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New Deal Wins Smashing Victory In T.V.A. Case

Supreme Court By A Decision Rendered By An Eight One Vote Uphold Government Right to Build Plants—Sell Power.

A smashing victory in the Supreme Court for the new deal was registered Tuesday when the nine justices upheld the TVA set-up by a vote of 8-1.

Celebrations on a large scale were carried out in the Tennessee Valley when the decision was made known, and plans, temporarily held up, were put in operation again for other vast power projects.

The court in a clear-cut manner made it plain that the government could sell surplus electricity at dams constructed for national defense or for any other constitutional purpose.

Speaking for the administration, Chairman McIninch, of the Power Commission, made a formal statement on the meaning of the decision to the country.

Among other North Carolina projects that can now be constructed is the Hiwassee River Dam in the western part of the state.

J. C. Ruffin Was Buried Wednesday

Tarboro, Feb. 18.—Joseph Clifton Ruffin, well known Tarboro resident, large Edgemont county planter and former proprietor of a leading mercantile store, died suddenly at his home after suffering a paralytic stroke. He was 53 years old.

Mr. Ruffin had been in ill health for a number of years but had taken no recent turn for the worse and was thought to have been as well as usual when he was stricken.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from Howard Memorial Presbyterian church with Rev. Chester Alexander, pastor, in charge. Burial will follow in Greenwood cemetery.

Mr. Ruffin was born in Edgemont county July 4, 1882, the son of the late James H. Ruffin and Mrs. Joan na Braswell Ruffin.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Sallie Knight; two sons, James Clifton and Julian Foxhall Ruffin of this city; a daughter, Mrs. Gilbert Stovall, Lexington, Ky.; three brothers, M. T. Ruffin, Lee Ruffin and Mark Ruffin of this city, and two sisters, Mrs. Ben Lawrence of Tarboro and Miss Ida Ruffin of Rocky Mount.

Sues For Possession Of Corpse

Claim and delivery papers were resorted to in an unusual manner the past week to recover the dead body of a 102-year-old Stany Negro woman, Leanna Sibley, who died at the home of a relative near Richfield 10 days ago. It happened like this:

Following her death January 25 the body of "Aunt" Leanna, as everyone knew her, was turned over to a Negro undertaker of Salisbury, who alleged that the deceased had been protected by burial insurance. The funeral had been set for the following Tuesday afternoon, and when relatives and friends gathered at the grave and no body showed up after many hours of waiting some of the brethren set out for Salisbury to ascertain the reason.

Calling at the establishment where the body had been carried, they were told by the Negro undertaker that the woman's insurance dues had not been duly paid, and that she was not in good standing with the association, and therefore the body was being held for the undertaking charges, amounting to \$50.

Thus the brethren were faced with a peculiar situation as "Aunt" Leanna had no immediate survivors from the 18 children who had been born to her except on son, aged 70, now being cared for by the county, and there was no one to pay the undertaking charges.

Days passed, and still no burial service. Last Saturday some of the Negroes decided that something must be done. In sympathy with their plight, an Albemarle attorney prepared a claim and delivery action, placing the value of the body at \$50, and these papers were served upon the Salisbury undertaker. In lieu of putting up \$10,000 bond to fight the action, he surrendered the body, and "Aunt" Leanna was brought to her home and buried in due form Sunday afternoon.

Wife to absent minded husband: Cant I trust you to do anything right! First you sit in the lunch, then you miss the trolley—then you lose the key—and now you've given the tickets to Willie to tear up for confetti.

TOO BIG TO USE DOOR

New York.—Police were compelled to knock out a window and lower Mrs. Sarah Jackson, 66, three stories to the ground in a sack when the elderly woman had to be taken to a hospital for treatment. She weighed 350 pounds and egress thru the door was impossible.

Wilson Robbery Is Discovered

About \$300 In Cash, Checks, Securities Taken From Safe

Wilson, Feb. 18.—About \$300 in cash checks and securities were reported missing today from the safe of County Auditor W. J. Boykin here as police endeavored to find some clue which would lead them to the men who presumably opened the combination safe during the night.

The cash, amounting to about \$200, was that of Tax Collector Carl Batts, as were the checks and securities, it was stated here.

