

Washington Politicians Believe Common Ground To be Reached for Court

In Spite of Contrary Assertions Made President Asserts That He Will Book No Compromise To Court Proposal

Robinson Mentioned Will Probably Fill Vacancy Made On Court By Resignation Of Van Devanter

Washington.—In spite of the president's often repeated assertions to the effect there would be no compromise of his proposal to swamp the Supreme Court, insiders here last night took it for granted that a common ground could be reached by Mr. Roosevelt and those flatly opposed to adding new members to the bench.

And, with this new outlook came a report that Senator Joseph T. Robinson of Arkansas, who as Democratic leader has guided New Deal legislation through the Senate, would be named by the President to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Justice Van Devanter.

Speaking privately, men identified with each side of the battle said that such an ending to the conflict was in the making even before the retirement of Associate Justice Willis Van Devanter.

In fact, it was revealed, Senate administration leaders had prepared a surprise coup on a compromise at yesterday's voting session of the Senate judiciary committee. One, however, which did not quite come off. Meanwhile, Washington, excitedly living the momentous days that it loves, exchanged rumors that more members of the high court may follow Van Devanter into retirement.

(At Chicago, Senator Lewis, Democrat of Illinois, asserted he was "quite sure" at least two more judges had signified to the President and others their intention to retire.)

Of primary significance in the court bill situation was an undated statement by Senator Logan, Democrat of Kentucky, that a compromise which he advanced yesterday had the approval of the administration leadership. It was this proposal, incidentally, that he attempted coup turned.

The President's bill calls for authority to appoint an additional member to the Supreme Court for every incumbent who has passed 70 years of age, a maximum addition of six before Van Devanter's retirement and five now.

Each Crop This Season Is Short

Of financial interest to the citizens of the sandhill section and economic interest to many people in the United States is the prospect for a low peach crop this season.

Randal B. Etheridge, chief of the department of agriculture market division said North Carolina peach growers had prospects for "only 48 per cent of a full crop at present," and indications were 6 per cent better than last year on May 1.

"Production forecasts are 1,364,000 bushels, which is about 15 per cent less than last year and considerably less than the 10-year average," Etheridge said, "since many old orchards are going out and many new plantings are not bearing abundantly."

Residential Growth Taxes Ability of City Workmen

The rapid expansion of the residential section of Asheboro is taxing the forces of the sewer and street department to keep up with demands for new water connections, according to an announcement at the City hall this morning.

Edward Sykes, foreman of the new handling this work, it was stated, is attempting to keep abreast of the demands but due to the time required to dig through the earth, make the connection and return, is unable to meet all requests. Due to the fact that more and more requests are being filed daily the

Daughter-Slayer and Lover Held



Her Brookhaven, N. Y., apartment was too small to accommodate her two children and the man she loved, so Mrs. Helen Tierman, above, got the children "out of the way" by hacking and burning to death her daughter, Helen, 7, and attempting similarly to murder her son, Jimmy, 7, she confessed. Her confession said her lover, George Christie, below, held the children while she struck them with a hatchet. Christie denied this.

Randolph Farmers Using Loan Fund

Total Of 65 Loans Have Been Made By Local Credit Association To May 1

According to announcement just made by James Bishop, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer of Graham Production Credit Association, from the offices of the association at Graham, there have been closed during the present spring lending season, up to May 15, to the farmers of Randolph county a total of 65 loans, aggregating \$11,360.00. This compares with a total of 48 loans, amounting to \$7,054.00, for the entire year of 1936 and represents a substantial increase.

Total loans made through May 15 in nine counties of Alamance, Caswell, Chatham, Durham, Guilford, Orange, Person, Randolph and Rockingham, served by the association are 1327, amounting to \$260,312.00. During the full year of 1936 1230 farmers in these counties borrowed from the association \$214,338.00. There were outstanding on the books of the association on May 15 a total of 1342 loans in the sum of \$264,061.00. It is thought that by the end of the year not less than 1400 loans, aggregating \$280,000.00, will have been closed by the association, indicating that a considerably greater number of farmers are becoming acquainted with and taking advantage of the superior credit facilities offered by their own cooperative financing institution.

