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## Find Human Blood In McCoin Car

### Unprecedented Problems Of State To Face Legislators When They Meet Wednesday

#### BALANCING BUDGET IS CHIEF PROBLEM TO BE CONFRONTED

Running Behind Millions of Dollars Annually and Pledge Is Against Property Tax

\$10,000,000 DEFICIT MUST BE HANDLED

Drastic Cuts In Expenses, Including Public Salaries, Demanded; Sentiment Against Sales Tax Strong, But State May Be Forced to It for Revenues

BY W. JOINES MMACFARLANE, Associated Press Staff Writer.

Raleigh, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Next Wednesday North Carolina State lawmakers will assemble here confronted with State problems not equalled in the last 30 years in Tar Heels.

Worried with the balancing of a budget running in arrears at the rate of millions of dollars annually, and with most of its members, as well as Governor-elect John C. B. Ehringhaus, pledged to remove the 15-cent ad valorem tax, a difficult time awaits the legislators.

A deficit of some \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 also must be cared for.

From every part of the State legislators have expressed the feeling that

#### Sharp Drop For Mercury Due Tonight

Temperature to Decline From 66 Degrees to Freezing Point in State

Raleigh, Dec. 31 (AP)—North Carolinians will get a touch of near freezing weather for New Year's after a week of almost springlike temperatures, and the weather man at noon today predicted a 30-degree drop in temperatures over the State before morning.

Lee A. Denson, in charge of the weather office here, said the 66-degree mark prevailing all morning here today would be replaced by a 32 to 34 degree mercury tomorrow, with most of the State feeling the freezing or close to freezing weather.

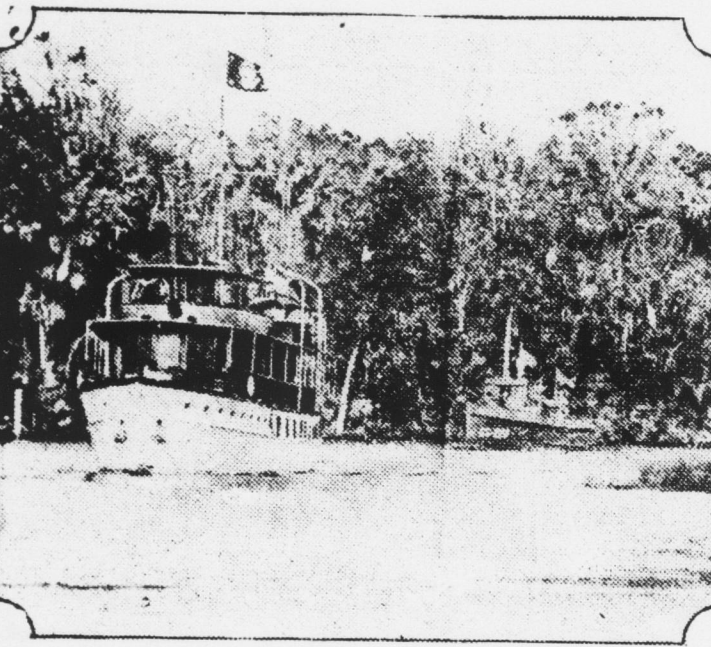
Slight rains continued to fall over the State today, but flooded rivers, except the Roanoke at Weldon, were getting back into their banks in the lower reaches.

The Roanoke was 38 feet at Weldon this morning, and due to top at about 40 feet by night, and start falling.

#### WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.  
Partly cloudy and much colder tonight; Sunday fair, colder.

#### HOOVER YACHT THREADS INLAND



President Hoover's yacht threads along the Florida East Coast canal. The Sequoia, containing the Hoovers and a small party of friends, is shown leading the fleet, followed by one of two coast guard boats carrying secret service men and newspaper men.

### Tighter Regulations On Highway Revenues Sought

#### Terrific Quake In South Africa

Johannesburg, Union of South Africa, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Large areas of South Africa were rocked this morning by one of the worst earthquakes in its history.

Houses were cracked open in Natal, the east coast province of the union. The Orange Free State, interior province to the south of here, and Zululand, north of Natal, also were affected.

Four distinct shocks were felt in this section of the Transvaal. People rushed out of their houses in a panic. The duration of the main quake was one minute and 40 seconds.