Unofficially, opinion was expressed it was an "inside" job. Two safes, very similar in appearance, were in the office, and one contained nothing and the other the money, checks and securities. The first was allegedly untouched and the second opened by discovering the combination, reportedly,

Many Attend Rites For Hyman Bradley

Among a throng of grief stricken relatives and friends who attended funeral services for the late William Hyman Bradley, popular young business man of this city who succumbed of pneumonia on Friday of last week, were many from out of the city.

Services were conducted from the late residence on Western avenue on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Rev. Norman Johnson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church.

Among those who came from elsewhere were H. R. Bradley, of Providence, Rhode Island, a brother of the deceased; Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Bradley, of Columbia, South Carolina; Herbert Cox, of Wilson; Mr. and Mrs. Fountain Cox, of Robersonville; Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Rouse, of Rocky Mount; Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Rouse, of Goldsboro; Louis Brown of Oak City; Amber Brown, of Williamston; W. H. Rouse, of Kingston; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Weeks, Murray Staniel, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Edmondson, Mrs. R. H. Denton, Miss Louise Denton, Miss Ruth Denton, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Gay, Jr., Henry Kellum, of Tarboro, and Miss Lela Bowling of Durham.

N. W. Walker Dies At Chapel Hill

N. W. Walker, 61, for many years head of the Department of Education and director of the Summer School at the University of N. C., died at his home in Chapel Hill, Thursday afternoon.

Private funeral services were held from the home Saturday afternoon at 2:30, followed by public services in the Chapel Hill Cemetery, at 3 o'clock.

Body Of Baker Not yet Found

Searchers Drag Muddy Waters Of Flooded Neuse Without Results As \$100 Reward Is Offered For Recovery Of Body

Searchers in boats and walking up and down the banks of the swollen waters of the Neuse river, augmented by the offer of one hundred dollars reward, have as yet failed to find any trace of the body of Henry Baker, who, it is believed, went into the river following a wreck Monday night, February 10. The family of the missing man offered the reward hoping thus to locate the body of Baker. However, search has been made very difficult by the rapid rise in the waters of the Neuse, which is now out of its bank in many places. Some of the searchers went in boats as far down the river as Smithfield, and others have made a thorough search near the scene of the accident, but all without result.

FEET FROZEN TO PLATFORM

Paris, Mo.—While attempting to thaw a pump with the thermometer at 15 below zero, Mrs. Roy Purvis, farmer's wife, had the unique experience of having her feet frozen to the concrete platform of the pump. Her husband had to pour hot water around her overshoes in order to free her.

Green asks for restrictions on the Supreme Court.

Reich insists she owns colonies lost in war; Britain disagrees.

Soviet canal will open the Caspian Sea to ocean traffic.

Fitts Is Out For Prosecutor

I would like very much to have the office of Nash County Solicitor this time in view of the fact that many men and women through out the country have asked me to run.

I have lived in Nash County twenty six years and have supported every democratic movement in the County of consequence during that period of time, it is further well known that I have practiced law with offices in Rocky Mount—in both the State and Federal courts for the last eight years.

The office of County solicitor of any county is a very important one, and therefore should always be filled by a man of long practical experience in life and in law, one who is seasoned enough to understand its application as well as the law itself.

If the people favor me with the office, I shall feel very grateful to them for the recognition and will undertake to give to the office the kind of service it requires and that which the tax payers and people in general have a right to expect.

F. W. Fitts, Attorney, Rocky Mt., N. C.

Tarboro Merchant Pleads Ignorance

Sugar Says He Did Not Know They Were "Hot Stuff"

Tarboro, Feb. 16.—Phillip Shugar, local merchant, named in a written confession by Sam Needleman of Goldsboro as one of several persons to whom he sold stolen goods, asserted today he was unaware at the time of his purchase that the goods he bought were stolen.

"If I had known Needleman was selling me 'hot stuff,' I'd have knocked his teeth down his throat," said Mr. Shugar.

Seeking to clear up assertions connecting him with a widespread ring believed to have stolen and sold thousands of dollars worth of goods in North Carolina, Mr. Shugar said he had been buying goods from Needleman for many years. He said Needleman once worked for a reputable wholesale house in Baltimore and that therefore when Needleman came to his store several weeks ago and offered to sell him a quantity of socks, it never occurred to him that the goods might have been stolen.