It is announced, too, that the association's losses during 1936 because of bad debts were practically negligible, only \$90.00 having been actually charged off.

Many improvements in the service rendered have been put into effect.

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J. Henry Roraback Republican Leader Commits Suicide

Prominent National Political Figure For More Than Quarter Century

At Hunting Lodge

Shot Himself Through Head With .22 Caliber Revolver While Son Is Telephoning

South Harwinton, Conn.—J. Henry Roraback, veteran Republican national committeeman who was a prominent figure in the country's political scene for more than a quarter of a century, shot and killed himself yesterday in his hunting lodge here. A medical examiner said it was suicide.

The body of the 67-year-old president of the Connecticut Light and Power company who led the Republican party in this State for over 25 years, was found between the lodge and a garage, a .32 caliber revolver bullet in his head.

Dr. H. B. Hanchett, Torrington medical examiner, who with Dr. Winchfield Wright, Thomaston medical examiner, concurred on suicide as a death verdict, said Roraback came to the lodge, Valley View farm last night.

He spent the forenoon today smoking and reading, the medical examiner said, then told a son Lewis, to telephone his mother that they would motor to Hartford starting almost at once.

While Lewis was telephoning, he told Dr. Hanchett, there was a sharp crack outside the house, but he thought nothing of it at the moment.

A few minutes later, Joseph Nadeau, lodge employe, found Roraback lying in the driveway midway between the garage and the lodge beside an automobile. Nearby was a pearl-handle .32 caliber revolver.

Dr. Hanchett said there was blood on the seat cushion in the coupe indicating Roraback had seated himself in the car, fired a bullet which entered his head above the right ear, and then fell over the running board to the ground.

The scene of the shooting was the site of last year's Republican State gathering in June at which John D. Hamilton, national Republican chairman, was guest of honor.

The Republican leader, one of his party's few remaining old guarders, rose to his position in the electric power and political fields from humble beginnings.

Woman Persists In Chasing Ex-King

"Countess" Threatens To Wed Waylay Edward On Wedding Day

Monts, France.—A mysterious woman, purportedly an Hungarian Countess, reappeared to plague the Duke of Windsor as he made final preparations for his June 3 marriage to Mrs. Wallis Warfield. The woman, who has pursued the Duke for three years and has written him hundreds of imploring letters, arrived at Cannes on the French Riviera, determined to "waylay" him when he passes through there with his bride en route to an Austrian honeymoon cottage.

The Duke announced through his official spokesman, that his bride will become not only the Duchess of Windsor, but "Her Royal Highness, as well.

The announcement indicated that Edward's critics in England were powerless to prevent her from ranking among the seven women of the immediate royal family.

