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## Airport Bill Is Now Law

City Manager Discloses Airport Commission Bill Passed

State Senate Bill No. 465, entitled "To further amend chapter 209 of the private laws of 1907 amending the charter of the city of Rocky Mount and authorizing the creation of an airport commission," is now part of the law of North Carolina, Leslie B. Aycock, local city manager, disclosed last night.

"I understand it's passed three readings in both houses and has been ratified," Mr. Aycock stated.

The bill was introduced April 3 and was finally ratified Saturday of last week, it was explained.

The new law authorizes "the commissioners to acquire lands by purchase, lease or gift for such, and to equip, an airport. The bill would create a commission of six members to be appointed by the commissioners; two of these airport commissioners would serve to July, 1936, two to July 1937, and two to July, 1938, but after the first term all would serve for three years," a legislative bulletin from the state capital reveals.

This action follows the March board of aldermen meeting at which the airport commission was created locally. Its personnel includes J. L. Horne, Jr., chairman; W. C. Woodard, H. L. Battle, Senator L. L. Gravelly, Mayor M. D. Munn, and O. H. Page, superintendent of the northern division of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad company.

## Miss McCall To Give Services

Miss Peggy McCall, beauty specialist from the New York salon of Lesquendion, Inc., manufacturers of the Tussy cosmetic line, will offer her services and information this week through I. W. Rose drug company, here, it was announced today.

She brings the latest ideas in beauty culture, including the art of make-up, Rose drug company claims.

## Rev. J. L. Midgett In Hospital Here

Rev. J. L. Midgett, superannuated preacher of the North Carolina Conference, has been removed from his home in Norlina to Park View Hospital in Rocky Mount. Mr. Midgett has been in failing health for several months, and his condition at the present is very serious. Mrs. Midgett is with him at Park View.

PRESBYTERY CONVENES  
AT LEGGETT CHURCH

Tarboro, April 17.—The Albemarle Presbytery with delegates from many places in the East, assembled at the William and Mary Hart chapel at Leggett last night with about 200 people in attendance. Rev. Edward Mack, of the Presbyterian Seminary of Richmond, Va., preached the introductory sermon last night.

R. B. Peters, Sr., read a history of the Tarboro and Leggett Presbyterian churches. C. P. McClellan of this city read a history of the Albemarle Presbytery. Rev. Norman Johnson of Rocky Mount gave a report of the assembly's work for the year.

Rev. Mr. Johnson was elected moderator for the ensuing year. The session closed its program tonight.

LOSING TEAM TO GIVE  
SPREAD FOR WINNERS

Tarboro, April 17.—The local council of the Junior Order has concluded a contest for new members and the group represented by Dr. J. H. Brown, counselor, lost. Monday night they will give a Brunswick stew supper to the group led by C. S. Moore. The council has made plans for the erection of a building for occupants of the Order and members have taken shares in the building and loan association with which to finance the project. Past State Councilor Edgar V. Harris, who is now the field representative of the Order, reports an increase in memberships of the councils in the East.

TAKES BACK SHOES

Huntington, Ind.—Enraged when his girl "threw him over," after he lost his job, Lawrence Yahne encountered her in the business district here forced her to remove a pair of shoes he had given her and fled with them. She had to walk home in her stocking feet.

Supreme Court sets aside death sentences in Scottsboro case.

Readers, when you purchase goods advertised in these columns tell the merchants you saw it in  
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## Hon. R. L. Doughton



Hon. R. L. Doughton, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, U. S. Congress, and expected to be candidate for Governor. He has given notice that he will give a definite announcement by the first of May.

Doughton Statement

The statement issued by Mr. Doughton follows in full:

"My name having been mentioned so frequently in connection with the Democratic nomination for governor in 1936, I feel that I should, at an early date, let my friends, and all who are interested, know what I expect to do about the matter.

"I am deeply grateful to the thousands of people in our state, representative of all groups and classes, who have requested or insisted that I become a candidate. I can truthfully say that in no way have I encouraged or attempted to stimulate this sentiment. I have, however, consistently told those who have urged me to become a candidate, many of whom I had not previously known, that I would, at a time I considered proper, frankly state my intention.

