

FIRST GEORGIA PRIMARY FOR F. R.

WPA Rolls Are To Be Cut Down

Slash Begins During March

Will Continue Till June, Announcement Follows Relief Parley

Washington—A new White House conference on unemployment, described by President Roosevelt as a still inconclusive discussion of whether industry could take on more men, stirred speculation in the capitol.

It was followed swiftly by an announcement by Harry L. Hopkins, Works Progress administrator, that WPA would start this month to trim its rolls from a February high of 3,037,440 to a minimum of 2,310,100 by next June 30.

The administration anticipated, Hopkins asserted, that 200,000 persons would be placed in private or other employment each two weeks between now and July 1.

The White House meeting followed only a day after the American Federation of Labor reported 12,600,000 were jobless in the nation, with the biggest December-January unemployment rise in five years.

Earlier in the day, congressional circles revived talk of possible action on the Black-Connelly bill to require a 30-hour week in industry.

President Roosevelt told his press conference he had a general discussion on unemployment at luncheon with Secretaries Roper and Perkins, and Major George Berry, co-ordinator for industrial co-operation, and hinted that further talks would be held.

Asked about the A. F. of L. report, he observed that employment always dropped off in January.

In another official quarter it was said the whole problem was explored with a view "possibly" toward seeking a new angle of attack.

As to next year's relief budget, Mr. Roosevelt said it was based only upon taking care of needy employables, indicating that States would be expected to continue caring for unemployed.

The relief request he added, will be forwarded to Congress sometime between March 10 and March 19.

In his tax message today, the President reiterated his hope to achieve a balanced 1936-1937 budget except for relief needs—estimated unofficially at around \$2,000,000,000.

Mr. Roosevelt told reporters one of his problems was to find enough money to keep the work-relief program going for the remainder of this fiscal year, which expires June 30.

He said the administration has not transferred any money lately hrback Murray made. She seeks relief from other relief projects, but that it is scraping the barrel to tide over May and June.

Relief headquarters estimated that 14,000,000 persons are supported by the 3,800,000 "employables" holding work-relief jobs, and that about 6,000,000 persons are on direct relief.

Salisbury Airport Is Leased By R. L. McKee

Robert L. McKee, who has been with the Eastern Air Lines for the last eight years at various eastern seaboard points, has leased the local Municipal airport for three years from the local commission for the purpose of providing personal and mechanical service to aircrafts operating to and from here. Both he and his wife are licensed pilots.

Two Lose Lives In Auto Crash

20 Others Injured In Other Auto Accidents During Week-End

Two persons were killed and at least 20 injured in four week-end automobile accidents in Rowan county. The two fatalities were the first of the year for the county.

Joe Allison, 20, negro, of Iredell county, was killed Saturday night near Bear Poplar when, riding on the running board of a car driven by Freddie Tucker, negro, the car sideswiped an automobile operated by Roger Harrison, white. Ed Caldwell, who was in the Tucker car, suffered injuries from which he died early Monday.

Four persons in the Harrison car and six in the Tucker automobile were bruised and cut. Harrison is under bond and Tucker is in jail pending an inquest.

Sunday afternoon the car driven by R. E. Ridenhour of Concord, with Mrs. Ridenhour and her sister, Mrs. Nell Edison, as passengers, went out of control and overturned down the Landis-Mooresville highway. The women received hospital treatment at Mooresville.

Sunday night, a car driven by Claude Christie of near this city, collided with one driven by Welker Cline, of near Concord, four miles south of the city. Dwight Hatcock, Henrietta Hatcock and Margaret Forrest all suffered injuries, while Christie had cuts on the tongue and lip. Christie was charged with reckless driving, State patrolmen said.

A car turned over twice after skidding 60 feet and rolling down an embankment near Spencer Saturday night. Five men were bruised and cut, but none was seriously hurt. They were: Coy and Frank Ramsey, James Cook, Jim Smith and L. L. Sweet.