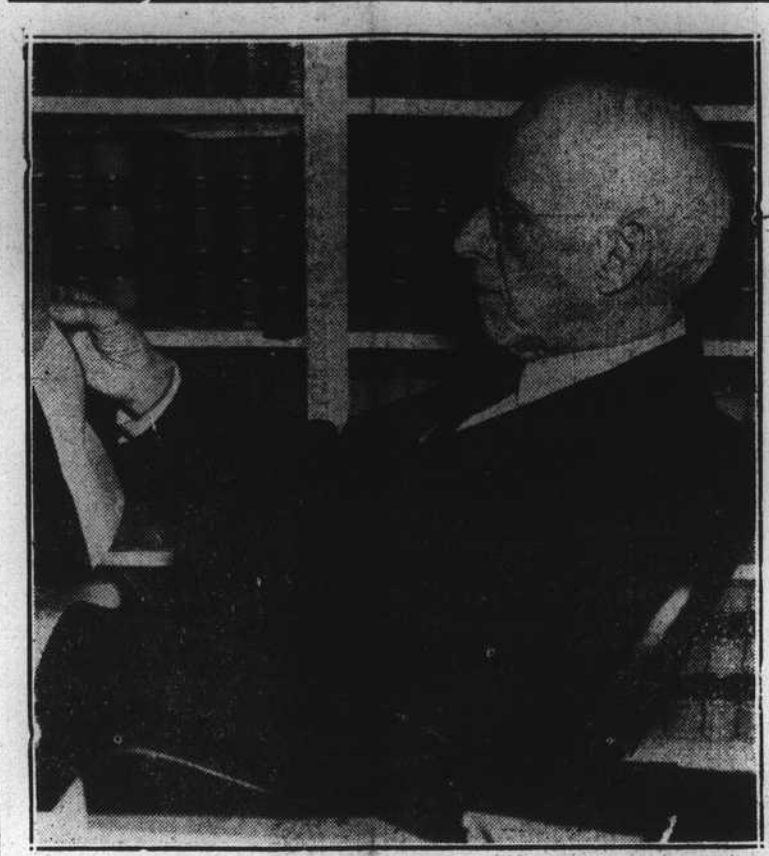
Execution Date Postponed, July 9

During the week there has been considerable ado about the execution of Robert Glenn Brown because of the repairs now in progress at central prison in Raleigh. The matter was settled, however, when life for the Craven county negro convicted of the murder of J. B. Peacock, New Bern storekeeper last January, was prolonged yesterday because facilities at Central Prison make an execution "almost impossible," in the words of Warden H. H. Honeycutt.

The stay moved up Brown's death date, until Friday, July 9, when remodeling at the prison is expected to be completed.

Announcing the decision Parole Commissioner Edwin M. Gill said, "I have the written petition of the warden stating that due to reconstruction work now in progress at the Central Prison, it is impossible to proceed with the execution." He indicated that the petition alone was responsible for the reprieve, and that there would be no executions prior to completion of the building operations.

Van Devanter Announces Resignation



Justice Willis Van Devanter—78 and dean of Supreme Court conservatives—reads a copy of his brief note of resignation, addressed to President Roosevelt. His dramatically sudden announcement to retire in the midst of the congressional fight over judiciary reform startled the capital.

Doughton and Weaver Stand Together for N. C. Parkway

Two North Carolina Congressmen From The West Stand Firmly For Parkway

Washington.—The House yesterday passed Representative Robert L. Doughton's amendment restoring, for the present at least, \$5,000,000 for the Blue Ridge parkway through North Carolina.

Doughton battled against heavy odds but aided by Representative Weaver of the eleventh district beat back the strong front lined up for "economy." His proposition swept through the house with a vote of 141 to 59. It was predicted by several that the amendment, if it reaches the White House, would be vetoed by the President.

Thus was restored that \$5,000,000 for the parkway that the House appropriation committee had cut to \$3,000,000. Of the fund restored by the House \$500,000 is scheduled to go to the Great Natchez tract.

Doughton called to the attention of the House that the director of the budget and the House appropriations committee had cut to one-fourth the amount originally authorized by Congress. He pointed out that the failure to grant \$5,000,000 would not only be a waste of the money already expended by North Carolina but would also be "a failure to keep faith."

Never did a House member face such unfavorable conditions as arose just before this item was reached. The House met in a furor, fearing a message to the President was sending to the House might tie up Congress until frost with new legislative demands.

The message came in, a veto in strong language on a proposed \$5,000,000 appropriation for the New York world's fair next year. Then Representative Carl Vinson of Georgia made an economy speech attacking the proposed billion and a half relief bill.

By the time the Blue Ridge parkway item in the Interior department appropriations bill was reached, the House was in a humor to vote down almost anything. But regardless of this, Mr. Doughton's personal appeal to members had already had its effect.

The item was read, appropriating \$3,000,000, of which \$500,000 was to go to the Natchez trace which extends through Tennessee, Alabama, and Mississippi. Representative Taber of New York made a motion to strike out the entire item. This was voted down 123 to 21, even few Republicans standing by Taber.