"I trust that my many friends, who have either written me or discussed the matter with me personally, one or both, will not feel that I am unduly delaying a decision in this important matter, for as everyone knows, we are, and have been for sometime, engaged in one of the busiest and most important sessions of Congress in my public career, and I have little time to give to consideration of other matters.

"It is my purpose, however, to make a definite statement no later than April 30, setting forth frankly what action I contemplate taking relative to entering the primary as a candidate for governor."

## Leggett Offers Band Concert

The Twin County High School Band, under the direction of C. L. McCullers, local musician, will offer a concert Thursday night at 8 o'clock at Leggett school, it was announced today.

A small sum will be charged and all profit will be used for the athletic association at Leggett, it was said.

Mr. McCullers, who attended the band festival Sunday afternoon at Raleigh with his 56 musicians, was elected vice president of the festival association.

His band is composed of high school boys and girls from Nash and Edgecombe counties.

## Body Of Watkins Found Tuesday

David Watkins, 38, electrical appliance salesman, who had been missing since April 1 when he fell into Tar river near his city, was buried here late Thursday afternoon following services with Rev. T. E. Walters, Baptist pastor, officiating. Rites were held at 4:30 Thursday afternoon.

Watkins was found here early Tuesday morning, by volunteer searchers. He was pronounced dead from drowning by Dr. Norton, city health department superintendent.

He was fishing for shad here the night of April 1 when his boat is said to have capsized, throwing him and a companion, Raymond Dowdy into the water, Dowdy escaped.

Mr. Watkins' survivors included his wife and six children; his father, John Watkins and several half brothers and sisters.

FARM PRODUCTS TO CHINA

Washington.—Purchases of 159,536 bales of cotton 338,000 barrels of flour and 10,769,340 bushels of wheat were recently made by Dr. W. P. Wei for shipment to China, using only about one-third of the \$50,000,000 credit which was authorized by the RFC. The total amount spent was \$17,105,885.

Britain reports revenue surplus for second successive year. Retail business gains sharply, industry steady.

## OPPOSED TO SALES TAX

Union Workers Condemn Levy As Falling Most Heavily On Wage Workers

Durham, April 12.—Delegates representing 32 local unions with a combined membership of over ten thousand in Durham county, meeting in Central Labor Union headquarters here last night, adopted resolutions condemning the sales tax schedule of the revenue bill now pending in the General Assembly and urged legislators to "vote against this unfair tax, which falls heaviest on the wage earners of the State."

Endorsement was given by the organized workers to "the North Carolina Labor Voters League and the North Carolina Fair Tax Association which are working for the defeat of the sales tax," the closing paragraph of the resolutions state "that we pledge ourselves to immediately begin our plans to elect to the next General Assembly men who can be depended upon to work for a system of taxation based on the true principles of just taxation—ability to pay." Adoption of the resolutions came at the conclusion of discussion by officials of the unions following two addresses by Paul Leonard of Statesville, active head of the Fair Tax Association who came over from Raleigh as the special guest of the evening. Leonard first spoke to an audience of several hundred tobacco workers, largely women, who met in their headquarters early in the evening, and went from there to the Labor Temple, where representatives of all the crafts were gathered.

## Sou. R R Expands Train Service

Improvement in comfort, convenience and speed is to continue to be the policy of the Southern Railway with reference to passenger business, states J. S. Bloodworth, Division Passenger Agent. Below is a telegram received by this paper with reference to improved service:

R. T. Fountain,

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Easter Greetings period December first nineteen thirty-three Southern Railway system established substantial reduction in passenger fares on following basis coach tickets one and one half cents per mile fifteen day round trip tickets two cents per mile six months round trip tickets two and one half cents per mile and three cents per mile one way tickets the latter three kinds of tickets being good in sleeping or parlor cars on payment of proper charges for space occupied period these fares are still in effect period as an added facility for the comfort of our patrons the southern will have air conditioned pullman and dining cars on all principal through trains. During the coming summer period we hope for a continuance of your patronage which has been and is greatly appreciated period regards and thanks.

J. S. Bloodworth

## Mrs. Williamson Is Buried Here

Local Woman Ill For Several Months—Funeral Tuesday Afternoon At Four O'clock

Mrs. Jettie Lee Williamson, 53, who died last Sunday afternoon at her home, No. 1006 Clark Street, was laid to rest Tuesday afternoon after home services held at 4 o'clock with Rev. C. W. Goldston, pastor of the Clark Street Methodist Church in charge. Burial was in Pineview.