#### WOMAN'S SLAYER IS BEING SOUGHT

#### Young Welfare Worker Is Kidnaped and Brutally Slain In Cleveland

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 31.—(AP)—While police hunted the unidentified murderer of a young woman welfare worker today, friends disclosed she had lived in fear of just such an attack as was committed yesterday when she was abducted and slain within a space of 40 minutes.

The victim was Mrs. Ruth Steese, 26, a bookkeeper for the Cleveland Society for the Blind.

Kidnaped in a busy commercial district on the east side, Mrs. Steese was taken in an automobile she had been driving in an outlying road 14 miles away. With her hands tied behind her she was blindfolded with a dirty piece of cheese cloth, and was strangled with her own scarf and was shot twice through the head.

Apparently robbery was the chief motive, police said.

#### ROOSEVELT MEETS LEADERS OF PARTY ON NEXT THURSDAY

Conference Will Be Held In New York To Map Out Democratic Legislative Program

BUDGET BALANCING TO BE CONSIDERED

Economy, Taxes, Submission of Repeal Amendment, Farm Relief and Beer Legislation Also Are To Be Discussed at Time; Rainey Announces Date

Washington, Dec. 31.—(AP)—President-elect Roosevelt has made plans to confer next Thursday night in New York with a big group of his party leaders.

Representative Rainey, of Illinois, the Democratic floor leader, today made public the date of the conference. Originally it had been planned to have the meeting in Albany, but to accommodate the members of Congress, the incoming President will go to New York to meet them, probably at the Billmore hotel.

It is likely that the conference will embrace a full discussion of the Democratic legislative program, including budget balancing, economy taxes, submission of a repeal amendment, farm relief and beer legislation.

The conference in New York comes a day after Chairman Collier plans to lay before his House committee the problem of finding sources of revenue to balance the budget.

#### Regulations On License Sales In State Explained

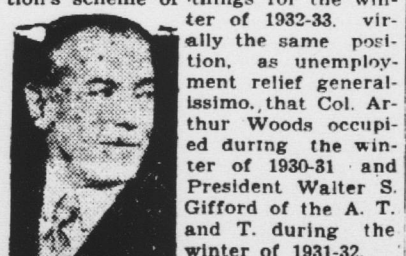
Raleigh, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Though reports were coming to Raleigh today that highway patrolmen would start arresting automobile drivers who did not have 1933 licenses after midnight tonight, Chairman E. B. Jefferson, of the State Highway Commission, said no warrants would be issued until after January 10.

Captain Charles D. Farmer, of the patrol, said he had received no written orders to instruct his men not to molest motorists without licenses, and until he received them he assumed his men would enforce the law, which allows no extension after midnight tonight.

Jefferson said, however, that the patrol would be instructed to warn drivers during the first five days of the New Year, to force them to park cars without licenses during the second five days, and after January 10 to issue warrants for delinquents.

### Plan Of Sharing Jobs Now Has The Warm Endorsement Of Hoover Administration

By CHARLES P. STEWART  
Washington, Dec. 31.—Walter C. Teagle, the Standard Oil magnate, occupies in the Washington administration's scheme of things for the winter of 1932-33, virtually the same position, as unemployment relief generalissimo, that Col. Arthur Woods occupied during the winter of 1930-31 and President Walter S. Gifford of the A. T. and T. during the winter of 1929-30.



The depression, it will be recalled, was only a couple of months old at this time in 1929-30; there was not much unemployment

### Suspect Known As 'Shorty' Held Here And Questioned In McCoin Investigation

#### Columbus Police Leaning Toward Theory Of Murder

Investigation To Center on That Angle, Scully Says After Finding Human Blood; Truck Drivers Tell of Seeing Human Body They Say Was McCoin

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Stains found on personal belongings of R. S. McCoin, missing Henderson N. C., lawyer, were made by human blood, Thomas Scully, assistant chief of Columbus detectives, announced today.

James A. Beer, police analyst, said when McCoin's automobile was found in a local garage December 27, police said that some of the former North Carolina State Senator's property was strewn about the inside of the machine, including one glove, several identification cards, a pair of eye glasses and a spectacle case and a number of cancelled checks. Several of the articles at both the rear and front seats of the car bore stains and these spots, when analyzed, proved

to be human blood. After the results of the analysis was announced today, Scully said, "I have no new theories in this case." He intimated that the murder theory was uppermost in his mind and that this investigation will center on that angle.

