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Looking at WASHINGTON

TANGLED TVA

The tangled and confused affairs of the Tennessee Valley Authority, including the bickering between Chairman A. E. Morgan and his two associated directors, will be thoroughly explored by a Congressional committee. Senator Norris, sponsor and friend of the TVA, originally sought an investigation by the Federal Trade Commission but last week proposed that the inquiry be conducted by a Senatorial committee. This met with prompt counteraction on the part of those leading the attack on the Authority who insisted that the investigating body be a joint committee representing both houses of Congress.

OLD FEUD BREAKS OUT

Simmering for many months, the feud between Chairman A. E. Morgan and the other Board members, Dr. Harcourt A. Morgan and David E. Lilienthal, was brought into the open by a spectacular meeting at the White House where President Roosevelt, in an open session, attempted to ascertain the facts behind the charges involved in the Board's rumpus. Chairman Morgan refused to submit any evidence in support of his charges, taking the position that he was merely an "observer" and apparently determined to force a Congressional investigation. The other directors gave the grounds upon which they had accused the Chairman of undermining the activities of the TVA.

ROOSEVELT INQUIRES

The President told the members that it was their duty not to continue the "personal" row but the data brought into the open revealed a chasm of professional and personal feeling that seemingly makes it impossible to reconcile the attitudes of the Chairman and his fellow Board members. Mr. Roosevelt went so far as to suggest to the Chairman that if he were unwilling to support with facts his accusations that "fairness" and "decency" were impossible in the TVA administration with the other two members of the Board, that he should resign.

CHAIRMAN IS SILENT

However, Dr. A. E. Morgan, former president of Antioch College and an engineer who had built flood control and reclamation works insisted that he would have nothing to do with the President's personal inquiry and his attitude indicated very plainly that he would resist any effort to remove him. The President was stern and the scene in the White House unusual. Mr. Roosevelt had ordered a mimeograph transcription made of the proceedings and stenographers recorded the questions and answers. At intervals, the notes were transcribed and immediately passed to waiting newspapermen.

VAST UNDERTAKING

Mr. Roosevelt is known to be proud of the TVA, which he considers the nation's first experiment in regional planning. He has held it out as an example of "What we have done and what we are trying to do." Set up in May, 1933, the TVA was provided for flood control and improved navigation of the Tennessee River, for the conservation of soil and natural resources. Huge dams were necessary for flood control and navigation, and power power was to be developed as a consequence. Soil conservation included better fertilization and, therefore, fertilizer studies were included within the scope of the undertaking.

Chairman Morgan was one of three men placed in charge of the undertaking. The others included Dr. Harcourt A. Morgan, president of the University of Tennessee, an entomologist and horticulturist, particularly interested in the fertilizer program, and David E. Lilienthal, Wisconsin lawyer and former public service official, who gave his attention to the power problems involved.

UNDER MANY ATTACKS

The TVA has been constantly under attack from critics on the out- (Please turn to page four)

WEATHERSBY GETS VICTORY IN WILSON COURT

Former Wilson Sheriff Acquitted Of Charge Of Drunken Driving

Wilson, March 22.—For the third time since 1935, former Wilson County Sheriff W. A. Weathersby today walked out of court room here freed of a drunken driving charge.

A six-man recorder's court jury, after deliberating not more than 10 minutes, returned a verdict of not guilty.

Immediately after the trial, Weathersby retracted his intention to run for sheriff in the coming primaries.

At the end of evidence for both sides attorneys agreed that no arguments would be made in the case and Recorder Charles B. McLean made a short charge to the jury.

In 1935, while sheriff, Weathersby was arrested by a State Highway Patrolman and charged with driving drunk. He was acquitted of the charge. In 1936 he was removed from office by Judge Marshall Spears after a group of Black Creek citizens had petitioned the county commissioners here to remove him on the grounds that he had appeared drunk at the polling place on May 4, 1936, in Black Creek.

