St. Martin's cloak was kept came to be known as the "capella." The name later was shortened to "chapel."

In the early centuries of church music these chapels employed a body of singers for worship or entertainment and because of the lack of musical instruments, these musicians were trained to sing without accompaniment. In this manner, a body of singers, trained to sing without the accompaniment of instruments, has been termed "A Capella." Such organizations, through the use of especially prepared music designed to produce a full musical effect, have striven to imitate in their highest state of perfection, a pipe organ, and its full round, rich tones. It is toward this ideal that Max Noah and the 46 members of his choir have directed their efforts.

Each of the 46 members of the college is given definite musical training before being permitted to sing with the choir, which made its initial appearance in 1929. The choir, the first organized in a Southern school, introduced a new feature into the college and high school musical life of the South. The choir, which gives an entirely sacred concert, is now regarded as one of the finest musical organizations of its kind in the south, and local music lovers will be gratified to know of the proposed visit to this city.

## Mrs. H. B. Moore Succumbs Here

Aged Woman Leaves Number of Local Survivors—Services Thursday

Mrs. Susie Moore, aged mother of two local people and sister of a third, died in this city Tuesday morning about 11 o'clock after a brief illness.

Mrs. Moore, who was about 75 years old, had lived in Rocky Mount practically all of her life, and was the widow of the late H. B. Moore. Before her marriage she was Miss Susie Spruill, and was born in Palmyra in Martin County. Her parents were the late Shepherd B. Spruill and Frances Norman Spruill, of Palmyra.

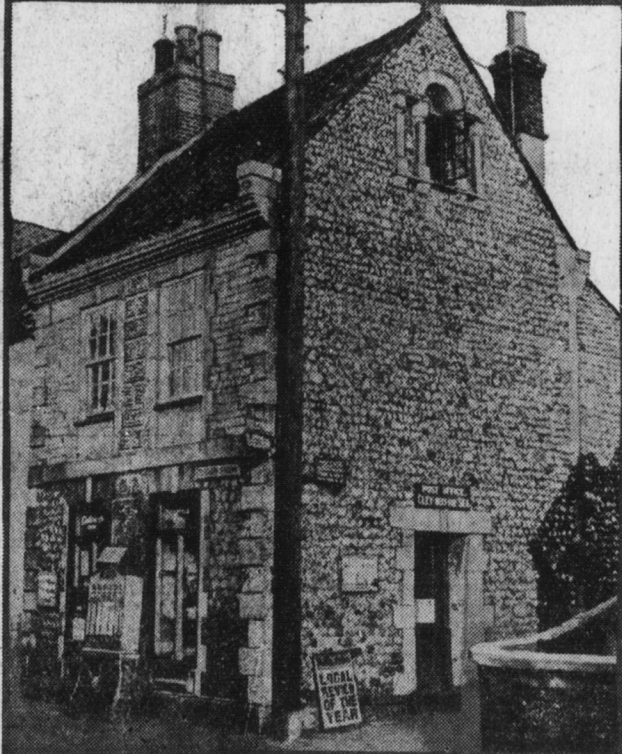
She belonged to the Christian Science church, and was an active worker in it.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Cecil C. Hunter, on the Tarboro highway just outside of this city. Interment followed at Pineview cemetery.

Pallbearers include W. L. Wilford, J. N. Wade, W. G. Cherry, E. B. Jenkins, L. A. Grimes and M. L. Baker, all of this city.

Besides her daughter, Mrs. Hunter, the deceased is survived by two sons, Harry B. Moore, city and E. Norman Moore, Wilson. She also leaves two sisters, Mesdames Bettie Hyman Rocky Mount, and Mrs. Baker, Palmyra. A number of cousins also survive.

## Bones Decorate Ancient Post Office



The old post office at Cley-Next-the-Sea, England, is over three hundred years old, and a unique feature of the building is that the exterior is studded with bones. It is understood that the house was built by the Dutch, but nobody knows how the bones came to be used as decorations. The bones are inserted in the pillar above cigarette machine and on top of house.

## The Bar Examination Discloses There Were Many Casualties

We are carrying in our paper this week a letter written by Mr. H. S. Averitt of Fayetteville, N. C., relative to the examination of applicants for license to practice law, which is timely and full of wisdom.