Mrs. Williamson, who came here several years ago from Columbus county with her family, had belonged to Clark Street Methodist Church. She succumbed about 5:30 Monday afternoon after being ill several months.

She leaves her husband, D. W. Williamson; six children, all of Columbus county, Mrs. J. L. Beleh, Bernice Williamson, Mary Williamson, Dorothy Williamson, William Williamson, and Mrs. Darcus Gore; 4 sisters, Mesdames Nie Gore, Mary Williamson, Francis Williamson, all of Columbus county and Alice Long, Brunswick county; and three brothers, Vanderbilt, Walter, and Robert Gore, all of Columbus county.

Mrs. Williamson was Miss Jettie Lee Gore before her marriage.

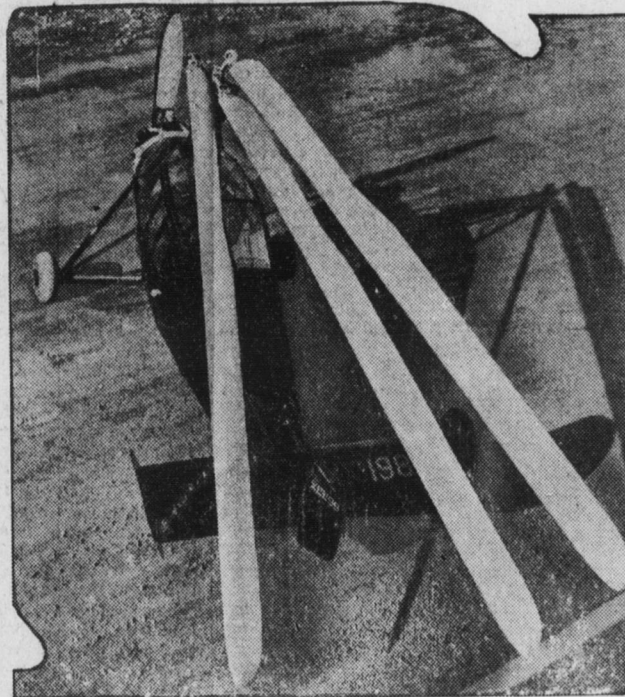
ALL-STEEL BENCHES IN PARKS

Paris.—As a means of preventing the use of any parts during street riots, authorities are planning to disarm the park benches. Often during such riots, the broken wooden benches were easily broken up and used as weapons against police and members of opposing factions, with deadly effect. All-steel benches are to be used.

BEER TAXES

The average income per month to the Federal Government from beer taxes has been \$1,860,000, or about \$178,000,000 annually.

## Family Autogyro Is Due Before Long



In the near future the family autogyro may be taken from the garage on a Sunday, have its rotor blades "unfolded" and take off for a ride around the countryside. Uncle Sam is furnishing the financial backing for the development of a low cost wingless plane of the gyro type, with rotor wings that fold back. Here we are looking down on the folded rotors. The plane embodies most improvements of the safety type and eliminates many things that have kept the average man from flying.

## Soilders Compensation Certificates

The general belief is, that since the President's Relief Bill has been put through, now the President will turn his attention to the payment of the soldiers adjusted compensation certificates, and that a plan will be worked out whereby the soldiers will receive payment, and not have to wait until 1945. The Government, having recognized this obligation, and these certificates being practically in the form of negotiable paper, should pay these certificates because it does not create a new debt. In speaking of the payment of the soldiers bonus, a great many people feel like it is creating a new debt. We personally hope that Congress and the President can get together on this important question and give immediate relief in this matter.

## REDGATE AVENUE CONNECTION

It has been suggested by members of the Board of Aldermen, that the reason Redgate Avenue has not been connected with School Street, is that a house had been constructed, which would make this work expensive. Now, those familiar with the history of this street connection, which has been going on for several years, will remember that there was an effort to get this street connected before this house was built, and some of the members of the Board who are refusing to help get this connection made, were on the Board at that time, and objected to it.

