

Action Postponed On New Farm Bill To Study Legality

Text of Measure, Made Public for First Time, Shows Powers of First Draft

GRANT TO FARMERS INCLUDED IN BILL

Senator Smith Doubts Constitutionality, But Bankhead Is Satisfied; Hatch of New Mexico Says It Is Neither Workable Nor Constitutional in Form

Washington, Jan. 25 (AP)—Still doubtful of its constitutionality, the Senate Agriculture Committee today deferred final action on the administration subsidy-soil conservation farm plan until after Secretary Wallace and legal aides present their judgment Monday.

The text of the new bill, made public by Chairman Smith, Democrat, South Carolina, showed it retained the broad powers in the original draft for the secretary of agriculture to make grants to farmers for improving their soil and economically using their land, with some changes suggested by Chairman Jones, Democrat, Texas, of the House Agriculture Committee.

Senator Smith, which called the first draft unconstitutional, said there were certain features of the new draft which in his opinion still pretty close, if it does not cross, the Constitution line.

Kiwanis District Committees Named For Coming Year

Elizabeth City, Jan. 25 (AP)—J. Henry Leroy, Jr., governor of the Kiwanis Carolina district, today announced the appointment of district committees for this year.

The committee appointment included: Agriculture—Arthur Fountain, Tarboro. Laws and regulations committee—T. S. Kittrell, Henderson. Public affairs for North Carolina committee—J. Watson Smoot, Tarboro.

Hauptmann Lie Detector Test Sought

Hoffman Anxious To Know Whether Condemned Man Actually "Framed"

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 25.—(AP)—Governor Harold G. Hoffman invited Bruno Richard Hauptmann prosecutors and defense counsel today to agree on a lie detector test.

Such a test of the condemned kidnap-slayer of the Lindbergh baby, the governor said, might bring answers to some of the puzzling phases of the case.

The legality of such a test and its effects on Hauptmann's conviction, should it indicate his innocence, were uncertain. Authorities indicated that legislation were needed to make the results binding on the defense and the State.

The governor, however, was not concerned with the legal aspects. He indicated that if the State and the defense agree to a test he might ask the legislature to make the necessary changes in New Jersey's crime law.

Colonel Mark O. Kimberling, State Prison warden, pointed out the test might be classified as a mental examination, for which the law provides C. Lloyd Fisher, chief defense counsel, said he would not consent to the test unless it was conducted by the "best authority."

Trio Convicted in Tennessee Kidnap

Knoxville, Tenn., Jan. 25.—(AP)—Cletus Stone, escaped southern Illinois prison convict, his brother, Carl, and Mrs. Mae Banghart, wife of Basil Banghart, Touhy gangster, were convicted today of kidnaping Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Costner, of Knoxville, last October.

Six Die In Collision Of U. S. Planes

Worst Army Air Disaster Ever In Hawaii; Tar Heel Pilot Escapes

Honolulu, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Six army airmen were killed in a night collision of two big bombers which crashed in winding sheets of flame at Luke field, military air base on Ford Island.

Two others aboard the planes were able to bail out in parachutes and escape with injuries.

Army authorities ordered an immediate investigation of the crash, one of Hawaii's worst aviation disasters. Lieutenant Charles E. Fisher, 23, Asheville, N. C., pilot of one of the planes.

The bodies of the victims were turned beyond recognition.

Crashing in the darkness shortly after 7 p. m. (12:30 a. m. eastern standard time Saturday), the planes burst into flames.

They fell like torches within 100 feet of the naval air base gasoline tanks, but the flames were quickly extinguished.

Lieutenant Colonel Asa Duncan, commanding officer of Luke field, who took charge of the rescue operations, said he was unable to tell immediately exactly what caused the deaths of the fliers. The airmen might have been killed by the collision, crash or flames.

G. O. P. CONVENTION TO BE GOOD SHOW

Dark Horse in End May Win Plum; Party Senses It Has Chance

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Staff Writer

Washington, Jan. 25.—The Republican national convention in Cleveland in early June undoubtedly will be a good show, with plenty of candidatorial rivalry and suspenses up to the last minute.

