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WORK MAKING PROGRESS ON NEW CLINIC

Building On Rose Street Will House Speight-Stone-Bunn Clinic

A new and modern clinic, being constructed on Rose street by Dr. J. A. Speight and Dr. M. L. Stone of this city and Dr. J. P. Bunn, Jr., of Battleboro, is expected to be completed about the end of the year, it was learned.

Of modern brick architecture, the clinic will have complete medical facilities. It will include an operating room, a delivery room, a laboratory and an x-ray room, in the down stairs portion to be occupied by the physicians' offices.

There will be five bedrooms and living quarters upstairs, and the building will be served by an elevator.

When the building is completed, a part of the upstairs will be occupied by Dr. R. L. Whitehurst's dental office.

Fort Macon Road Is Now Complete

Route Winding Among Sand Dunes From Atlantic Beach To Fort Macon Opened

Raleigh, Sept. 22.--The surfacing of the highway which winds among the sand dunes from Atlantic Beach to Fort Macon State Park and old Fort Macon had been completed so that this highway is again open to the public, State Forester J. S. Holmes announced today.

This stretch of road, about four miles long, was built by the Civilian Conservation Camp located in the Fort Macon State Park area about two years ago and was later taken over as a part of the state highway system by the State Highway and Public Works Commission. Due to the large number of people who have been visiting the park and old Fort Macon since the road was built, the highway department finally decided to surface it so that it would be passable under all weather conditions. This surfacing was completed and the road open to traffic Sunday, September 12, Mr. Holmes said.

It is now possible to drive from Morehead City all the way to Fort Macon on a surfaced highway. The new road turns off the left of the present surfaced highway just before it reaches Atlantic Beach.

Although the highway to the fort was not then open, 729 persons visited the fort enclosure during the week ending Saturday, September 11, Mr. Holmes said, not including those who drove into the park but who did not visit the fort.

The weekly average of those visiting Fort Macon this summer from May 24 through September 11 was 224 a week as compared with 803 a week for the corresponding period in 1936, Mr. Holmes said. This decrease in the number of visitors is attributed largely to the fact that the road to the fort was closed much of this time due to the surfacing operations. The number of visitors is expected to increase materially now that the road has been surfaced and opened, Mr. Holmes said.

M. G. Moore Dies At Rocky Mount Home

Retired Mail Carrier Succumbed At Arlington Street Residence

Maek G. Moore, 79, retired mail carrier and native of Edgecombe county, died at his home on Arlington street of the infirmities of old age.

Funeral services were held from the home at four o'clock with Elder A. B. Denson, Primitive Baptist minister, officiating. Interment followed in the Worsley burying grounds.

Mr. Moore was a mail carrier here for 21 years before he was retired on August 7, 1926. He served under five post masters.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Arabella Worsley Moore; four sons, S. A. Moore of Roanoke, Va., J. B. Moore of Delmar, Del., C. A. Moore, Scotland Neck, and T. K. Moore of Norris, Tenn.; a daughter, Mrs. S. D. Judge of Hobgood; and three sisters, Mrs. Walter Brown, Mrs. Billy Lancaster, and Mrs. John Weeks.

Pallbearers for the services were Henry Lanier, Walter Calhoun, N. T. Crocker, Tom Turner, J. B. Price, H. J. C. Taylor, George Gaskill, and Tom Dixon.

From six acres of red clover, H. A. McNairy of Guilford County obtained 14 loads of fine legume hay at the first cutting and 1,056 pounds of released seed at the second cutting. He sold 600 pounds of the seed to the Guilford FCX store for \$250 and kept the remainder for his own use.

Definite demonstrations of three acres each are being placed on Bertie County farms using crimson clover, vetch and Austrian winter peas.

IN WASHINGTON



Robert R. Reynolds, UNITED STATES SENATOR

WHAT IS TAKING PLACE BY

Adjournment of Congress does not mean the end of Congressional activity until the next session. The recess period is marked by studies on the part of House and Senate committees, preparation of department budgets, the gathering of statistical information for Congress and investigations, such as that now being carried on by the Senate Committee on Agriculture in connection with new farm legislation.

Not the least important of these between-session activities is the studies being made of the country's tax system. Treasury and Internal Revenue experts, working in conjunction with the full-time staff of the Committees of Congress, are now laying plans for tax legislation when Congress again convenes in January, or earlier, if a special session is called.

