

Reynolds Gone To Virgin Islands

North Carolina Senator will Investigate Conditions And Inquire Into Charges Filed Against Governor Pearson

Washington, April 25.—United States Senator Robert R. Reynolds left Washington tonight for the Virgin Islands, an American possession, where he will investigate conditions and inquire into charges filed against Governor Paul Pearson before the Senate Committee on Territories and Insular Affairs.

Senator Reynolds, who was named by Vice-President Garner as a member of a sub-committee, was unanimously selected by the other four members of the committee to sit as a court because of his keen knowledge of insular affairs and his success as a Federal prober, announced he would start hearings at St. Thomas beginning May 10th.

Federal investigators and attorneys have been in the islands for some time assembling evidence.

Senator Reynolds will stop off at Asheville en route South. He is to be guest of honor and principal speaker at the banquet to be held at the George Vanderbilt Hotel Saturday night in Asheville by those interested in the development of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Governor Hill McAllister, of Tennessee, also will speak at the banquet. A huge motorcade from all sections of North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee will bring guests to the affair.

Senator Reynolds has maintained keen interest in development of the Smoky Mountains Park project and he led the fight to have the Federal Government select the North Carolina route to the park.

Following his inquiry into affairs in the Virgin Islands, Senator Reynolds expects to proceed to the Panama Canal Zone where he will join with Senators Duffy, Bachman, Austin and Barbour as a sub-committee of the Senate Military Affairs Committee to probe labor conditions in the Canal Zone. The Senator is serving as chairman of this sub-committee. Protection of the Canal is of growing importance due to the strategic military position of this American "Gateway from East to West."

Following completion of the Panama Canal investigation, Senator Reynolds has been invited to visit numerous South and Central American countries as an "American Ambassador of Good Will" and to study trade conditions there which may prove helpful to the United States. He will make the tour of the South and Central American countries by airplane if he finds time to visit the Latin American neighbors.

During his absence from the National Capital, Senator Reynolds will continue to vote by proxy. He will keep in daily communication with Senate leaders, the chairmen of the various committees on which he serves, with those Senators who are handling various important national legislative bills, and his office.

Prior to his departure Senator Reynolds said: "Citizens of North Carolina may rest assured that during my absence the business of my office



Senator Robert R. Reynolds

will be conducted with the usual dispatch and efficiency. My secretary, Wesley McDonald, and the entire office staff will keep me constantly advised on North Carolina matters and national affairs. As I am going on a government mission delegated to me by the Senate and the Vice-President I shall be privileged to use all communication facilities for keeping in constant contact with the Senate and my office. I deem this important government assignment a great honor for the State of North Carolina."

If he finds time, Senator Reynolds plans to visit Puerto Rico to sound out sentiment of the natives on the subject of their independence.

Senator Reynolds has already achieved outstanding distinction as a Federal prober at the Capitol, as the result of his thorough inquiry into the inadequacy of the bankrupt and receivership laws as was disclosed by his recent investigations in the affairs of defunct hotels and real estate concerns. He also conducted public hearings on the bill pertaining to old age pensions and delved into the charges made by the little borrower that usurious interest rates were being levied at the Capitol. New laws for the protection of the small bond holder and the small borrower are expected to be enacted by the present Congress as the result of Senator Reynolds' investigations.

Senator Tydings of Maryland declared that he would sponsor an independent bill for Puerto Rico just as he had done for the Philippine Islands, if the people

seriously desire independence.

Senator King of Utah also was considering offering a Puerto Rican independence bill, coupled with a preferential trade agreement.

Coincident with these interesting developments concerning United States Southern possessions, Senator Sheppard intimated he would seek early action on his bill seeking to limit employment in the Canal Zone to American citizens. This measure, pending since February 12th, provides that only Americans may be employed in or about the locks, docks, coaling plant and other facilities under the jurisdiction of the army and navy departments, the Panama Canal Zone and the Panama Railway Steamship Line, "if any such occupations be of a nature which would permit an alien to aid, comfort or support an enemy in case the United States was involved in war."

Senator Reynolds has been named chairman of the Military Sub-committee to inquire into the advisability of this bill.