The Democratic convention in Philadelphia a little later in the month probably will be out and dried.

A few months ago the Republicans were so discouraged that it generally was agreed Herbert Hoover could have their nomination if he wanted it; they didn't consider it worth having, anyway. Now they reckon that their chances have picked up decidedly, and there will be plenty of competition.

Of course, every one knows in advance whom the Democrats will name. True, there are fanatical anti-New Dealers who refuse to believe that President Roosevelt will be even

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In Three Years' Time They Gained Thrones



Accession of Edward VIII as King of England marked sixth new ruler in three years in world's few remaining monarchies. 1934 was a particularly boom year (Central Press)

PUBLISHERS THINK LIBERAL SWING TO DECIDE ELECTION

Group Assembled at Chapel Hill Institute Reflects Views On 1936 Campaign

PENDULUM MIGHT PUT McDONALD IN

Moderate Shift Toward the Left Would Benefit Sandy Graham, and Hoyt Would Win If Public Refuses To Cast off Its Conservatism Of The Years

By LESLIE EICHEL Central Press Staff Writer

Raleigh, Jan. 25.—The outcome of the present Democratic campaign for governor depends upon the extent of the swing in public opinion towards extreme liberalism in North Carolina, according to many of the editors and publishers who attended the mid-winter meeting of the North Carolina Press Association in Chapel Hill and Durham this week. Most of these newspaper publishers and editors agreed that there seems to be a definite trend towards greater liberalism in North Carolina now than in the past and that there are evidence of considerable dissatisfaction with the old conservatism which has characterized the leadership of the Democratic party up to the present time.

But no one has yet been able to estimate the degree of the swing in public opinion over the liberal side and probably will not be able to accurately, it was agreed. The States will have to wait until after the primary to learn just how much the views and the position of the voters have changed during the last four years.

If public opinion swings all the way over to the ultra-liberal side, as it already has done in Louisiana, Georgia, Kentucky and even South Carolina, the chances are that Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, of Winston-Salem, arch foe of the sales tax and friend of the schools, with his program promising more government at less cost, will be nominated, many of the news-

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Wave Of Protest Against Gas Death Chamber Grows

More Horrible and Excruciating Than Election or Any Other Form of Execution, Witnesses Say; Only Dr. Peterson Defends New Scheme

By LESLIE EICHEL Central Press Staff Writer

Raleigh, Jan. 25.—The conviction continues to grow here among all but one of those who saw the State's first execution by gas in the new lethal gas chamber in Central Prison Friday that the gas executions are horrible and revolting. If not actually nauseating—far more so than electrocutions, hangings and other forms of death—the one person who still believes they are humane and painless is Dr. Charles A. Peterson, the member of the 1935 General Assembly from Spruce Pine, Mitchell court, who introduced and secured the passage of the bill which substituted the lethal gas form of execution for the electric chair.

Dr. Peterson, after witnessing the execution, listed a short statement in which he said he was still convinced that death by gas was preferable to execution, that it did not injure the body as much as electricity and that, in his opinion, Allen Foster, the Negro boy who was the first to die in the gas chamber Friday, did not suffer any physical pain during the two to three minutes he remained conscious after the gas started to envelop him.

But Dr. George S. Coleman, prison physician, and Dr. Kemp Neal, Raleigh surgeon, who also witnessed the execution and listened to the heartbeats of Foster as he slowly died from asphyxiation, his body wracked by labored breathing and convulsions, are not convinced that execution by gas is more humane and merciful

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DEFLATION TREND IS BEING SENSED

Supreme Court Is Getting Blame; FDR Must Avoid Inflation

By LESLIE EICHEL Central Press Staff Writer

New York, Jan. 25.—There are fears that the recent Supreme Court decisions on the AAA caused a deflationary tendency to set in. One senses the feeling in the business world. Actually, a deflationary tendency would have set in sooner or later. Fictitious-ly bolstered prices do not remain up always.