Investigation has been made, and the connection can be made without the removal of a single house. Residents of Redgate and Long Avenue are anxious for the connection, and as to whether the street runs in a curve or is straight, this is a matter they are not concerned with; they want the connection. From a petition offered by them, and the lay of the ground, it is apparent that this connection can be made, and we do not understand why the Board is withholding the request of these people. The people of Redgate and Long are people of standing, and their petition should receive careful consideration.

## OLD AGE SECURITY BILL

The Old Age Pension Security Bill has been introduced in Congress, and reported out of the Ways and Means Committee. This bill has been amended by that committee, and is now being debated in the House of Representatives, being in charge of Mr. Doughton, the Democratic chairman of the Ways and Means Committee and opposed by the Republicans, whose minority leader is Mr. Treadway of New York.

It is generally admitted that we are going to have an old age pension law, which will probably affect everybody in need beyond the age of sixty. We are not familiar with the full provisions of the bill, but we are informed that the pensions were arranged from thirty to fifty dollars per month, according to the age of those who are eligible to apply for this pension. This looks like a great change in sentiment of our government, and is being severely opposed by the Republican party.

The conditions are much changed now from what they were one-half or even a quarter of a century back. The coming of this great machine age has eliminated men power, has caused great congestion of wealth, and unemployment brought about solely by the so-called labor saving machines and devices. Many of these employers of labor will not employ a person over forty, which is supposed to be about middle age, and we were told by a preacher the other day that even the ministry was adopting such a plan; that it was hard for a minister of forty-five to get a good call from a strong church, and largely after age forty-five, he was generally located by some mission board in mission work. Now, this being so, it makes it absolutely necessary that the government undertake to give some security to old age, which is now being done by the government in Washington.

The bill which is being piloted by the Chairman of the

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## PARAGRAPHS ON NATIONAL PROBLEMS AT WASHINGTON

### Neal Adkins To Be New Teacher

Will Head Industrial Arts Department Here, Wilson Says

Neal A. Adkins, who has been teaching in the Lexington high school faculty for two years as head of the industrial arts department there, will have charge of the industrial arts, department of the high school here next fall, Superintendent R. M. Wilson disclosed last night.

The industrial arts department, an innovation decided on at a recent school board meeting, will be established in the basement of Central high school building, according to present plans.

C. S. Taylor, chairman, R. T. Fountain, Superintendent Wilson, and J. J. Wells were named at the session as a committee to investigate the cost of equipment for the new department, and will report back to the school board their findings.

Mr. Adkins, a graduate of Eastern Illinois State Teachers College, holds a B. S. Degree from there, and has made an outstanding record at Lexington where he has taught since graduation, according to the Lexington school officials. He installed the industrial arts department at Lexington also.

Superintendent Wilson expects Mr. Adkins to come to Rocky Mount within a short time.

The new industrial arts instructor will be the second Lexington high school teacher Rocky Mount has obtained within the past few weeks, as Marion Justice, chemistry and biology instructor, replaced Marcus Braswell a short time ago.

Mr. Adkins accepted the position this past Saturday.

### 'Charity' Checks

Confusing the word "parity" and apparently regarding the payment more as a donation than as remuneration for value received, an old colored woman called at the office of County Agent T. B. Brandon a day or two ago and said, "Please give me my 'charity' check." Here was one of the last few to be distributed from the first group of checks received in the county.

Reports indicate that almost as fast as the checks were distributed, the money was spent, the largest single amount probably going for fertilizer. The banks in this section reported only slight deposit increases. Merchants reported comparatively large increases in their sales during the past few days.

### Daniels Will Address Women

Greensboro, April 12.—Josephus Daniels, United States ambassador to Mexico, will deliver the commencement address at the Woman's College on June 3, according to an announcement made by Dr. W. C. Jackson, dean of administration, at a meeting last night of the senior class at which commencement plans were discussed.

Dr. Jackson told the seniors that the choice of Ambassador Daniels as their baccalaureate speaker was a peculiarly happy one, for he had been a friend and supporter of Charles D. McIver, who was the founder of the College and its first president. Nor has Ambassador Daniels' interest in the Woman's College waned since those early days when it was the State Normal and Industrial School. He has been a staunch friend throughout all these years, championing the cause of the education of women, Dr. Jackson stated.