Then Mr. Doughton made his motion to restore the item to \$5,000,000, and a wild scramble began. Doughton remained steady in the surge and marshaled his forces. He had seen to it that the North Carolina delegates were in their seats to a man, Major Bulwinkle of the Tenth district, who was formerly against the parkway.

Mr. Weaver spoke briefly for the appropriation, which would keep the parkway work under way through western North Carolina, but Mr. Doughton made the speech that put it over.

Auto Damaged Slight damage to an automobile, owned by Mrs. Anderson Smith, was caused by fire originating in a short circuit in the battery wires yesterday morning. The car was parked on Spring Garden street. The Asheboro Fire department was summoned and extinguished the fire.

Many Visitors In Charlotte To-day For Celebration

Observation Of Signing Of Mecklenburg Declaration Is Gala Event In City

Bob Reynolds Speaks

Senator Stresses Progress Of Mecklenburg And Of This Nation Since 1775

Charlotte is today celebrating in fine style the annual observance of the signing of the Mecklenburg declaration of independence in that city in 1775. Senator Bob Reynolds is principal speaker for the occasion and was met at the Catawba river bridge by a group of the city officials and representatives from the various civic clubs of the town. Senator Reynolds will speak at 6:00 p. m. this evening.

Before his arrival, the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, dedicated 4 markers to Mecklenburg's singers of the memorable declaration. The first three—to John McKnight Alexander, William Graham, and Richard Barry was unveiled at old Hopewell church 10 miles north of Charlotte on the Beatty's Ford road, where these three signers are buried. The fourth was unveiled over the grave of Major John Davidson in the old Davidson family burying ground a mile west of Hopewell church near the ancestral home of the Davidsons, Rural Hill, destroyed by fire many years ago. Descendants of these signers made brief biographical talks about their distinguished ancestors, and children directly descended from them unveiled the markers. Afterwards at the home of Joe Davidson, on the site of Rural Hill, the group enjoyed an old fashioned picnic dinner.

Numerous officials of the D.A.R. in the State, including the regents of local chapters and various present or past national officials honor or guests, and several make short talks. Later the D.A.R. group returned to the city and attended the official May 20 program at the American Legion Memorial stadium.

George Coan, head of WPA in the state, was also a guest of honor and spoke at the celebration as did John Grice.

Senator Reynolds traced the wonderful progress of the world today in sharp contrast with conditions in 1775 when the people demanded freedom. The Senator spoke of how it took a month for the people of Mecklenburg to learn of the battle of Lexington and drew a vivid picture of transportation and news dispatch today. It was brought out by the speaker that the signing of the Mecklenburg declaration on May 20, 1775, crystallized the sentiment in favor of the declaration of independence which was signed in Philadelphia on July 4th 1776.

Family Gathering Honors Visitors

Mrs. W. C. Spivey had all of her children with their families and a few other relatives as her guests Sunday at her home on Holly street. This occasion was in the form of a family reunion and was given in the honor of Mrs. Spivey's son, C. B. Spivey and Mrs. Spivey and small son, C. B., Jr., who arrived Saturday from Athens, Greece, for a visit of three months. Mr. Spivey holds a position with the American Tobacco company and is stationed in Athens.

Prominent Minister Now At Randleman

Randleman, N. C. May 20—Evangelistic services, which will be in progress through May 30, began last night at St. Paul church here. Dr. A. L. Stanford, who will speak each morning at ten o'clock and each evening at seven-thirty o'clock, is a widely-known pastor of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He has served prominent churches in Charlotte, Salisbury, Statesville, Monroe, and elsewhere. At present he is pastor of the First Methodist church of Lincoln, N. C. Dr. Stanford has been eminently successful as an evangelistic preacher. His coming is expected to be of great inspirational benefit to the entire community. Dr. J. L. Stokes, II, pastor of St. Paul Methodist church, urges all who can to take advantage of this opportunity of hearing timely messages from one of the leading ministers of the state.

4-H Short Course For Negro Youths

Raleigh, May 19.—The 4-H short course for Negro farm boys and girls will be held this summer at A. & T. college, Greensboro, August 31 through September 3, it was announced here today.