Marine Corps To Accept 28

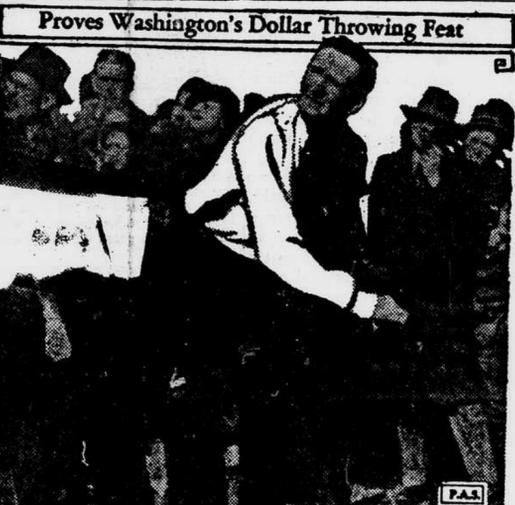
During March the U. S. Marine Recruiting District Headquarters, Post Office Building, Savannah, Ga., will accept twenty-eight applicants of superior physical and educational qualifications, single, between 18 and 25 years of age and not less than five feet and six inches in height, it was announced by Major Ralph E. Davis, the Officer in Charge.

There are also vacancies for musicians who are qualified to play either trumpet or drum, it was announced.

The Savannah office considers applicants from Virginia, North and South Carolina, Southeast Georgia and Florida, and is the only office where applicants in these states are examined. Full information and application blanks will be furnished upon request to young men desiring service in the Marine Corps, Major Davis stated.

TOO MUCH 'BALONEY' PRISONERS STRIKE

Tulsa, Okla.—Women prisoners of the county jail have gone on strike against bologna. According to Marie Kelley, spokeswoman for the prisoners, they won't eat again until the source of the controversy has been scratched from the jail menu. She snapped: "Baloney! I've eaten so much of that stuff I can bark better than I can talk."



FREDERICKSBURG, Va. . . . "Big Train" Walter Johnson, one of baseball's pitching greats, proved that the legend of George Washington having thrown a silver dollar across the Rappahannock river here when 11-year old, was entirely possible. In two out of three attempts here on Washington's birthday, Johnson threw silver dollars across the 272 foot stream. His throw was 317 feet.

Poet, Dead Many Years, Helping Couples To Wed

Baton Rouge, La.—A poet's desire to provide for young couples the matrimonial romance he himself never knew is still finding fulfillment after more than a century.

Nearly a score of young women of West Baton Rouge parish have recently married with the material assistance and figurative blessing of Julian Poydras, whose body has lain for many years in an obscure grave in the quaint old French cemetery of St. Francis in Pointe Coupee.

More than 100 years ago Poydras at the age of 84 looked back upon a life in which he had come to Louisiana as a young and penniless Breton sailor and risen to wealth as a planter and author, but in which he found no wife to share his success.

Before he died he willed \$30,000 to provide dowrie or "dots" for young women whose marriages might be impeded for lack of dowries under the prevailing French custom.

West Baton Rouge parish, perpetuating tradition and following the terms of his will has distributed the interest accumulated from the fund to dowries to 17 brides in the latest apportionment. Only the interest is used, the principal remaining intact.

Parish authorities refused to divulge the amounts each young bride received toward her dowry. Poydras' reasons for leaving the fund are legendary and varied. One story that the girl he loved died before he accumulated enough money to marry her.

BABY ASLEEP 6 MONTHS

Erie, Pa.—Doctors shook their heads sadly over baby Maxine Yarrington's crib, for her future is anything but bright, even if she should awaken from the deep sleep which has held her six long months.

Dr. H. B. Emerson said: "Because of her long confinement, Maxine will be a life-long invalid when and if she awakens."

The physician declined to make any other prediction on the outcome of the strange case, diagnosed as encephalitis, lethargica, or sleeping sickness. Things have been the same every day since the two-and-a-half-year-old tot became ill after a convulsion last September.

With her big blue eyes wide open, Baby Maxine looks up without recognition as Dr. Emerson and other physicians try to get some response to their sympathetic ministrations. Sometimes a noise in the nursery arouses her, but only to the extent she changes her position in the crib.

Contract Is Awarded For School Buildings

L. S. Bradshaw and Son, contractors, have been awarded the contract for the construction of three school buildings, bids being received Tuesday afternoon by the county board of education.

The buildings are for the Woodrow Wilson school in Kannapolis, the Boston school in China Grove township and at Granite Quarry. The total of the general contract was approximately \$57,000. There were six other bidders on the general contract and 10 bidders on the heating and plumbing.

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McKenzie Is Acting P. M.

James H. McKenzie, W. F. Rantz and H. A. Rouzer were the three men who were eligible for the position as postmaster of Salisbury after the examination recently given by the Civil Service Commission, and of these three James McKenzie received the highest rating and has been nominated to fill the place for the next term.