The recent examination disclosed that only thirty-two out of eighty-five who presented themselves before the Examining Board for law licenses were successful. Now, the question naturally arises, is our legal instruction not as thorough as it used to be in days gone by or are our young men less capable of understanding the reasoning of the law or was the examination prepared by the Board for the purpose of inquiring into the capacity of the applicant to understand and practice law or was it put up for the purpose of limiting the number of those who might be privileged to practice? This question was discussed for years before the Bar Association and it was never suggested that the Supreme Court, which had heretofore held the examinations, was not sufficiently learned to conduct the examination, but the statement was being made that too many were entering the law profession. We contend that the examination should be sufficiently broad in its scope to really test the learning and training of the applicant to practice law intelligently and of course we are bound to admit that the Supreme Court is the most learned law Tribunal in the State and fully capable of presenting the questions which would test the ability of the applicant to practice law.

The examination in times past usually dealt in questions of the history, science and development of the law and sufficient current questions on statute law and procedure to test the applicant's ability to practice law. The recent examination was such that we would have some fear for even the Board itself in making a 100 percent passage, for the examination seemed to expect that the student should be versed not only in the law itself and its development but that the applicant should have knowledge that a great many of the seasoned practitioners might not be well versed upon. The law is an honorable and learned profession and if we should have more lawyers than some members of the Bar think we should have we contend the examination should be put up solely for the purpose of testing the ability of the applicant rather than for the purpose of limiting the number. If it should get in the minds of the people, then the Legislature will just as surely as day follows night, place this matter back before the Supreme Court where it formerly was as has been suggested by Mr. Averitt.

## WHICH GOVERNOR IS RIGHT

The merchants of North Carolina, under the leadership of their active Executive Secretary, Mr. Willard Dowell, and their President, made an intelligent and forceful presentation before the Finance Committee of the Legislature in opposition to the continuance of the gross sales tax. The presentation was made on a high plane and should receive careful thought and consideration from the Legislature. Their speakers made the statement before the Committee that they realized the State must have revenue to support the Government and its Institutions and that the merchants of the State were fully willing to carry their part. It is generally known that the merchants of the State and of the Country at large are large property holders and it is to their credit that they are opposing the general sales tax which they class as a tax on poverty but they stand ready and willing to help support the government from other sources of revenue which they insist will raise more revenue and will work much less hardship on business and poverty.

The Governor of Massachusetts finding a need of additional revenue urged an increased tax on incomes and asked that the Corporations be required to carry some additional taxes in the form of a surtax and that since the road system had been largely completed he recommended that \$10,000,000 of the income from the highway funds be diverted to bridge over the emergency as all taxes collected from all sources belong to the people. The Governor in North Carolina in his emergency asked that fat back, long sweetening, sugar, meal, self rising flour and coffee, the plainest of foods which are used by humanity carry this burden, and it has been denominated an educational fund. It brings to mind an expression of days gone by, "Oh Liberty, what crimes are committed in thy name."

## Harold D. Cooley Off To A Flying Start In Congress

### Mass Meeting Friday Night

Plans were rapidly taking shape here today for the mass meeting of farmers in this section to be held in the Recorders Court Room on Friday night, February 15th for the purpose of discussing Soil Erosion.

E. H. Austin, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, the sponsoring institution, said that between 500 and 600 persons were expected for the meeting.

"We are inviting all farmers in this section, farm agents, agricultural teachers, members of the Chamber of Commerce and members of civic clubs, to attend the meeting," Mr. Austin declared.

Speakers will include, Dr. J. H. Stallings, Regional Director of the United States Soil Erosion Service and W. E. Bowers, Extension Agent. Both are located at the regional headquarters in High Point.

"The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the meeting in the interest of Soil Erosion and we are hoping for a good attendance," Mr. Austin said.

The meeting is scheduled to get under way at 7:30 o'clock, Friday night, February 15th.

## Five Nurses Are Licensed

Miss Davis, Who Completed Her Work In Augusta, Among Group

Out of a total of 325 nurses who took the state examination in Raleigh several weeks ago, 207 passed, according to the statement of Miss Lula West, R. N., secretary of the North Carolina State Board of Nurse Examiners.