Redrying Plant To Be Enlarged

An Addition 40x60 feet Will Be Built On To The South End Of The Plant, Increasing Its Capacity A Third

Whiteville, April 30.—An addition of 40x60 feet will be built on to the tobacco redrying plant here in the near future, R. D. Williams, one of the officials of the firm operating the factory, announced last night. This will increase the capacity of the plant approximately one third.

The increase will be built on to the southern end of the building. The plant was built here two years ago and has been in operation for two tobacco seasons, and the increase is being made in order to meet an increasing volume of business.

The management and personnel of the plant, which is owned and operated by the Redrying Warehouse Association of this city, and Dibrell Brothers, will be practically the same as it was last year.

J. G. Boatwright, of Danville, H. W. Kympton, of Danville, and R. D. Williams, Sr., of Brook-

Local Colored School Closing

Commencement Program For Brunswick County Training School Announced By James E. Wilson; To Begin Wednesday

The commencement exercises of Brunswick County Negro Training School will begin Wednesday night at eight o'clock with calisthenics, a demonstration of physical education, the high school, six and seventh grades taking part.

Thursday night, May 2, at 8:00 o'clock a musical recital by the school chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Estelle Swain and Miss A. B. Morris, will be presented.

On Friday night, May 3, at 8:00 o'clock, "Spooky Tavern" a mystery play, will be presented by the Crown and Sceptre Club or honor students in the high school.

On Sunday afternoon, May 5, at 3:00 o'clock, the baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Rev. S. J. Howie, pastor of St. Luke A. M. E. Zion church in Wilmington.

On Monday night, May 6, at 8:00 o'clock, will be the class exercise under the direction of Miss L. B. Williams, teacher. The graduates are: Wellington Swain, George Clemmons, Charles Brown, Robert Price, Joseph Swain, Charles Greene, Francis Brown, Thelma Donaldson, Annie Evans, Willie Gibbs, Alfonso Jackson, Vivian Jackson, Lenora Moore and Lula Mae Smith.

On Tuesday night, May 7, at 8:00 o'clock, the commencement address will be delivered by Rev. H. L. Nevers. There will be orations by the following honor students: Thelma Donaldson, Vivian Jackson and Robert Price. Diplomas and prizes will be presented.—Reported.

Obtaining a loan from the Production Credit Association, farmers of Buncombe County have purchased 44 head of pure bred Aberdeen Angus beef cattle.

Explanation: "You see we spent all the money for the radio broadcast, so we have to get the newspapers to print it free.

neal, Va., are here at the present time looking after the interests of the redrying plant.

Dry Law Scored By Judge Myers

Calls It 'Damnable' During Trial Of Lonnie Strickland Of Columbus

Wilmington, April 23.—Judge Frank P. Myers of Charleston, who is conducting the spring term of Wilmington district court termed the prohibition law "damnable" during the trial of Lonnie Strickland of Columbus county yesterday morning.

"If half the energy, money and intelligence had been put into legitimate work that has been put into distilling and selling liquor since the passage of the damnable prohibition law, these people would have something," he said.

Strickland had pleaded guilty to violation of the liquor sections of the Internal Revenue Act and Judge Myers fined him \$150.

Strickland, through his attorney, pleaded that he had a wife and six children and was unable to pay the fine.

Judge Myers then made the statement. He added that illegal liquor operators had made millions, but none kept it and whenever they are caught they "squeal like stuck pigs."

Later he said this is the situation in South Carolina, his state, and that he believes it is the same in the Eastern North Carolina district.

Before the Strickland case was completed, Judge Myers gave the defendant 60 days in which to pay the fine.

The former Wilmingtonian, who is taking Judge I. M. Meekins' place on the local federal bench during the current term, commented regarding his boyhood here. He has a large number of relatives and acquaintances in the city and has expressed his pleasure over being able to make the present visit. He was appointed to the eastern South Carolina bench about a year ago.

Previously he had served many years as Master in Equity at Charleston.

Deer, Dogs Chum, Hunting Rabbits

Nakina, April 21.—If you are looking for some phase of unusualness in rabbit hunting, come into this vicinity and visit W. N. Hardwick's farm. Mr. Hardwick has two puppies and a young buck deer that were raised up together. And now that the pups have taken to chasing rabbits around in Mr. Hardwick's pasture, the deer follows them in the chase. And when the rabbit takes to a hollow, Mr. Hardwick says, the deer is there by the time the dogs are—only he doesn't bark.

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