Four-H club members who have done outstanding work during the preceding year will be given opportunity to attend the short course where they will have "plenty of recreation as well as studies in the things a farm boy and girl ought to know," said C. R. Hudson, of N. C. state college.

Hudson also stated that Negro workers of the state college extension service are planning to revise the state colored farmers conference this summer with a two-day meeting at Wilson, July 15-16.

F. R.'s Message Washington.—President Roosevelt let it be known yesterday that a forthcoming message to Congress on national planning would embrace power, flood control, soil erosion, dust bowl aids, reclamation and reforestation.

New Concrete Highway Connecting Asheboro To Ramseur is Opened

Traffic Allowed On 20 Foot Link

Drivers Cautioned To Drive Carefully; Shoulders Not Finished

Raleigh 74 Miles

Company Made 300 Foot Cut Through Rock; Praise For Local Merchants

The new concrete link, along highway 64, connecting Asheboro with Franklinton and through Ramseur to Raleigh was opened to traffic this morning according to an announcement of the William F. Bowe, Jr., construction company of Augusta, Ga.

The construction company, in making the announcement, stated that traffic was at the driver's risk as several pieces of machinery are still along the highway and one crew of men are still engaged in placing the new shoulders in proper condition.

The concrete strip, extending for 5 miles, is twenty feet wide while the shoulders extend the "passing lanes" to thirty feet, each shoulder being five feet wide.

The pouring was completed May 7 and this morning the concrete surface was deemed sufficiently cured and dried to allow safe traffic. The contract, divided into two Federal Aid projects totaled \$140,000.

One of the major problems met by the company was the necessity of making an 18-foot cut through rock. This cut extended between 300 and 400 feet. The company expended \$1,200 for the necessary drill bits to place blasting forces for this cut.

During the work the Bowes company confined its employment of labor, whenever possible, to men from this community. The company stated that about 100 men, up to last week, have been continuously at work on the two projects. The present crew is cut to forty whose work is confined to finishing and grading the shoulders.

The completion of this link affords motorists a short route of approximately 74 miles from this city to Raleigh. The highway is hard surfaced the entire distance. According to reports circulated this morning the state highway department is now considering the extension of the concrete surface the entire distance.

The Bowe company today asked the Courier to extend its appreciation to the merchants and residents of the city and along the route for the cooperation it has received. "Asheboro cooperation," its representative said, "has been astonishing. The merchants and all those with who we have had contact have been most gracious in their treatment of the organization and its employes."

The Bowes company has commenced dismantling its machinery which will be transferred to Lenoir in the western section of the state. It plans to open a job of resurfacing a nine mile stretch there within the next few weeks.

Pilot Agents Back From Fishing Trip

A new series of "losing the biggest one" was reopened here today with the returning of three fishermen from Morehead City. The three, W. G. Trexler, P. V. Freeman and G. G. Bullard, all connected with the Pilot Life Insurance company, enjoyed a three day trip to the shore. They joined a party of several others representing the offices located in Burlington and High Point.

The party, leaving here Monday morning, brought back evidence of their ability as fishermen but that "biggest one just got off the hook."

P.W.A. Certifier Here Next Week

Mrs. G. C. Brandon who has been doing certifying work for Randolph county will return to the Welfare department next week to certify to the P.W.A. program. Any person who has failed to make application should see Mrs. Brandon in the Public Welfare department next week. She will be here only one week.

Perfect Attendance Honor Roll for Asheboro Schools

The two Asheboro schools just during the entire year. Grand Honor Roll for the 1936-1937 School term. Gloria Anderson, Kitty Lee Fritz, Virginia Lambert, Emma Frances Luther and Lester Bunting.

9th Grade Margaret Stowe. 10th Grade Truett Frazier and Edna Mae Winningham. 11th Grade Sarah Hayworth, Olga Kinney, Mildred Millsaps and Betty Pre. (Please turn to Page 2)