While this "behind the scenes" activity is primarily designed to simplify existing tax laws, plug loopholes and otherwise improve the tax structure, it is an open secret that consideration is also being given to means of improving the whole tax structure. Whether that will lead to removal of certain taxes and the levying of others, is problematic. Should the income tax base be broadened and special taxes eliminated? Would better knowledge on the part of taxpayers of what they actually pay be preferable to hidden taxes such as we now have? These and other questions are being asked by those concerned with the interest of the taxpayers, as well as the necessity for providing adequate Federal revenue for necessary governmental functions.

With it all, there is a growing realization among members of Congress of the need for a better understanding of the fundamentals of taxation. Some favor inclusion of the subject as a part of citizenship training in the schools. There is much merit in this contention, in the opinion of many Congressional leaders.

They contend, and rightly so, that too little thought is given to Federal funds. For example, it is not unusual to hear some advocate of a Federal project say: "Government money will pay for it, there will be no cost to us." Such is not the case. The only source of Federal revenue is the taxpayer, and it is the taxpayer who will pay for any Federal project or activity, whatever the nature and wherever it is located. It has long been contended that "hidden taxes," indirect levies of a nature resulting in taxpayers having little idea of what they pay, is largely responsible for a widespread lack of interest in government. If the students of our schools obtained a greater appreciation of the routine facts of government, with more information on revenue and expenditures, they would have more interest when they became voters. They would be more eager to go to the ballot box and help correct evils and be more attentive to the selection of public officials.

One writer declares, and with some reason, that America repudiates rather than plans. His meaning is that there is more interest in repudiating something that has been done, than in selection of officials who have an eye to the future. Support of this is found in the fact that only in times of national distress, or when some outstanding issue is before the people, do the voters throng to the polls in great numbers.

Many believe that the interest of young people in the affairs of government is certain to have a wholesome effect and mean that there will be a steadily growing interest in governmental affairs. And there is no phase of these affairs of greater importance to the individual than the taxes he pays and the return he gets for those taxes.

Better national understanding of conditions is the answer.

Rocky Mount Man Gets Naval Honor

Robert Nathaniel Spivey, son of Mrs. Mary Love Spivey of 351 S. George street in this city, recently graduated from the Naval Training Station at Norfolk, Va., as Honorary Man in his platoon, it was stated in a communication from Chief Turret Captain Ralph E. Harrison. Mr. Spivey enlisted in the Navy at Raleigh, June 21, 1937, and according to the communication has maintained the highest average in his platoon, which includes 70 young men from states east of the Mississippi and south of New York.

AGRI. PROGRAM AT R. M. FAIR

A special program for farmers of Nash, Edgecombe and surrounding counties will be presented at the Rocky Mount Fair next Wednesday, September 28, Resident Manager Falmer V. Boyd announced today.

The fair will begin Tuesday with some of the finest educational and entertainment features this section has ever witnessed at a local exposition. It will continue through Saturday, October 2.

County Agent Joe Suggs will be in charge of the Farmers Day program, and he is arranging special features of interest to rural folks. In charge of agricultural exhibits at the Rocky Mount Fair is Mrs. John Barrett, who has been associated for many years with the farming interests of Nash and Edgecombe Counties. She is receiving the splendid cooperation of Mrs. Effie Vines Gordon, Nash County home demonstration agent.

A total of \$2,500 in agricultural premiums is offered, including list-ings for a big livestock department added this year. Manager Boyd pointed out. A flood of requests for premium books indicates a record-breaking number of farm exhibits, he added. Prize money is limited to producers in Nash and Edgecombe counties and surrounding areas to eliminate the stiff competition of professional exhibitors who annually tour the fair circuits.

A feature attraction every afternoon and night will be Hinkle's Wild West Rodeo, a rip-roarin' aggregation from the Texas plains, with 25 head of stock and 40 people appearing in the South for the first time. This glittering demonstration of fancy riding, roping and shouting will be presented before the grandstand each afternoon and night. Also presented twice daily will be a dozen thrilling hippodrome acts. In addition, the colorful Continental Revue will be presented each evening, bringing a chorus of 20 girls and a swing band in an all-new musical comedy.

Industrial Wages Show Increase

Movement Is Particularly Marked In Continental United States

Geneva, Sept. 15.--Index numbers of industrial wages in 21 countries compiled by the International Labor Office and published in the 1936-37 edition of the ILO Year Book, indicate that the trend towards stabilization of money wages, observable in preceding years, apparently is giving way to a slight tendency to rise.

