

Interesting News Items Reported From Raleigh

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(Special Writer for The Democrat) Raleigh, N. C.—A 200-man CCC camp has been authorized to be established at Fort Macon, near Morehead City and Beaufort, opening on April 1 and continuing for six months for the purpose of restoring old Fort Macon and completing the 3-3-4 mile road along the sand bar to the causeway to Atlantic Beach, R. Bruce Etheridge, director of Conservation and Development, has been advised.

The Fort Macon site is historic, having been mentioned as a fort site in the 1700s, and the present fort building was erected about 100 years ago. The 410-acre tract was deeded by the Federal government to the State in 1924, with the proviso that it be a perpetual state park. Located on the end of a sand bar, it has been accessible only from water, at the mouth of Bogue Sound and near a break in the sand bank connecting the sound and harbor with the ocean.

Educators Visit in Washington

Dr. A. T. Allen, State superintendent of public instruction and Jale B. Warren, secretary of the N. C. Education Association, spent a few days last week in Washington in the interest of the Federal fund for education, first as an emergency, and then as a permanent policy for the future. They report that progress apparently is being made, but will not predict the results.

Dr. B. B. Dougherty, Boone, member of the State School Commission, and LeRoy Martin its secretary, also visited Washington last week in their effort to get a grant of 30 per cent toward purchase of about \$400,000 worth of school buses. They may succeed in getting this grant, but it will be harder to get it for the chassis of the trucks than it will for the bodies, on the ground that supplying the bodies will put that many more men to work making bodies. The emergency units are making such grants. If the grant of \$125,000 is allowed, the State, which has to buy the trucks anyway, would supply about \$275,000, a total of about \$400,000.

Recorder's Courts May Handle Manslaughter Cases

"Involuntary manslaughter," or killing a person in an automobile or other accident without intention of so doing, is classed as a misdemeanor and may be tried in the usual recorder's court, which have final jurisdiction over misdemeanors, as a result of the amendment to the law as amended in 1933. It is held in an opinion by Assistant District Attorney A. A. F. Seawell. The 1933 amendment provides that punishment for involuntary manslaughter shall be in the discretion of the court and may be a fine or imprisonment, or both.

Mr. Seawell points out that this amendment makes the punishment for involuntary manslaughter almost identical with that for misdemeanors.

Ice Skating Queen



NEW YORK . . . Miss Suzanne Davis (above) of Boston is the new women's figure and fancy ice skating champion of the United States. She won the title from a big field at the national meet held here.

He cites that a felony is a crime punishable by imprisonment in the State Prison, and thinks that involuntary manslaughter, under the amendment, may not be so punished. The effect of the amendment, he believes, is to reduce the offense from a felony to a misdemeanor, and to give these courts having final jurisdiction over misdemeanors final jurisdiction over involuntary manslaughter. Most of the recorder's courts have such final jurisdiction. He thinks the offense should be plainly described in the warrant to make sure it is involuntary manslaughter, however.

Rainey to Address Bankers

Speaker Henry T. Rainey, of the National House of Representatives; Eugene R. Black, governor of the Federal Reserve Bank System; Major A. L. Bulwinkle of the 10th North Carolina District, and O. Howard Wolfe, cashier of the Philadelphia National Bank, and member of the National Banking Code committee, have accepted invitations to address the annual convention of the North Carolina Bankers Association at Pinehurst on April 26-27. Secretary Paul P. Brown announces.

Mr. Black and Mr. Wolfe will probably speak on the first day, Mr. Wolfe on some phase of bank management, and Mr. Rainey and Major Bulwinkle on the second, Major Bulwinkle on "Some Legislation in the 73rd

Congress." The Industrial Bank section and the Trust Conference will meet Thursday afternoon, both starting with a luncheon.

The banquet and ball will be held Thursday night and the annual golf tournament will be held Thursday afternoon.

Charles H. England, secretary to the late Congressman Claude Kitchen for several years, and to Governor McLean during his administration, and later State game warden for five years, has been appointed supervisor of the field forces of the Department of Revenue, succeeding J. R. Collier, who has held that position since the field forces were enlarged last year and who has been a deputy commissioner since the department was organized in 1921. Jack Phelps, assistant auditor in the income tax division, whose work had added \$2,000,000 to the income tax collections, has resigned to take a position in New York City.