The nomination was referred to the post office committee of the Senate and it is expected he will take over the post office March 15.

P. N. Peacock whose term expired February 24 of this year was not a candidate and did not enter the race.

Mr. McKenzie formerly was a hardware merchant in Salisbury. For several months he has been connected with the PWA. His father was sheriff of the county, and a brother, Locke McKenzie, followed in his father's footsteps as the county's chief peace officer and lost his life while in discharge of his duty.

Other Tar Heel postmasters nominated today were: Joseph A. Leigh, Belhaven; Fred M. Bradley, Old Fort; Fred M. Pearce, Wendell; and Arthur T. Newsome, Winton.

Clue Links Bruno To Norfolk

Goldsboro, N. C.—George Casteen, Goldsboro furniture salesman, said he had forwarded to New Jersey State police at their request a paper on which was written "Auf wiedersehen, Dick Hauptmann," which he found in a book left in a residence here by previous occupants.

Casteen said the request for the paper came from J. J. Lamb, captain New Jersey State police, who said handwriting experts would examine it to "ascertain whether these papers were signed by Bruno Richard Hauptmann."

Casteen said the house previously had been occupied by a family which lived in Norfolk, Va., about the time the search for the Lindbergh baby was in progress, but that he did not recall the name.

Contract Is Signed For Armory Here

Contract for WPA construction of a \$24,568 armory for Company "C", 105th Engineers North Carolina National guard, was signed in Winston-Salem Wednesday after county and city officials conferred with Federal authorities.

The contract was forwarded to Raleigh for approval by John D. Spinks, WPA State engineer.

The city of Salisbury and Rowan county agreed to furnish one-third of the project costs for employment of skilled labor not on relief rolls, district WPA officials said. The WPA will supply materials and secure wage labor.

80-YEAR-OLD MAN HAS 19TH BIRTHDAY

Savannah, Ga.—Thomas A. Cole celebrated his nineteenth birthday anniversary Saturday. Although he is 80 years old, this is the nineteenth time his birthday has rolled around. He was born on February 29, 1856.

Rural County Vote Results In Hard Jolt For Talmadge

Majority Is More Than 5 to 1 For President Roosevelt

POLITICIANS SURPRISED

Donalsonville, Ga.—In the nation's first presidential primary test, Democratic voters of this rural Georgia county Wednesday called for the renomination of President Franklin D. Roosevelt over his arch critic, Governor Eugene Talmadge.

The expression came through ballots cast in overwhelming numbers by voters of Seminole county, in the extreme southwest corner of Georgia, for the present occupant of the White House to be renamed by the Philadelphia convention.

In a primary without binding result, the first unofficial returns gave 745 votes for Roosevelt and 136 for Talmadge.

The Donalsonville precinct voted 297 for Roosevelt and three for Talmadge, in unofficial early returns.

News of the trend brought expressions of surprise in political circles in Atlanta, in view of the fact that only Tuesday another county, Pierce, called off a presidential primary.

"I hadn't heard about it," said Governor Talmadge in Atlanta, "I doubt if the Talmadge folks had much chance to get out and vote." Marion Allen, Georgia campaign manager for Mr. Roosevelt, hailed the Seminole result "as evidence of what the voters throughout the State would do" if a state-wide primary were called.

"I wish to congratulate and express my sincere appreciation to the loyal Democrats of Seminole county in giving our great President such a wonderful and overwhelming victory," Allen said.

N. C. Revenue Showed Gain

February Receipts Show Increase Over Same Month in 1935

Raleigh—Revenue receipts of the State of North Carolina during February aggregated \$4,113,793.21, a gain of \$1,098,001.46, or 26.41 per cent, over the \$3,015,761.65 collected in February 1935.

Receipts for eight months of the fiscal year totalled \$35,327,510.71, a gain of \$2,490,915.32, or 7.59 per cent, over the similar period last year.

In the general fund franchise, income, sales, beer and miscellaneous levies all showed February increases, as compared with a year ago, and each division of highway revenue was up.

The sales tax brought in \$712,287.03 last month, compared with \$522,694.24 a year ago, and for eight months it had yielded \$6,918,432.66, compared with \$5,227,564.25 last year. It occupied first place as a source of general revenue.

License revenues from automobiles last month were \$934,328.71, compared with \$366,303.48 in February 1935, and gasoline tax yield was \$1,343,826.26, compared with \$1,240,077.70 a year ago.