"I bought the socks at 10 per cent below the market price and paid Needleman \$400 cash," said the merchant, "I asked him for a bill of sale and he never brought it to you later. So I never thought any more about the matter until afterwards when I found out the socks were stolen."

Shugar, who still has the socks, is not charged with any crime in connection with the case, he declared.

BETTER ENGLISH PLEDGE

"I promise that I will not dishonor my country's speech by leaving off the last syllable of words; that I will say a good American 'Yes' and 'No' in place of an Indian grunt, 'unh' and 'huhunch'; that I will do my best to improve American speech by avoiding loud rough tones, by enunciating distinctly and by speaking pleasantly and sincerely; that I will try to make my country's language beautiful."

NATIONAL LEADERS TO SPEAK AT CONFERENCE

"The Health Officers and Sanitarians who come to Raleigh next week will hear many recognized authorities in the field of public health discuss the various problems in general sanitation, milk sanitation and Malaria Control," stated Warren H. Booker, Director of the Division of Sanitary State Board of Health.

Dr. Cris P. Segard of the Wisconsin Alumni Research Bureau will speak Thursday, February 20 on subjects relating to diet, milk, minerals and vitamins. On Friday, February 21, Dr. L. L. Williams, Jr. of the U. S. Public Health Service, and Dr. Z. P. Metcalf of the Department of Entomology of State College will speak on Malaria Control.

The faculty of the N. C. State College and the staff of the State Board of Health and several men who are prominently identified with national organizations will take important parts on the program.

More than one hundred health officers, sanitary engineers, health workers, public health nurses, sanitarians and others interested in public health are expected to attend. This year's conference bids fair to be the largest and most interesting of any that has been held so far.

TRAIN WRECKED BUS

Sound Brook, N. J.—Standing in the snow at a safe distance, the 33 passengers of a bus which had stalled on a train track saw the engine of the train plow into the bus and hurled it off the tracks into a gully. When the back wheels of the bus became locked on the tracks, the driver ordered his passengers to get out.

Mongolians Guard Their Borders



Frequent clashes between the Outer Mongolians and the Manchukuoans lead to the belief that before long war will break out, involving Soviet Russia and Japan. The group of Mongolians shown above are guarding the frontier. These tribesmen are fine cavalrymen and hard fighters.

To The Mayor And Aldermen

TO THE HONORABLE Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of the city of Rocky Mount.

We feel it our duty to bring it again to the attention of your honorable body, the serious need for a playground and recreational space in Rocky Mount and especially is this so on the Edgemont side.

The Lutheran church which has heretofore provided breathing and playground space for our children is planning to begin the erection of a church building. There is a vacant lot just across the street from this church, within three blocks of the center of the town which may be acquired by purchase or condemnation.

We address this letter to you in the interest of the babies, and the young children.

This is a group that largely can not speak for themselves and we are urging this need upon you in their behalf.

This group can not vote but should be able to have their appeal heard.

We have provided bountifully for those who have airships, if there be one in the town. The field cost \$50,000. We have built a lake for the sportsman, and beautified it with flowers around the river. It cost about \$100,000. Plans have been made for providing suitable space for the city offices and recreation, at a cost of around \$100,000.

According to the press reports, the main objective of the Chamber of Commerce this year will be to try to get Big League Baseball.

We have already voted \$30,000 for a stadium which supplemented by the government bounty will make an expenditure of around \$100,000.

Now, we are not registering any complaint about these expenditures, they speak for themselves, but we do say that not one of the above expenditures were needed one-tenth as much as a playground space in Rocky Mount.

Now, Mr. Mayor and gentlemen of the Board, will you not appoint a committee to look into this park site which has been mentioned above and other sites which may be found.

Now, we know that it has been contended that the Board is short of money, but with the above expenditures having been made, we feel certain that the Board could not turn this request down for the lack of funds.

Aunt Of Local Women Is Dead

Mrs. Mary Vines Cooke, 85, aunt of three local women, died in Youngsville of infirmities of old age, relatives learned here.

Mrs. Cooke, widow of the late Dr. Walter Cooke, of Franklin county, succumbed at the home of her son, Walter Jones Cooke.

Funeral services were conducted at the son's home Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock with interment in the family plot.

Two sons, Walter Jones and Charles Vines Cooke, of Savannah, Ga., survive as do three nieces here, Mrs. H. M. Avant, Mrs. E. P. Bunn, and Mrs. Effie Vines Gordon.

