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PROSPERITY

(From The Elkin Tribune) The following clipping, credited to the Hopkins (Missouri) Journal, shows one part of the United States where they struck oil, and don't know there is a depression, being a copy of a letter from that locality:

Well, since I sold my little farm in Arkansas, I have prospered. You know we always lived in the one room shack but I came to East Texas, and bought a farm and pretty soon I leased it to an oil company and was sure lucky. They hit a big oil field on the place and now I have a big house in Alto. It has six rooms. There is one room we do nothing but eat in. There is one that we just sit in; two rooms that we don't do anything but sleep in; one room that we don't do anything but cook in, and there is one that is all white and has a place that you can wash all over, and over in a corner is a place that you can wash your face and hands in and over in the other corner there is a place you can wash your feet in. When we moved in there were two lids on this, but we have taken them off. We are using one of them for a dough board and we have framed grandpa's picture with the other one. Write me a letter when you have time.

"Your friend, Jim."

Bob Reynolds Offers Apology for Address

Washington. — Expressing embarrassment because he had inserted a speech in the Congressional Record reflecting on Senator Robinson, the Democratic leader, and his colleagues, Senator Bailey, Senator Reynolds, Democrat, of North Carolina, Tuesday made public apology in the Senate with the explanation he had not read the speech.

The address was delivered by Morris A. Bealle of this city and formerly of North Carolina, at a convention of Veterans of Foreign Wars at High Point, N. C.

Bealle asserted in the speech that Robinson belonged to the "Hamiltonian, or Morgan-Mellon group," while Reynolds lined up with the Jeffersonian group which looked to Senator Long, Democrat of Louisiana, for leadership.

He also referred to the fact that Bailey had not voted on the Trammell amendment to limit cuts in veterans' compensation to 15 per cent, and said the veterans would have won a better victory had Senator Bailey shown the same interest in the veterans that Senator Reynolds did.

"I confess in all candor," said Reynolds, red of face and "humiliated and embarrassed" — as he put it when he took the floor and obtained permission to expunge the speech from the Record, "that I committed the insertion of that speech in the Record without ever having read it. I had no idea Mr. Bealle would refer to any of my colleagues in this body."

He said he had the greatest "admiration" for Robinson and knew he would not be a member of such a "clique," as Bealle referred to.

"That is not true," he added regarding the references to Bailey, "because I know Senator Bailey to be a man of honor and integrity."

SAYS TRUCK GROWERS NEED BETTER FERTILIZER

Certain soluble meats, consisting chiefly of chlorides or chlorides, will injure truck crops like sweet potatoes, cucumbers, cantaloupes and lettuce grown on sandy soils during a dry season and the fertilizers used under these crops should contain not more than five per cent. of these chlorides when 1,000 pounds or more of fertilizers are used per acre.

The new fertilizer law does not require manufacturers to give the contents of all the fertilizers sold partly for the reason that no method of chemical analysis can check the amounts of such ingredients used," says L. G. Willis, soil chemist at the State College. "Therefore, the truck grower should use carefully the information he has available about the kind of materials to use with his crops especially where he distributes 1,000 or more pounds to the acre. In truck fertilizers there is a considerable risk when the concentration of soluble salts is unnecessarily high. The salts found injurious most commonly are carried in low analysis potash fertilizers and consist chiefly of chlorides or chlorine."

Experimental work with tobacco has made it possible to prescribe fairly accurately the maximum amount of chloride that can be used without risk or damage, Willis says, but work with truck crops is not complete enough yet to allow such a limit to be set.

However, truck growers should see to it that the chloride content is not over 5 per cent. when fertilizers are used at the rate of 1,000 pounds to the acre. For tobacco, this content should not be above two per cent. The cost of a fertilizer guaranteed

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Goes to Washington



Miss Celeste Jedel, 22, Barnard graduate in '31, and a student there under Prof. Raymond Moley, now assistant Secretary of State, is now assistant legal adviser to Prof. Moley at Washington.

BOARD EDUCATION IN SPECIAL MEET; NEW LAW IS TOPIC

Redistricting of County Under Terms of New School Machinery Act Constitutes Principal Business Monday and Tuesday. New Map Forwarded to Raleigh for Approval. Many Divisions Eliminated.

The Watauga County Board of Education was in special session Monday and Tuesday, making a study of the new school law and redistricting this county to conform to the terms of the legislation.

Under the new arrangement there will be 25 districts in the county as compared to 56 under the old system. A new school map of the county was prepared and forwarded to Raleigh, and as soon as approved the document will be returned and the board will meet again for the purpose of naming the members of the district school committees. This can probably be done the last of this week, it is said.

Officials state that they believe the new law will simplify the management of the county's schools to a great extent, as there will be only half as many committeemen, and the educational department should be thoroughly adjusted to the new requirements and functioning smoothly within a minimum length of time.

BAY STATE FOR REPEAL 4 TO 1

Wet Delegates to Massachusetts Convention Win Overwhelmingly. Eleventh State to Ratify Repeal Resolution.