Mr. Collier evidently was released in the department shake-up. Papers predicted that A. F. Beddingfield, chief of the income tax division, was slated to go, but he continues in his job and Commissioner A. J. Maxwell has had nothing to say about it. His going will probably be delayed, if he is slated to go, until the income tax, due March 15, is pretty well straightened out. John Briggs, Raleigh, and Miss Eller, Ashe County, have also been released. Other dismissals may be looked for in the next few weeks, as the work of the department is being organized under two main divisions, Assessment and Collections, under Harry McMullan, and Accounts and Records under George G. Scott, certified public accountant.

Educators Meet Thursday

The Fiftieth Annual Convention of the North Carolina Education Association will be in session in Raleigh the last three days of the week, Mar. 22-24. The three general sessions will be held Thursday evening and Saturday morning, while 30-odd divisional and departmental meetings will be held during the period, most of them at 2:30 Friday.

General session speakers will be Dr. George S. Counts and Dr. Jesse Williams, both of Teachers College, New York City, and Jessie Gray, president of the National Educational Association, and Dr. J. Y. Joyner, former U. S. Commissioner of Education, and Dr. J. Y. Joyner, former State superintendent, on the fiftieth anniversary of the organization, Friday night, and Dr. Jean Betzner, Teacher's College, and Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus Saturday.

City Superintendent H. P. Harding, Charlotte, president, will preside. Several of the general session speakers, and others of prominence, will speak at some of the departmental meetings, over which departmental presidents will preside. Fully 1,200 teachers are expected to attend one or more of the sessions.

Banking School Being Held

A school is being conducted this week in Raleigh for about 135 members of the State Banking Department, largely auditors and liquidators, Commissioner of Banks Gurney P. Hood announces. The instructors will be members of the department largely, but each day at least one speaker will be from the outside. One of them will be from Washington, to explain the new banking insurance. Later, Mr. Hood said, a school will be held for bank officers, directors and employees, probably in Raleigh. Former schools, those last year, were held in several strategic points over

Mrs. Benjamin Harrison



NEW YORK . . . Mrs. Benjamin Harrison, 79, (above) wife of the former President, is still socially active and last week was honor guest at the New York City Women's Club. Mrs. Harrison was the second wife of the former president and niece of the first Mrs. Harrison. She spent two years at the White House as guest of her aunt, who died in 1892.

the State.

Ehringhaus in Florida

Governor Ehringhaus has been gambling on the green, dipping in the warm waters, lolling on the white sands and basking in the sunshine of Florida for a few days, along with governors of three or four other Southern States. Miami was the main point, though other resorts were visited. He was accompanied by Mrs. Ehringhaus and daughter, Miss Matilda, Adjutant General J. Van B. Melts and a few other friends.

Raleigh 'Leggers Laying Low

Raleigh bootleggers and rumrunners are said to be "layin' low" and saying "nothin'" during the last week or two, making the ardent spirits hard to get, as a result of attacks on vice and especially liquor drinking from two Baptist pulpits of Dr. J. Powell Tucker and Dr. E. McNeill Poteat, in Sunday sermons recently. Or so rumor puts it. Rumor also gives the cause, that these ministers and others have employed private detectives to watch the well-known bootleggers in the city and accumulate evidence with which to bolster up their charges, and probably to go in to court with a Wake grand jury had the preachers and others before it recently, but adjourned without making presentments, and police are reported unusually active on this score.

Two Negroes Electrocuted

Two negroes marched their last few steps from death row to the death chamber in State's Prison in one day, last Friday, one of the rare days on which two lives have been taken by the State. Both were for murder and both confessed. Jesse Brooks killed Rowland A. Gill, Durham police detective, and James Johnson killed his sweetheart in Hoke County. Governor Ehringhaus had declined clemency. Brooks signed a confession in which he included more than one murder, rape, burglary, theft and other crimes in the past years.

New secrets of the French Detective Police. H. Ashton-Welke tells how baffling mysteries are cleared up by scientific crime detection. One of many interesting articles in the American Weekly, the magazine which comes March 18th with the Baltimore Sunday American. Buy your copy from your favorite newsboy or newsdealer.

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