MERCHANT AND GARAGE MAN REITERATE SEEKING McCOIN  
Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 31.—(AP)—A small town Ohio merchant and a garage attendant reiterated today that a man they saw in this region several days ago was R. S. McCoin, missing North Carolina lawyer. The merchant and garage man made their statement to detectives after viewing a new

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#### Allotments Farm Bill Is Prepared

Washington, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Chairman Jones announced after a meeting of the agriculture committee today that a domestic allotments farm relief bill will be reported to the House "not later than next Wednesday."

The committee took no action today, confining its work to a study of the detailed provisions of the proposed bill, which would pay a bounty to producers of wheat, cotton, hogs and tobacco on their share of domestic consumption.

"We will meet again Monday and hope to act Tuesday," Jones said.

#### NEW YORK'S MAYOR SWORN INTO OFFICE

New York, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Surrogate John P. O'Brien was sworn in as mayor of New York at 1 p. m. today in his court room in the Hall of Records.

The oath of office was administered by Judge Irving Lehman, of the Court of Appeals, and brother of Governor-elect Herbert H. Lehman.

#### STATE PRISON HAS SAVING \$183,706

Maintenance Last Year \$546,557 Against \$730,264 Previous Year

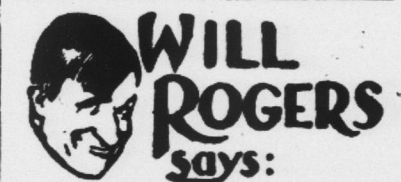
65 PCNT. ALLOTMENT

Raleigh, Dec. 31.—(AP)—The per capita earning capacity of the prisoners in State Prison has decreased from \$212.50 at the end of the fiscal year June 30, 1928, to \$55.76 at the end of last fiscal year. George Ross, Pen. prison superintendent, says in his biennial report to Governor O. Max Gardner.

The revenue from prison labor, the report said, has sunk from \$404,503.14 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1928, to \$184,671.07 for the year ended June 30, 1932.

Daily Dispatch Bureau, in the Sir Walter Hotel, at J. C. BASKERVILLE.  
Raleigh, Dec. 31.—The North Carolina State Prison expended for all maintenance purposes only \$546,557 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1932, as compared with an expenditure for the same purpose the previous

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WILL ROGERS says:

Beverly Hills, Cal., Dec. 31.—Say, god joke on us! We thought Congress had adjourned, and here they are in session. Now, that's the kind of Congress we want—one where we don't know if they are in session or out of session.

Yours, WILL.

#### MAN TELEGRAPHS FROM ROANOKE HE CAN LOCATE BODY

J. Harry Edwards Deputized and Sent Immediately to Virginia City to Aid Search

#### TWO TRUCK DRIVERS TELL OF DEAD BODY

Inform Maryland Police Body Was Sitting Up In Car on Outskirts of Richmond Friday Morning Last Week; Chief Langston Returning Home

While police in Columbus, Ohio, were announcing that spots in the automobile of R. S. McCoin, missing Henderson lawyer, were human blood, authorities here were equally as much interested in questioning a man mentioned in this city last night and filling the description of the "Shorty" mentioned in an anonymous letter from Chicago early in the week, and in reports from Roanoke, Va., police that a man held there might know something about the possible murder of McCoin.

Al B. Wester, business associate of McCoin, last night announced a reward of \$500 would be paid for the location and identification of the body. He said he had no other idea than that he had been killed.

Nothing of an absolutely positive nature was developed in the investigation of the "Shorty" here, who gave his name as A. F. Holden, and said he had been in Henderson since Saturday of last week.

J. Harry Edwards was deputized by Sheriff J. E. Hamlet to go to Roanoke to assist in tracing stories told by a man there giving the name

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### Godwin Man Is Arrested As Bigamist

Left Wife and Children in South Carolina 12 Years; Pillar in Community

Fayetteville, Dec. 31.—(AP)—C. E. Seawright, who came to Godwin a village near here, five years ago, married a well-to-do widow, settled down and became a pillar in the community was arrested today and charged with abandoning a wife and two children in Ware Shoals, S. C., 12 years ago.

The warrant was sworn by the first Mrs. Seawright, who went to Godwin yesterday with her two strapping sons, F. L., 25, and J. J., 26, and confronted Seawright.

Seawright was charged with bigamy and support and abandonment. Later he was released on \$1,000 bond.

Four weeks ago the first Mrs. Seawright said, she located her missing husband at Godwin and went there to find him living the comfortable life of a gentleman farmer on the large farm of his second wife, who was Mrs. Alma Barton.