Included in the list of successful applicants from this city were Miss Agnes Blanch Drake, Sally Ida Campbell, Elsie Doughtridge, and Annie Myrtle Haitcock.

Miss Florence Alice Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Davis of this city, who completed her work in the University hospital in Augusta, Ga., was also one of the successful candidates. Miss Davis made high marks throughout her term in the Augusta hospital and in her senior year was president of the student government organization in the hospital.

## Young Man Dies Here

Eddie Witherspoon, of Rocky Mt. Victim; One Arrest Made

A filling station operator is in jail in Edgecombe county without the privilege of bail, and the Wake Forest Medical school has been called upon to assist officers in the investigation of the mysterious death of Eddie Witherspoon, 21, plush mill worker, here Sunday morning.

Witherspoon died after a drinking party in which he participated with several other young men from this city. An autopsy was performed on his body in an effort to determine whether the liquor he drank was poisoned.

Shortly after his death local police and Edgecombe officers raided a filling station operated by Joe Lassiter near Tarboro, who is said to have admitted he sold whiskey to Witherspoon and four companions. The officers obtained 144 pints, alleged to have been purchased in Virginia.

Dr. Roy Norton, city health officer, who performed the autopsy, said he believed Witherspoon's death was due to acute alcoholism because he was an inexperienced drinker and because of the recovery of other youths who drank with him.

Lassiter is being held on instructions of Coroner M. C. Guley, of Nash County.

Acts In Rep. Bulwinkle's Place as Chairman Committee of the Whole House

Congressman Harold D. Cooley, who is well-known in this community, and whose secretary is Hon. Philip R. Whitley, of Wendell, seems to be getting off to a flying start in his first term as a member of the National House of Representatives from the Fourth North Carolina District. He was notified on January 22 by Hon. Patrick J. Boland, Majority Whip, that he had been appointed as Assistant Democratic Whip, representing Zone 4, which comprises the states of Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina. This appointment comes as a signal honor to so young a congressman.

It will be a matter of interest here that the first time Congressman Cooley took the floor in the house was to urge the passage of the bill for immediate payment of the adjusted compensation certificates of the veterans. He spoke on the occasion of the presentation of a joint Resolution from the N. C. Legislature asking congress for this payment.

Previously during the day, Congressman Cooley had made his debut in the House in a role other than that of taking the oath of office and voting by presiding over the House, an unusual distinction for a new member. He substituted for Representative A. L. Bulwinkle, who had been named chairman of the committee of the whole House on the State of the Union for consideration of the annual appropriation bill for the post office and treasury departments.

## Cooley's Remarks

In presenting the bonus resolution, Mr. Cooley said:

"I am glad that my first utterance upon the floor of this House is in furtherance of a cause, which is near and dear to my heart. I am delighted to inform the House that the cause for which I am permitted to speak is likewise dear to the hearts of that fine body of men and women composing the General Assembly of North Carolina. As evidence of their interest in the welfare and happiness of that band of fearless men who carried the Stars and Stripes on the fields of France in the greatest conflict that the world has ever known, they have, by resolution of the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, memorialized Congress to enact legislation authorizing immediate payment to the veterans of the World War the face value of their adjusted service certificates."

It is expected that the majority of the North Carolina delegation in Congress will vote in favor of the bonus when the bill comes up. In the last session, only Congressman Doughton and Senator Bailey did not support the bonus bill. In this session, however, there may be some changes.

## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LESSON-SERMON

"Love" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Church and Societies of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, February 3, 1935.

The Golden Text was from 1 John 4: 11. "Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another."

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible: "And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease." (Matthew 10: 1.)

## ACCUSED OF SELLING POISONED WHISKEY

Tarboro, Feb. 4.—Joe Lassiter, who is charged with selling liquor to Ed Weatherspoon of Rocky Mount on Sunday, which resulted in the death of Weatherspoon, was given a preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace E. D. Foxall and released under a \$500 bond for his appearance at court, Sheriff W. E. Bardin, who made the arrest, found 8 gallons of Federal government stamped liquor at the filling station near this city when he arrested Lassiter.