### OLD TIRES TO CHINA

Shanghai.—Here's the answer to one of our questions—what happens to all the old worn-out automobile tires? Immense quantities of them are being bought up and shipped to China where they are used as soles for sandals worn by coolies and peasants.

### BROKEN BONE PIERCES HEART

Darlington, Wis.—Although the automobile in which Anton Kummer, 65, was riding, climbed an embankment and returned to the highway without overturning, the impact of the accident broke a bone in his leg. The bone pierced Kummer's heart and caused his death.

### FORMER STARS STILL WORK

Hollywood, Cal.—Among those who were first-ranking film stars twenty or twenty-five years ago, and are still working in the movies are: William Farnum, Florence E. Turner, Grace Cunard, William Desmond, King Baggott, Lillian Rich, Jack Mulhall, William Faversham, and others.

AMAZING SPECTACLE  
PRESIDENT MUST DIRECT  
WHOLE PROGRAM FALTERS  
CONGRESS IN A JAM  
MANY MEASURES PENDING  
WHAT IT MIGHT MEAN  
TALK OF THIRD PARTY  
FARLEY TO QUIT CABINET  
REFUNDING THE BONDS  
NRA TEST IN COURT  
CCC TO BE EXPANDED

By Hugo Sims, Special Washington Correspondent

It is in a sense, an amazing spectacle that confronts the observer in Washington. Here we have a President who carried all but six States in 1932 with a party that swept the nation more completely in 1934 and many members sitting in Congress because they pledged themselves to support the Chief Executive and for little other reason.

So what? Mr. Roosevelt comes back from his Florida fishing trip to find that, after more than three months in session, the overwhelmingly Democratic Congress has done little or nothing for the Administration program, except to pass, after interminable wrangling in the Senate, the largest single appropriation bill ever made in time of war or peace. He is aware that bitter criticism is extant among the ranks of his own party; that his administrative agencies are under violent attack and that some of his own leaders are anxious to give up part of the legislative program that he laid down some weeks ago.

Naturally, Republicans are jubilant, although truth to relate, the national picture presents no solid basis for such joy. Nevertheless, it is vitally necessary for the President to take a stronger directing hand in the affairs of legislation if he expects to bring anything like order out of the mess that now confronts Congress. Our own idea is that he will not delay positive action much longer, now that the huge work relief bill is in hand, and that the nation will again witness firmness and determination in applying pressure upon the members of his own party organization.

After two and a half months of consideration the enormous sum of \$4,800,000 was given him by a vote of 66 to 13 in the Senate and 317 to 70 in the House. Despite the prolonged delay in the upper chamber the President virtually got what he wanted, and is ready to spend something like \$230,000,000 a month for "relief work relief, and to increase employment by providing for useful projects." This is about \$80,000,000 more per month than present relief costs, but it is hardly expected that increased expenditures will get under way for several months.

Congress has before it many important proposals, some of which will involve prolonged dispute and debate. The legislative situation appalls leaders who hope that some way it will be allowed to go over until the session next January. How far the President will recede from his planned program remains to be seen, but it is possible that insistent demand from him will force action, which, in most cases, is bound to be favorable.

The economic security measure, providing old age pensions, unemployment compensation, security for children and public health, is sure to cause much discussion and take time. The Republicans in the House were not united last week so the issue and the Democrats were divided into two groups contesting over the procedure to be followed in handling the bill. Moreover, there was sentiment in favor of dividing the objects sought, with the idea of acting on the old age pensions part alone, but alterations made by the House committee have brightened prospects for the entire bill. However, when it gets into the Senate there is the prospect of delay, if not material modification, and undoubtedly advocates of various plans will seek amendments to widen or curtail its effectiveness.

Space in this column does not permit a full summary of the many viewpoints expressed or to give detailed analyses of many issues that still loom before Congress. Some of them, notably the extension of NRA, new capital for the HOLC, the nuisance taxes and regular appropriation bills, must be passed if the government is to continue after various dates upon which present legislation expires.

These will get through the jam in some form but other controversial matters are on the calendar for action, including, besides the security utility holding companies, the new banking measure, amendments to AAA, the revised Pure Food and Drug bill, and certain measures sponsored by various groups of legislators or citizens who have received some assurance that they will have their day in court. These include the bonus controversy, silver and inflation legislation, and others.

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