Garner Club Showers Library

An outstanding activity of the Garner Woman's Club during the fall was the book shower sponsored by the library committee.

Members of the Junior Woman's Club, dressed to represent famous book characters, served punch and wafers. An interesting contest was held to determine who could identify the largest number of book characters represented. Miss Frances Thompson was the winner. Forty-six books were donated to the library at that time.

From "The North Carolina Club Woman."

MYSTERY EPIDEMIC

Rio de Janeiro.—An epidemic, unidentified but believed to be cholera, is claiming "hundreds of victims" in the village of Santa Rem on the Tapajos river. The village has a population of about 5,000 inhabitants.

Funeral Rites For Mrs. Mary Emerson

Mrs. Mary Emerson, 77, died at the home of her daughter Mrs. W. R. Saunders of 415 South Washington street, from an illness contracted at the beginning of the year.

Funeral services were held from the South Washington street home with Rev. George W. Perry, pastor of the First Methodist church, officiating. Burial followed at Luray, Va., Mrs. Emerson's former home. She had lived with her daughter here for the last three years.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. W. R. Saunders of this city, Mrs. J. K. Ambrose of Woodstock, Va., Mrs. Tom Brown and Mrs. Irvin Coats of Luray, Va.; and three sons, Milton E. Emerson, N. A. Emerson, and T. M. Emerson, all of Luray.

BURGLERS USE GAS

Tulsa, Okla.—Apparently using gas to keep their victim, Policeman Frank Todd, asleep while they worked, burglars chiseled the lock off the door to Todd's home and robbed him of \$640.

TEXAS INVITES NATION

Texas is inviting the nation to Dallas for the Texas Centennial, opening June 6.

Murals, prizes, bas reliefs, works of sculpture and other artistic touches costing more than a half million dollars are provided for in plans of the Texas Centennial Exposition.

DYNAMITES CROWS

Oklahoma City.—Dynamite thrown into the blackjack thickets killed more than fifteen thousand crows, in the most extensive attack ever made by the State Game and Fish Department on the crow.

PARAGRAPHS ON NATIONAL PROBLEMS AT WASHINGTON

Mrs. Ruffin Buried In Edgemont Co.

By Hugo Sims, Special Washington Correspondent

Tarboro, Feb. 18.—Mrs. Hattie Ruffin, highly esteemed Tarboro woman, died at her home on St. Andrew street Sunday night following a short illness. Funeral services were held from the First Baptist church at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

A native and lifelong resident of Edgemont county, she was 65 years old at the time of her death. Surviving are two sons, Robert Ruffin of this city and Jimmie Ruffin of Rocky Mount; and two brothers, James Hodge of Winston-Salem and E. B. Hodges of Norfolk, Va.

Fountain-Hart Mills United

Hart, Fountain Mills To Be Grouped Together—Annex Contract To Be Let

Tarboro, Feb. 18.—With plans complete for the grouping together of Hart and Fountain cotton mills here, a building committee went forward today with plans for letting contracts on an annex which officers claim will make the new plant the largest print cloth mill in Eastern North Carolina.

At a recent meeting of stockholders directors of the mill were elected as follows: John Youngblood, C. A. Johnson, S. N. Clark and R. P. Cherry of this city; John H. Rogers, John T. Rich and H. C. Cunningham of Norfolk, Va., H. M. Leslie of New York City and John Yancey of Marion.

The directors named Mr. Rogers, who was president of Hart Mill, and Mr. Youngblood, who was vice president, president and vice president respectively of the new mill. R. J. Walker was elected secretary and treasurer and Jimmie Britt assistant secretary and treasurer.

The two mills previously had been brought together under one head when Fountain mill stock was bought in by Hart mill stockholders. Mr. Youngblood said \$150,000 will be spent in perfecting the physical changes necessary, of which \$50,000 will go for new machinery. Fountain mill, now offered for sale, will be abandoned and all operations will be carried on at the present Hart mill plant after erection of an annex and installation of the new machinery. Fountain mill workers will be transferred to Hart mill.

Davenport Group Vote Today

College Board Favors Reopening Of School in September

Charlotte, Feb. 18.—Trustees of Davenport college at Lenoir, which was closed three years ago, voted here today to reopen it next September if at all possible.