In the fall of the same year he came back into office with an overwhelming victory in the county elections. Last year he was again arrested for driving drunk but when the case came up in court it was nolle prossed after it had been announced that Weathersby had resigned as sheriff.

Both drunken and reckless driving charges had been made against the former sheriff today but Solicitor Wade Gardner agreed this morning to waive all charges except the one for drunken driving.

Sunday Movies Bring Protest In Mt. Olive

Mt. Olive, March 17.—Sunday movies were shown in Mount Olive for the first time on Sunday, March 13, under franchise granted for a six week's trial by the local board of aldermen in a special called meeting.

Attendants at the theatre in response to a question regarding the Sunday attendance said they "had a right good crowd."

There is considerable objection to the innovation and an effort was made to prevail upon the board to rescind their action. A group of interested citizens circulated a petition which bore about two hundred names when it was presented to the board meeting again in special session Saturday morning.

S. D. Broadhurst and Elias Sutton, who presented the petition for the opponents of the Sunday show, were excused from the meeting before the matter was discussed by board members.

The body declined to rescind their order and voted to permit the Sunday shows at least until the next regular meeting of the board.

Members of the Board of Aldermen are June Martin, James Glens, C. C. Henderson, Walter Cherry and Faison Lee.

"If all orchardists in North Carolina followed the good methods used in the Leatherman and Sains' orchards of Lincoln County, my work would be easy," commented H. R. Niswonger, extension horticulturist, recently.

Dr. C. F. West of Kinston has planted two acres of badly eroded land to pine trees in testing the recommendation of the Extension Service on one way to reclaim abandoned land.

More than 300 tons of ground limestone have been used on Macon County farms lands since January 1 of this year.

TWO NEGROES IN NASH CRASH

Third Painfully Injured When Car Smashes Into Telephone Pole

Two Negroes met instant death and a third was painfully injured late Sunday night when the automobile in which they were riding crashed into a telephone pole at a curve on the Nashville highway near here.

Local, county and State officers, who investigated the accident said that Charlie McCoy, 25, and Louis Macklin, 18, both of Rocky Mount, apparently were killed at the time of the impact and the third member of the party, John Townsend, 20, also of Rocky Mount, received cuts and bruises.

McCoy was driving the car, Townsend told officers, when it hit a telephone pole, and the vehicle belonged to Townsend. Coroner M. C. Guley of Nashville was called to the scene but held no inquest.

Bishop Dedicates Catholic Church

New Fayetteville Structure Replaces 107-Year-Old Building There

Fayetteville, March 17.—Assisted by more than a score of Catholic prelates from all parts of North Carolina and from points beyond the State, the Most Reverend Eugene J. McGuinness, D. D., bishop of Raleigh, blessed and dedicated the new St. Patrick's Catholic church here today with impressive ceremonies on the birthday of the saint for whom it is named.

The sermon was preached by the Very Rev. Charles F. Barry, rector of the Oblate College, Washington, D. C., who took his theme from the life of St. Patrick.

The new edifice, located at Bradford and Arsenal Avenues, was the last church to be built under Bishop Hafey, lately transferred to Pennsylvania, and the first to be dedicated by the new bishop. It replaces the old St. Patrick's on Bow Street, used by Fayetteville Catholics for 107 years, the oldest Catholic church in North Carolina.

Among the distinguished men who have served St. Patrick's are Cardinal Gibbons, Bishop John England and Father Thomas Price.

The parish is now in charge of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, the pastor and assistant pastor being the Rev. William H. Kelleher and the Rev. Walter F. Mack. They live in a handsome rectory adjacent to the church, which was a gift from the Oblate Order to the parish. Nearby is a new parochial school under the supervision of the Sisters of Providence.

Final Rites Held For Nash Resident

Services Conducted For Mrs. Pattie Dunn Price

Funeral services for Mrs. Pattie Dunn Price, 79, who died at her home on the Benvenue country club road, were held at 3 o'clock from the home. Elder A. B. Denison, of the Primitive Baptist church officiated. Burial followed in the family burying ground.