Boston. — Massachusetts Tuesday joined the column of states committed to repeal of the 18th Amendment as repeal-pledged delegates won a smashing victory in the contest for seats in a constitutional convention to act on ratification of an amendment to repeal prohibition. It was the eleventh state to ratify in effect by election of wet delegates.

In each of the fifteen congressional districts, from which three delegates were chosen, the wets rolled up huge majorities. Great gains, as compared with elections in years past when prohibition was involved, were made by the wets in all sections of the State, especially in the rural districts.

All but a few towns voted on the question of local license, and in many small towns where in 1924 license was voted down the vote Tuesday was in favor of it.

In ratifying repeal, Massachusetts joined Wyoming, Illinois, Indiana, New York, New Jersey, Michigan, Rhode Island, Delaware, Wisconsin, and Nevada.

W. M. U. to Hold Annual Meeting on Wednesday

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Three Forks Association will hold its annual meeting in Boone Baptist Church, beginning on Wednesday morning, June 21st, at 10 o'clock. The session will continue throughout the day and lunch will be served by the Boone Woman's Missionary Society.

The main feature of the meeting will be an address by Miss Emma Leachman, of Atlanta, Ga., field secretary for the Southern Baptist Convention. The public is invited to attend.

OVERDRAFT OF STATE SHOWS A LARGE INCREASE

Raleigh. — North Carolina's cash overdraft June 1 was \$1,035,558 as against \$981,283.81 May 1st of the same year.

The receipts were \$948,639.07 for May and the warrant disbursements were \$1,022,913.26. That made the cash overdraft slightly above the million and lower than might have been expected at this collecting time of the year.

The cash overdraft was larger June 1, 1932, than it was July 1st, 1932, when the whole amount was \$502,612.43. The year just covered was a progressive deficit. The collections for the remainder of the fiscal 12 months will doubtless help to keep down the deficit. Indeed, there has been a universal pick up.

The State isn't busted. It had quite some coin in its treasury from the operation of the highway and special funds. Its cash balance was \$6,753,390.83. The receipts for the month were \$3,043,678.90. May 31, 1933, with everything in, the balance was \$7,130,513.06. The net cash balance now stands at \$7,527,539.28.

The State debt is \$182,414,000. The commonwealth is getting along pretty well.

Unemployed Women and Girls to Camp



Three middle-aged women were the first applicants for entrance to the Experimental Camp for unemployed women and girls which has been established in the Bear Mountain district of New York State under the orders of Miss Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labor, and sponsored by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt. Photo shows first three applicants registering at the Welfare Council in New York City. Insert is of Miss Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labor.

Growers Sell 35,000 Lbs. Wool; Chatham Is High Bidder; 30 Cents Is Price

The Chatham Manufacturing Co. of Elkin was the successful bidder when approximately 35,000 pounds of wool was offered for sale last Thursday by the Watauga County Wool Committee. The fleece brought \$0 cents per pound and will be taken up at Valle Crucis, Vilas and Boone on June 22.

Farmers generally agree that the pool proved very successful this year, and believe it has saved the growers at least 5 cents per pound, as wool sold previous to Thursday from the county at large averaged less than twenty-five cents. Some wool has been sold for 30 cents and

a little for 32 cents, but this is cited as a direct result of the pool.

The decision to sell the local fleece at this time, the committee said, was partly due to the World Economic Conference, which was thought likely to cause the tariff to be lowered. The buyer stated that the mills did not need any more wool at the present time, for most of the farmers had already sold them this commodity. This remark constitutes a powerful argument for pooling, and farmers next year will likely hold their wool and stick to the co-operative method of marketing.

Fourth July Celebration Mapped By Legion Post

The Watauga Post American Legion, in session at Legion Hall Friday evening, voted in favor of holding a Fourth of July celebration in Boone, and a committee appointed for the purpose has drafted a tentative program of various sports which will last continuously from 9:45 a. m. to 5:30 p. m.

According to present incomplete arrangements, the celebration will be different from the usual independence day fetes, in that there will be no patriotic or other addresses. At 9:45 a. m., a colorful parade through the streets of the town is scheduled to set off the festivities, following which visitors will proceed directly to college athletic field, where upon the payment of a small admission fee,

one is permitted to enjoy the full round of amusement and entertainment without leaving the grounds.

Refreshments and foods will be sold only by the Legion post and for a trifling sum a visitor may spend the day, and experience not a dull moment, according to the sponsors of the event.

Three official league baseball games will be played during the day, there will be foot races, potato races, sack races, amateur and professional boxing, and many other sports and contests. A street dance is planned as the closing event in the evening.

The annual fiddlers' convention is to be held during the fourth of July period, but the exact date for this popular event has not been decided.

Jeffress Reappointed As Highway Head By Gov.

(By M. R. DUNNAGAN Special Writer for The Democrat)

Raleigh, June 13. — E. B. Jeffress was named chairman and George Ross Pou executive director of the new State Highway and Public Works Commission, formed by the General Assembly from the highway and prison departments, headed now by these two men, and A. J. Maxwell was reappointed Commissioner of Revenue in an announcement by Governor Ehringhaus Saturday night.