In this instance, however, the Supreme Court is likely to receive the blame. It anticipated the decline, perhaps hastened it.

Prices are not falling to any great degree. But business dependent on the farmer are hesitating. There is an uncertainty. In fact, there is growing nervousness over the Supreme Court. One perceives this on "decision" days.

INFLATION FEARED

Monetary inflation is feared. The people themselves, and the politicians, invariably, will pursue the easiest course.

The hard road of social and economic readjustment is howled down. If prices of commodities fall even a little the cry will be for further dollar devaluation, for the issuance of "more money" against the stores of those insidious commodities, gold and silver.

But the administration will be forced by economic necessity to resist these popular measures. The United States government has to meet the refunding of four and a half billion dollars' worth of maturities in 1936. The administration cannot possibly permit the credit of government securities to sink. Nor can it permit the dollar to sink against foreign currencies. Either one or the other

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DOWELL EXPECTED TO OPPOSE DURHAM

State Merchants Secretary's Visit To Newspaper Men Significant

By LESLIE EICHEL Central Press Staff Writer

Raleigh, Jan. 25.—The belief is growing stronger daily in political circles here that Willard Dowell, at present secretary of the North Carolina Merchants Association, will announce soon as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for State auditor, opposing the renomination of State Auditor Baxter Durham. It is being noted that Dowell attended the mid-winter meeting of the North Carolina Press Association in Chapel Hill in fact, he is the only candidate mentioned as a possible opponent of Durham in several years regarded as having anything like a good chance to defeat him. It is also being pointed out that if the rumored revolt against the present set of State officials is as great as it is supposed to be, that Dowell will be selecting the proper time to make his race. Others maintain he will get the benefit of those who for some time have felt that Dur-

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WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Cloudy, somewhat warmer on coast, somewhat colder in extreme west portion late tonight; Sunday mostly cloudy, colder in extreme west portion.

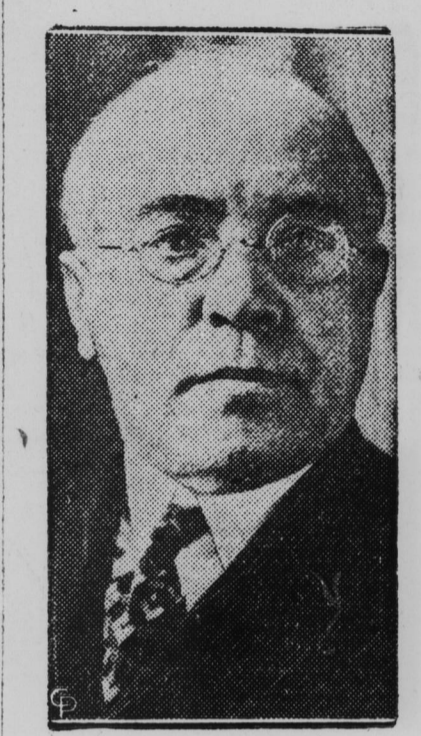
WAVE OF PROTEST AGAINST GAS DEATH CHAMBER GROWS

More horrible and excruciating than election or any other form of execution, witnesses say; only Dr. Peterson defends new scheme

By LESLIE EICHEL Central Press Staff Writer

Many Men Dead In Desperate Battle In North Ethiopia

Succeeds Laval



Albert Sarraut, former French premier and one of the leaders of the Radical Socialist party, went into consultation with party leaders following his acceptance of President Lebrun's offer to form a new cabinet to replace the one dissolved by Premier Pierre Laval, who resigned.

Both Italians and Natives Agree on Terrific Engagement Having Been Fought

ENCIRCLING EFFORT MADE NEAR MAKALE

Ethiopians Claim Two Italian Units Outflanked and Cut to Pieces; Addis Ababa Celebrates; Italians Make Counter Claims There

(By The Associated Press) A terrific battle in northern Ethiopia in which many hundred men were killed and wounded was confirmed today by both Italian and Ethiopian governments.