Mrs. Price was born in Halifax county in 1859, the daughter of David Dunn and Henrietta Price Dunn. She was married to George Price in 1901.

Survivors include: A sister, Mrs. Bettie Dunn Boseman; three nieces, Mrs. R. B. Brown, Mrs. J. I. Brake, and Mrs. Mary Dunn Cobb; five nephews, W. D. Boseman, J. T. Boseman, Lee Boseman, Robert Boseman, and L. W. Boseman of Nashville; and a number of great nieces and nephews and four great, great nephews.

Pallbearers included six great nephews: J. T. Boseman, Jr., John I. Brake, Jr., Bob Hicks Boseman, and Spencer, Elmer, and Offie Brown.

Bermuda's Latest in Transportation



Mrs. George Sherwood of Bermuda with her three-year-old daughter, Mable, pedaling along the highway en route to do a little shopping in the city of Hamilton, Bermuda.

Effort Being Made To Remove Judges from the People

There seems to be a desire among some of our politicians to remove the election of Judges from the people and place it in the hands of a hand picked convention. Too much already has been taken from the people and we wonder if the citizens of North Carolina propose to sit at ease and let this governmental right be taken from them.

The whole trouble seems to have originated because some of the Judges appointed by the Governor to fill out unexpired terms of Judges who have resigned or died are having opposition.

There are many Judges in the state that are being opposed by outstanding lawyers but even if they are having opposition the Judgship does not belong to any person, it is within the gift of the people and our citizens and voters should see the Legislators and Senators and ask them how they stand on this question. The citizens of Edgecombe and Nash counties should interview their prospective candidates on the question, for the Legislature and Senate.

Why should a judge be taken out of the primary and put into the hands of a political log rolling group and deny to the people the right to have any part in the selection. We have never seen any reason why a judge should be pensioned any more than a school teacher or any other public servant. Judges in North Carolina are being paid salaries around \$8,000 per year and even though it may appear small to some it appears to us to be a sizely amount and much above the general living standard. A Judge who has been elected by the people has the highest form commission given him by those under whom he serves. And should give him more satisfaction than having been appointed. Let the voters of the districts give attention to this matter "to your tents O Israel."

YOU CAN VOTE THE DEAD BUT CAN'T SERVE ON JURY

According to press reports appearing in the Mt. Airy News Surry County has been having difficulty in obtaining a jury for the court. This press article stated that when the jury was drawn by the Clerk of Court and sent into the Sheriff to be summoned, the wife of the Sheriff made an investigation of the list and found that most of those drawn were not in existence, or otherwise, passed on and sent word back to the Clerk that a new list must be drawn that these people had been voting though dead and gone but they could not use them on the jury. So a new list was drawn and when Judge Sink came, even this second list would not appear to suit him and he ordered a new jury list to be drawn under his direction. Surry County is famed far and wide for its manner of holding elections and voting.

REST ROOMS NEEDED

We have had many communications from interested citizens relative to our editorial on the needs of the city for rest rooms especially for ladies and children.

There is no question that there was created in the public minds the understanding that the front of the old Municipal building was to be used as a rest room and there should be a woman employed to take care of this room. It would not mean much cost to the city, in fact, some of the WPA money could be used to a good purpose in that way. The Chamber of Commerce should be moved from down stairs and put up stairs if they desire to stay in the building since they are there without rent they ought not to be choosers. Several citizens have told us that they have sought to use the toilets in the department stores and they have been told they were for employees only. Of course, this is not general in Rocky Mount, but the merchants are generally obliging. Several told us they had even had to walk up as far as the depot. We have been informed that many ladies and children from the country have learned that there were toilet facilities in the depot and thought that was the only public toilet in town which really is not a public toilet.

LOCAL BOY IS AG. CLUB PRES.