At the same time Governor Ehringhaus named the six members of the Highway and Public Works Commission, as follows: Charles Whedbee, Perquimans county; W. C. Woodard, Nash; James A. Hardison, Anson; Luther Hodges, Rockingham; Ross Sigmon, Rowan and Frank W. Miller of Haywood county.

Previously Governor Ehringhaus had broken his silence to appoint Edwin Gill as Commissioner of Paroles, succeeding Tye Taylor; Charles B. Aycock to handle workmen's compensation cases arising under relief employment through the Governor's office of relief; General J. VanB. Metts as Adjutant General and Col. Gordon Smith as Assistant Adjutant General, the latter two having served in these positions for 12 years.

In announcing the highway and public works officials, Governor Ehringhaus said that the law consolidating the two departments will become effective July 1, Mr. Pou serving for a

time as superintendent of the prison division. He said many friends had urged naming Mr. Pou as chairman, but naming him as executive director was in line with his own wishes. He stated before the Reorganization committee of the General Assembly that it was not his desire to be chairman and he has repeated it several times since. In fact, the campaign for him is said to have been waged more by enemies of Mr. Jeffries than by the friends of Mr. Pou.

Regret was expressed that the present highway and prison boards could not be retained. Governor Ehringhaus expressing appreciation of their work. The new board members are all from counties not heretofore represented on the highway body. The remaining officials are expected to be named in the next few days.

CONGRESS ASKS THAT THE AKRON BE REPLACED

Washington. — A ringing demand for continued lighter-than-air craft development for the national defense was made Saturday by the joint congressional committee that investigated the Akron disaster.

The committee, in its report to Congress, strongly recommended construction of a training ship, and pending its completion the committee advocated recommissioning the dirigible Los Angeles for training and research purposes.

COLLEGE ENROLLS MORE THAN 700 AT OPENING ON 6TH

New Legislation Extending Certificates Resulted in Only Small Drop in Registration from Last Year. More Than Two-thirds of Students Are Women. Economical Training Prevents Further Loss in Numbers.

Seven hundred and sixteen teachers have been enrolled at the Appalachian State Teachers College for the first six weeks summer term, which started last week, according to information coming from the office of Professor J. M. Downum, registrar, Wednesday afternoon.

Prof. Downum states that this is considered a record enrollment due to the fact that the past Legislature passed a law making it unnecessary for numbers of teachers to come and renew their certificates this year.

Certificates expiring in 1932 were extended until 1935 and it was believed that this, coupled with the depressed business over the country, would react to a marked degree. However, explains Mr. Downum, this year's figures are much less than a hundred below those of last year. The fame of the local institution has spread to such an extent that teachers come from choice rather than compulsion, and the ideal summer climate as well as low costs of training contribute a share to its continued success.

FUNERAL HELD SAT. FOR J. M. HARSHAW

Prominent Citizen Dies Thursday at Daniel Boone Hotel from Effects of Self-Inflicted Bullet Wound. Well Known in Watauga.

Funeral services for John M. Harshaw, 55, were conducted from the home in Lenoir Saturday afternoon, the well known citizen having succumbed Thursday morning at the Daniel Boone Hotel here, the result of a self-inflicted bullet wound while he and his bride of two days were honeymooning at the local resort.

Mr. Harshaw was found in his room mortally wounded at 11:45 Wednesday, but was conscious throughout the afternoon and evening. He insisted that the shooting was done by himself, but failed to assign any motive for the act. His young bride, the former Miss Effie Suddreth of Edgemont, to whom he was married the previous Monday evening, was said to have been in the bathroom when the shot was fired. The bullet entered the chest, toward the lower extremity of the heart, and passed completely through the body and into the mattress.

Harshaw was a prominent citizen of this section, being well known in Watauga County. He was district manager for the Standard Oil Company, and had risen to many other business heights.

He is survived by a daughter, three sons and his young bride.

Ask for Aid in the Upkeep City Cemetery

MESSRS. J. S. Stanbury and E. J. Council, who constitute the committee in charge of the town cemetery, have requested that all those who have made financial pledges on the improvements being made, pay those pledges at once, and that others interested will greatly benefit the worthy cause by making prompt contributions. The committee states that it will be impossible to carry forward the work without the material help of those interested. It is further asked that citizens refrain from pasturing cattle on the cemetery lot.

THE WEATHER

Weather report for week ending June 10th, as compiled by the cooperative station at Appalachian Teachers College:

- Average maximum temperature, 83 degrees.
- Average minimum temperature, 59 degrees.
- Average temperature, 71 degrees.
- Average daily range in temperature, 24 degrees.
- Greatest daily range in temperature, 31 degrees; date, 8th.
- Average temperature at 6 p. m. (time of observation), 77 degrees.
- Highest temperature reached, 90 degrees; date, 8th.
- Lowest temperature reached, 54 degrees; date, 4th and 5th.
- Total precipitation in inches, 0.28.
- Greatest precipitation in 24 hours, 0.28; date, 10th.
- Number of days with 0.01 inch or more precipitation, 7.
- Number of clear days, 4.
- Number of partly cloudy days, 1.
- Number of cloudy days, 2.