The movement is particularly marked in the United States, where it has been under way since 1934; in Belgium, Estonia and New Zealand, and in France, where the index refers to October, 1936, and thus reflects to a certain extent the effects of recent social legislation. A similar, though less marked rise, is observable in Australia, Denmark, Great Britain, Italy, Norway, Sweden and the Union of South Africa.

In Czechoslovakia, Canada, Germany and Japan, on the contrary, the situation is more or less unchanged as compared with 1935, while figures for the Netherlands, Poland and Switzerland show a slight fall.

"To judge from the available statistics," says the Year Book, "the average number of hours worked per day or per week in industry tended to rise very slightly in most countries, the rise being fairly marked in the United States. So far as it is possible to judge, the rise in daily or weekly earnings was thus slightly greater than the rise in earnings per hour."

"The United States shows a definite increase in weekly earnings as a result of a fairly substantial increase in the number of hours worked. In fact, real weekly earnings have now reached the 1929 level. This does not mean, however, that the working population as a whole has reached the same purchasing power as before the depression, for the number of workers employed in 1936 was still below the figure for 1929, in spite of the increase in population during the interval."

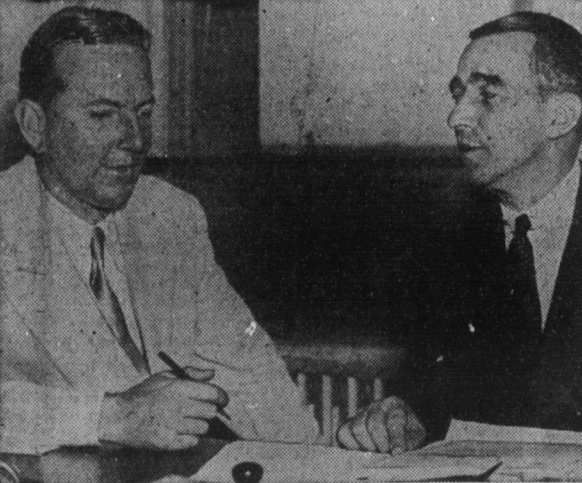
"Free" Money For Bank Depositors

The liquidators of the defunct North Carolina Bank & Trust Company here have a lot of money they would like to get rid of.

There are about 5,000 checks made out to people who had money in the North Carolina Bank that no one has ever called for, it was said, and they are getting in the way. Though many of the unclaimed checks are for small amounts, at least one of them is written for as much as \$500.

Some of the checks represented amounts due to depositors in banks that existed even before the North Carolina Bank, the liquidators said. The checks that are not claimed by the time the bank is completely liquidated will not go to waste, however. They will go to the educational institutions of the state.

Dunn Takes Over His New Job



James C. Dunn, former head of the division of European affairs, is shown (right) as he takes over his duties as chief of the newly created "political relationships department," a branch of the State department. The creation of this bureau is another step by Secretary Hull in streamlining the dignified and ponderous State department and to absorb some of the responsibility which fell on his shoulders, taking valuable time away from foreign policy. Shown at left with Dunn is Jay Pierrepont Moffay who is taking over Dunn's former post in the division of European affairs.

Should Not Speak For Bar

On Thursday evening, September 16th, there was a coalition of the Kiwanis, Civitan, Rotary and Junior Chamber of Commerce for supper, honoring Constitution Day, the 150th Anniversary of the United States' Constitution. The meeting was addressed by F. E. Winslow, local attorney and president of the North Carolina Bar Association. The address appeared to be largely a defense of lawyers and an attack upon the recent proposal of enlarging the Supreme Court of the United States. So much so, that the afternoon paper commented most favorably on the address and entitled it, "President Winslow, Head of State Bar Association, Assails Court Proposal as an Attack Upon Law." The views expressed in this address are probably the private ones of Mr. Winslow. Yet being president of the Bar Association, it might be construed by some that he was conveying the opinions of the lawyers; and, for this reason we are caused to comment upon this speech. We wish we had space to give the whole address, for we do not believe that it reports the view-point of any appreciable number of the Bar of North Carolina.

It carries two remarkable statements that can scarcely be reconciled, and consequently both cannot be true. In the first proposition he charges the president's proposal as an attack upon law and order.