Other than agreeing that the battle lasted about three days with a great number of casualties—more than all the rest of the campaign put together—the government announcements were contradictory.

The Italians claimed that the Ethiopians had attempted to encircle a division of Italian native troops and a Fascist blackshirt division in the mountains of the Tembien area, but had been repulsed with heavy losses, leaving the Italians completely victorious in the field.

The Ethiopians claimed that the two Italian units had been outflanked and cut to pieces by armies under the command of Ras Kassa and Ras Seyoum.

Italian authorities said their territorial gain had been only slight, but that the moral effect on the Ethiopians would be large; the Ethiopians said their victory gave promise that with the aid of continued rains, they would sweep the Italians out of at least half the territory lost in northern Ethiopia. A victory celebration began in Addis Ababa.

VEHEMENT CHARGES HEARD IN FIGHT ON SCOTTSBORO YOUTHS

One of Nine Negro Defendants and Deputy Sheriff Wounded in Melee After Trial

OFFICERS DEFEND THEIR COLLEAGUES

Norman Thomas, Labor Defense and Other Groups Allege Justice Is Not Sought In Now Famous Assault Trial in Alabama; Prisoners Back to Jail

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 25.—(AP)—Twin investigations of the highway battle between two Scottsboro case Negroes and two officers were started today as one Negro lay gravely wounded in a hospital here, and a sheriff charged "white persons" were responsible for the fight.

Sheriff J. Street Sandlin, who shot Ozzie Powell in the head yesterday after Deputy Edgar Blalock had been slashed in the throat as the officers were bringing the Negroes from Decatur to Birmingham, said he expected to arrest today the Negro who furnished Powell and Wright knives used in the attack.

Roy Wright, accused with Powell of attacking the two officers, told newspaper men, "I didn't have a knife and didn't try to cut the sheriff," as they discussed the case with him in his cell today.

"We didn't plan to try to escape. We wouldn't try now that things look better for us. We don't believe we'll ever get sentenced to death in these cases, but we believe we will be turned loose."

Clarence Norris said "Ozzie and Mr. Blalock had been talking about the case, and Ozzie 'sassed' him, and Mr. Blalock slapped him. A few minutes later Ozzie reached his hand in his pocket and got his knife. He opened it and then reached over and cut Mr. Blalock's throat. That was when the trouble started."

"We thought they were going to kill us, but they didn't hurt any of us but Ozzie," the prisoner said.

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 25.—(AP)—Bitter charges were exchanged today between officers and supporters of the nine Negro defendants of the celebrated Scottsboro mass assault case over a fight in which Ozzie Powell and a deputy sheriff were wounded.

"White persons," asserted Sheriff J. Street Sandlin, plotted an attack by Powell and a fellow prisoner, Roy Wright, on guards moving them by motor car from Decatur, Ala., to Birmingham late yesterday. Physicians said the muscular young Powell, sentenced once to the electric

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Casualty List Big In Africa

(By The Associated Press.) The Fascist high command on the northern Ethiopian front reported today casualties of 768 men in the Tembien offensive, in which 5,000 Ethiopians died.

Marshal Pietro Badoglio, commander of Italian forces in the north, sent his losses at 433 Italians and 310 native recruits—a high mark in the invaders' losses since the start of the campaign.

At Addis Ababa, the Ethiopian government said its troops had encircled the city of Makale, wiped out two Italian columns and killed, captured or wounded thousands more of the enemy in engagements in the region.

The Italian reports of defenders' losses reduced first statements by 8,000. Four thousand other Ethiopians have been taken prisoners, it was reported.

The Ethiopian war machine reported capture of ten Italian cannon, and 100 machine guns.

League of Nations members await-

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Royalty Is Assembling For Funeral

Tens of Thousands Pass King George's Bier in Old Westminster Hall

London, Jan. 25 (AP)—European royalty converged on London in virtually force today to pay last respects to the late King George V of England.

While the new King Edward VIII dealt with a mass of state affairs awaiting his attention, and the public paid homage to the old monarch at his lying in state in Westminster

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