"Things look encouraging," said the Rev. J. H. Barnhardt, of Raleigh, vice chairman of the board, following the meeting. "Of course, the problems, as always, are largely financial. It looks as if the reopening can be managed this year."

Mr. Barnhardt presided over the meeting in the absence of F. C. Sherrill, of Cornelius, chairman. The trustees did not take under consideration the plan suggested by the general missions board of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, for the use of the mission building at Junaluska for the college.

Mr. Barnhardt said no consideration was given to it because the college already had a plant at Lenoir and because the Junaluska location was quite near Brevard where the Methodist church already is operating a junior college.

A committee was named to confer with the board of Christian education of the Western North Carolina Methodist conference on the question of financing the reopening of Davenport.

The Rev. J. W. Hoyle, presiding elder of the Statesville district, was made chairman of the committee. Serving with him will be the Rev. R. M. Courtney, of Shelby, and Thad H. Ford, Shelby Layman.

FIANCEE HEARS FATAL SHOT

Los Angeles.—Charles Gilbert shot and fatally wounded himself while the girl he was to marry listened at a telephone.

TO ADJOURN MAY 1ST? SEEKING AMERICAN UNITY NO TAX ON ADVERTISING MONEY FOR FARMERS NAVAL AGREEMENT PITTMAN ON JAPAN NEW HOUSING PLAN GREEN FOR AMENDMENT TO PROTECT INDEPENDENTS

Last week congressional leader virtually abandoned all efforts to pass a permanent neutrality measure and thus took a step toward securing an early adjournment. A brief "must" list included new farm aid legislation, a tax bill to raise \$500,000,000 for the farm program, an appropriation for work relief and the regular departmental supply bills. Other legislation may be called for as a result of future decisions of the Supreme Court and while this may prolong the session, some leaders have tentatively set May 1st as the approximate end of the session.

President Roosevelt has taken up with all American Republics the possibility of organizing peace machinery for the Western Hemisphere with the idea of carrying out the "policy of the good neighbor." The idea is to provide methods of settling disputes by peaceful means and possibly to re-define the Monroe Doctrine in a way agreeable to the other nations and thereby to secure multi-lateral endorsement. That the famous doctrine will be the subject of discussion is certain even if Washington wishes to avoid it. Possibly the new doctrine will include general responsibility of all Western nations for a warning to the rest of the world to keep their hands off.

In a unanimous opinion, the United States Supreme Court abolished the effort of the State of Louisiana to tax the gross advertising revenue of the larger newspapers in that state. The Court held that the law was a "deliberate and calculated device" to withhold information from the people of Louisiana and that its plain purpose was to penalize a selected group of newspapers. Holding that newspapers, magazines and other journals shed light on the public and business affairs of the nation and that any suppression or abridgment of such publicity cannot be regarded otherwise than with grave concern, the Court lost little time in throwing out the tax imposed which affected only thirteen newspapers published in the larger centers of Louisiana.

Last week it seemed probable that the Administration, in financing the stop-gap farm relief program, would use a schedule of excises covering a broadened list of agricultural commodities. In addition to wheat, cotton, tobacco, rice and hogs, subject to processing taxes heretofore, similar taxes were being considered on beef, corn, rye, oats and hops. Moreover, compensatory levies on products competitive with those to be taxed were being studied. The idea seems to be to widen the base of the taxes so that the levies will not be as high as the individual processing taxes.

Last week the United States, Great Britain, France and Italy agreed not to build any cruisers over 8,000 tons in size or mounting heavier guns than 6.1 inches in calibre for a period of five years, with the success of the pact depending on whether Japan and Germany are willing to accept its rules. This means a waiver on the part of the United States on its big cruiser policy which the Navy Department has insisted upon in the face of foreign opposition since the end of the Washington Naval Conference fourteen years ago.

The existing 10,000-ton cruisers will not be scrapped and may be replaced by others of the same size when they become over-age. At present the United States and Great Britain have fifteen Class A cruisers, with guns of more than 6.1 inches, fourteen for Japan, eleven for Italy and ten for France. In smaller cruisers Great Britain, with 48, leads the parade, followed by Japan with 26, the United States and Italy with 19 and France with 14.

On the Army's side of the preparedness record, it should be noted that Congress took up last week the War Department supply bill, carrying \$374,981,521 for military activities.

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