"The fallacy of the recent proposal, in the interest of social justice, to have Congress enlarge the Supreme Court to empower the President to appoint a sufficient number of new judges to validate the President's interpretation of the Constitution, lies in the fact that fundamentally the proposal was in itself an attack upon law and order."

The second proposition states the Supreme Court vulnerable for forty years.

"The liberal lawyer admits that the movement to curb the power of the court was induced by a series of vulnerable decisions over the past forty years by a Supreme Court appointed by administrations too much under the influence of the financial oligarchy, which in practical effect, with only temporary interruptions, directed the politics of this country from the time of the Civil War until 1932."

The President of the United States has had many charges made against him. Senator Bailey made the complaint that the President was socialistic and communistic. The Republican Party termed him a dictator. The Liberty League composed mostly of corporation lawyers and Trust Officers accused him with over-riding the Constitution. However, up until last Thursday night, we had never heard the President of the United States charged with the violation of law and order. We do not possibly see how this statement can be the view of the North Carolina lawyers.

Directly after charging that the President's proposal to enlarge the Supreme Court was an attack upon law and order, he made the remarkable admission that a series of decisions handed down by the Supreme Court had been vulnerable for the last forty years. He stated that the court had been appointed by administrations too much under the influence of the financial oligarchy. Doesn't this last admission of Mr. Winslow's, that the appointments to the Supreme Court since the Civil War had been induced by financial oligarchy, clear the President of his most serious charge -- "a violator of law and order?"

When the President of the United States took oath of office, he found the country bordering on revolution, and more than three-fourth's of the population half fed and under-nourished with practically no clothes. The mass of common people do appreciate the great efforts in their behalf.

North Carolina enlarged its Supreme Court from five to seven with three and a half million population. The proposal of the President was to enlarge the Supreme Court of the United States from nine not to exceed fifteen. The United States has one hundred and thirty million population. It has even been admitted by the President's defamers that the proposal to enlarge the Supreme Court was thoroughly Constitutional. Mr. Winslow will have to admit this himself. The best way to find out about the court proposal is to read the Constitution itself.

Article III, Section 1.

"The judicial power of the United States, shall be vested in one Supreme Court, and in such inferior Courts as the Congress may from time to time ordain and establish. The Judges, both of the Supreme and inferior Courts, shall hold their Offices during good behaviour, and shall, at stated times, receive for their services, a compensation, which shall not be diminished during their continuance in Office."

Congress set up the first Supreme Court, and, if it set up the first under the Constitution; it certainly has power

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LOCAL BOY IS OFFICER IN R.O.T.C.

J. E. Grantham of Rocky Mount, a major in the R. O. T. C. at State College, is assistant adjutant in the R. O. T. C. regimental staff, it has been announced by the commandant. Major Grantham is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Grantham of this city.

J. T. Massey of Raleigh was appointed commanding officer of the school's 1,275 cadets, according to the announcement.

Mrs. Melton Dies In Hospital Here

Elderly Local Resident Succumbs To Long Illness; Funeral Is Held

Mrs. D. W. Melton, 63, a resident of 530 Ridge street here, died in a local hospital after an illness of several months.

Funeral services were conducted at 3:30 from the home, with burial following in Pineview cemetery. Rev. G. W. Farrar, of the Bailey Methodist church, and Rev. J. F. Gaddy, pastor of the North Rocky Mount Baptist church, conducted the ceremonies.

Mrs. Melton is survived by her husband, four sons, Leon Melton, Willie Bob Melton, Joe Melton and Vernon Melton; and two sisters, Mrs. J. T. Boseman and Mrs. E. L. Ellen.

Pallbearers for the funeral were Van Neal, L. L. Proctor, Lee Boseman, G. R. Griffin, H. O. Massengill and Ed Leonard.

Auto Fatalities Continue Increase

The census bureau at Washington Friday night reported that 579 more persons were killed by automobile accidents in 119 major American cities during the first 35 weeks of this year than in 1936. Director William L. Austin computed this as an 11 per cent increase.

Despite all the safety campaigns and caution warnings, 5,949 individuals were sacrificed to carelessness, speed and neglect during the first 35 weeks of this year. The 1936 toll in these cities was 5,370.

Only one of 11 cities reporting more than a hundred deaths during the first 35 weeks of 1937 showed a decline. This decrease, however, was only to the extent of one death exceptionally high week. Pittsburgh reported 102 deaths this year compared with 103 for the same period of last year.