Van S. Watson, Jr., of Rocky Mount, who last fall made the highest individual score ever made at an International Collegiate Crops Judging Contest, is serving as president of the State College Ag Club during the spring term.

He was a member of the college crops judging team that went to Chicago last fall to compete in the 1937 International Collegiate Crops Judging Contest.

He is a senior in agronomy, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Van S. Watson of Rocky Mount. His father is a former member of the State House of Representatives.

CONGRESSMAN COOLEY IS WORKING ON QUOTA ITEMS

Endowment Aid To Churches

Total of \$114,410 Contributed To Preachers, Churches In '37

Durham, March 22.—The Duke Endowment contributed \$114,410 during 1937 to rural churches and preachers and superannuated ministers, it is announced at Duke University where the funds of the rural church section of the endowment are administered. Country churches and preachers aided are in this state, and the superannuated ministers to receive checks are members of the two North Carolina conferences of the Methodist Episcopal church, South.

Prof. J. M. Ormand, executive secretary of the local committee, in his annual report points out that the endowment appropriated \$46,110 to 40 churches which, it is estimated, had planned building and repair expenses totalling \$206,516.

At the same time the endowment supplemented the salaries of 149 country preachers to the extent of \$42,300, for an average appropriation of \$283.89. The individual appropriations were according to the need in the average preacher's salary for the year was \$1,112.25. These preachers represented a church membership of 69,598 persons.

Just before Christmas checks totalling \$25,000 were sent to the superannuated and the widows of preachers in the two Methodist conferences of the State.

In providing in the Duke endowment for rural preachers and their churches and for aged ministers and their widows, James B. Duke made permanent a custom he had carried on personally for many years before his death. Each year he distributed Christmas checks totalling \$10,000 to "worn-out" preachers.

Tarboro P. T. A. Sets Fine Record

Fosters Many Civic Projects; Raises \$480 For School Lunches

Tarboro, March 19.—The local Parent-Teacher Association, under the direction of its president, Mrs. J. T. Sadler, points with pride to its record of activities during recent weeks.

In order to lay foundation for a working civic organization the teachers and the parents held a get-acquainted tea, and then the work began under full force.

The P. T. A. sponsored a \$480 drive to raise money for lunches for the needy school children, and endowed the Edith Whitlark bed at the county tubercular preventorium. Even the school policeman was honored with a fruit shower.

The group has gone forward to promote a safety-conscious student body, erecting safety signs for the school zones and placing needed entrance light at the front and rear of the school buildings. The importance of milk week was stressed, and a group of girls of pre-courtesy age was organized into a Brownie troop.

Prizes were given Christmas decorations in the mill village homes, and Governor Hoey was the special speaker at the dedication of the new high school auditorium.

The P. T. A. has sponsored work for the peace legislation and a truant officer was added to the welfare organization.

An application of nitrate of soda applied as a top-dresser to small grain at this season usually means profitable, increased yields per acre, report those farmers who have conducted such demonstrations.

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The exact plan of procedure will be determined tomorrow, and the bill may receive attention in the House during today.

Senator John H. Bankhead of Alabama, who sat in on the conference today, at first was inclined to resist all plans which would increase total production, but indicated later that he might accept the four per cent provision, which seems the most likely solution.

Security Checks Go To 24,300 Old Folks

February Payments Totaled \$228,079 To Aged And \$84,836 To Children

Social security payments of \$228,079.99 were made to 24,330 aged needy persons and \$84,836.57 to 15,246 dependent children during February, Public Assistance Director Nathan H. Yelton reported yesterday. February payments averaged \$9.57 to aged needy and \$5.56 to dependent children.

For the eight months during which social security has been operative in North Carolina, July through February, a total of \$1,141,548.17 in old age assistance and \$350,278.95 in aid to dependent children has been distributed, Yelton said. He estimated that by July 1, the end of the fiscal year, 29,000 would be receiving old age assistance and 21,000 aid to dependent children.

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