During the first five months of last year, the toll of deaths was consistently lower than the previous year. Several explanations have been advanced. Some observers believe that the severe winter kept many cars off of the highways. Others believe that publication of the gruesomely detailed "And Sudden Death" and the newspaper campaigns and the safety programs that followed were responsible.

However, since June 1, 1936, the number of automobile accident deaths has been consistently above the previous yearly period.

New York City reported 600 motor fatalities during the first 35 weeks of this year compared with 548 last year. Chicago, with 484 this year, also topped last year's comparable figure of 439.

Local Patrolman Receives Injury

Raleigh, Sept. 22.--State highway patrol headquarters received word this morning that Patrolman R. H. Sutton of Rocky Mount was injured while en route this morning by motorcycle from Wilson to Smith-

Sutton was taken to a Wilson hospital and was not believed to be seriously hurt. Lieut. D. T. Lambert said. No other details were available here.

Patrolman Sutton is the son of J. W. Sutton of 620 Branch street here.

Polk County farmers are showing increased interest in trench silos. Several farmers who have never before had silos are requesting aid from the county agent in digging and filling these ensilage containers.

ROCKY MOUNT SECURES NEW REVENUE POST

R. R. Daughtridge Will Be Head of Field Office For This Section

Rocky Mount will receive one of two new district offices to be established by the State Department of Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell it was announced.

R. R. Daughtridge, formerly in the New Bern district, will have charge of the Rocky Mount office, he stated.

The other new office will be at Rockingham and offices which are located at Raleigh, Charlotte, Greensboro, Asheville, New Bern and Wilmington will be retained.

In the Rocky Mount district will be the following counties: Camden Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Edgecombe, Gates, Halifax, Hertford, Nash, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans and Wilson.

"Dead" Man's Wife Asks Separation

Legal Tangle Produced By Death Sentence Commutation In Court Again

Schoharie, N. Y., Sept. 15.--Mrs. Nellie C. Jones, 46, whose first husband was held by the New York Court of Appeals to be civilly dead though physically alive, sought a legal separation today from her second husband.

Mate No. 2, Harry P. Jones, 37, of Albany, N. Y., endeavored unsuccessfully to have his marriage to Mrs. Jones voided as bigamous. He claimed that a death sentence pronounced in Raleigh, N. C., on her first husband, Clyde Montgomery, was commuted to life imprisonment three weeks after Jones married the supposed widow at Rensselaer, N. Y., in 1923.

The case was carried to New York's highest court, which ruled unanimously last June that the common law establishes the "civil death" of a man sentenced to the death penalty, regardless of whether sentence is executed.

In the present action, Mrs. Jones charges desertion and asks \$20 a week alimony and \$500 counsel fees. State Supreme Court Justice Harry E. Schirich, before whom the case was argued here, reserved decision.

In arguing his case before Justice Schirich, Ransom H. Gillett, Jones' counsel, asserted that "Mrs. Jones is at present in Virginia."

Harry W. Williams, her counsel immediately leaped to his feet and called her name. She arose from a spectator's seat in the courtroom.

"Well, she's in this state now, anyway," remarked Justice Schirich. Williams said Montgomery eventually was paroled and now lives in Norfolk, Va., Mrs. Jones' former home. He added that Mrs. Jones did not learn that her first husband still was living until after her second marriage.

Carolina School Starts Night Class

Carolina school of Commerce officials have just announced that their New Fall Opening was much larger than in previous years. Many students from surrounding cities are enrolled this year. While the New Term has already started, new students may enroll any week-day. There is still room in Day School for a few more students but the seating capacity is rapidly being assigned.

Those who are not fortunate enough to attend Day School, this school maintains a very fine Night School. The New Term of Night School began last Monday evening with an enrollment of twenty-five. Enrollments are being received almost daily for both day and night school. Night School is held on Monday and Thursday evenings from seven till ten o'clock. Many who are working during the day are availing themselves of the Night School to "raise their pay" or to win promotion. It is expected the Night School of Carolina School of Commerce will be the largest and best this year than at any other time in the history of the School. More interest is being manifested in business education. Carolina School of Commerce is known throughout Eastern Carolina as a progressive and up-to-date business training school. A new Burroughs' Calculating machine has just been purchased for the Office Training Department.

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