

ROOSEVELT TENANCY BILL GOES TO HOUSE

Senate Argues Referendum On Liquor Stores Proposal; Would Ban Marriages At 18

ANOTHER HIKE OF STATE SALARY NOW SOUGHT IN SENATE

Bill Would Pay Utilities Commissioner \$7,500 Annually Instead of \$6,000 Total

REVENUE MACHINERY BILL GIVEN HOUSE

Anson Solon Tells Senators People of State Have Right To Voice on Liquor Issue; Beaufort Man Says Drys Have Had Chance and Have Failed

Raleigh, Feb. 16 (AP)—The Senate vigorously debated on an amendment this afternoon which would provide a State-wide referendum on the question of creation of county liquor stores.

The House held a short session, sending the old age assistance and child aid bill to its committee. It was announced the administration free textbook bill, passed on second reading by the representatives last night, had to go to the finance committee for approval of its bond issue features.

Liquor Debate Begun Taylor of Anson opened the fight (Continued on Page Two)

Three States Seek 40-Hour Textile Week

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 16.—(AP)—Governor Olin Johnston said today he planned to ask the governors of North Carolina and Georgia to cooperate in an effort to establish a 40-hour week in textile mills in the south east.

Johnston said he would continue his support of the idea in South Carolina whether the other states acted or not, but declared "it would be much better for all concerned if Georgia and North Carolina came along with us."

Fight Looms On Sales Tax Put On Building Materials

Opponents Say It Is Unfair and Discriminatory, and They Are Sore at Maxwell for Method in Which He Forced Levy Into Revenue Bill in House

Raleigh, Feb. 16.—Adjournment of the legislature by April 1 is freely predicted by practically all political prophets, but before any adjourning is done there's going to be one of the hottest and bitterest battles of the session—and it will not be over liquor either.

The proposition which may hold up the works is that sales tax on building, plumbing and electrical contractors slipped into the revenue bill at the eleventh hour and fifty-ninth minute by the finance committee and put through the House despite a stub-

They Disapprove Court Changes



Robert L. Cummings (left), and John W. Bryant are shown at Cambridge, Mass., signing the written disapproval of 500 Harvard Law School students to President Roosevelt's proposal to increase the membership of the Supreme Court. (Central Press)

Patrol For Spain To Be Begun Soon

Powers To Agree To Ban Supplies To Either Side in Civil War Strife

(By The Associated Press) The international "hands-off-Spain" committee was called into session today to confirm three recommendations to insulate the rest of Europe from the Spanish civil war.

Approved by a sub-committee with only Portugal dissenting, and Germany and Italy in agreement with France Great Britain and Russia, the proposals were: 1. Each nation to ban voluntary aid (Continued on Page Three)

FOURTH SUSPECT IN SLAYING SET FREE

Three Others Held But Not Thought Guilty in School Girl Assault in Mountains

Sparta, Feb. 16.—(AP)— Sheriff Walter Irvin said today a fourth man arrested as a suspect in the Elva Brannock assault-murder case had been cleared of any connection, but had been turned over to Galax, Va., authorities to finish a road sentence there.

The sheriff gave the man's name as Rufus Garrell. He said after questioning Garrell he knew nothing about the case.

The sheriff was still holding Everett and Delter Fortner and Sam Phipps, who were arrested in connection with the case, but he indicated they were not directly involved.

RAIDS MAY BOOST LIQUOR'S PASSAGE

Mecklenburg Seizures Twisted into Argument for County Stores

Raleigh, Feb. 16.—The raids made on "liquor joints" in Mecklenburg county last week-end, resulting in the seizure of \$15,000 worth of Federal tax-paid liquor in only four places, was expected to be brought into the debate on the liquor control bill in the Senate this afternoon in support of the contention that "Mecklenburg is the driest voting, wettest drinking county" in the State.

Beaten in the lower branch, foes of this extension of the sales tax into new fields promise to battle it out to the bitter end when the revenue bill comes up in the Senate. Already John Sprunt Hill, of Durham has threatened to "talk for a week" on the subject and it is admitted on all sides that the senator from the Bull city is quite able to make good his threat. Some cynical senators have even said that he'd be

Three Are Killed In Boiler Blasts

Winston-Salem, Feb. 16.—(AP)— Three men were killed and fourth injured in a boiler explosion today near Advance, in Davie county.

Man Dead And Divorcee, 37, Found Shot

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 16.—(AP)—Mrs. Leonora Veil, 37-year-old divorcee, was found in her room here today critically wounded, a dead man lying across her body. She told police she had lain in that position for more than 12 hours.

Mrs. Veil had been shot below the heart. Police officers summoned to the home by a phone call from an unidentified person quoted her as saying the shooting occurred about last midnight. She said the slain man was William Armstrong.

Patrolmen Harry Miller and Orville Cook, radio-car crew, and Sergeant George Dixon responded to the mysterious telephone summons. They said they found the house locked, but heard a woman scream, "I've been shot."

They broke in through a rear window and found Mrs. Veil on the floor of the front hall, her head on a pillow and Armstrong's head on her breast. A nickleplated pistol lay nearby.

Mrs. Veil told the officers the man had called at her home last night and requested her to go out with him. When she refused, she said, he shot her, then killed himself.

OUR WEATHER MAN

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Mostly cloudy and colder tonight, possibly with occasional rain; Wednesday fair.

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New Judge Is Young



Alfred P. Murrah Appointment of Alfred P. Murrah, 33-year-old Oklahoma City lawyer, as federal district judge in Oklahoma is seen as the president's first step toward a rejuvenation of the federal judiciary. Murrah, the father of two children, will hold a roving judgeship assisting Oklahoma's three district judges. If the U. S. senate confirms the appointment, Murrah will be the youngest judge on the federal bench. (Central Press)

MISSISSIPPI WILL DO NO MORE HARM

Army Engineers Assure Populace Dykes All Along River Will Hold

Vicksburg, Miss., Feb. 16.—(AP)— Official assurances from army engineers the Mississippi river will pass its flood crest safely to the gulf shifted attention today to the care of refugees from thousands of low acres. Major Raymond Moses, of the Mississippi River Commission, told lower Mississippi valley residents there was no ground for fear because the battle to get the Ohio flood waters down the big Mississippi before possible rises of its other tributaries had been won.

Nearly 3,000 refugees were quartered here and additional high water victims were expected as the crest approached, pushing back waters of the Yazoo river over new areas.

PRIMARIES UPON JUDGES WILL GO

Legislature Will Heed Democratic Committee's Recent Vote

Raleigh, Feb. 16.—A great deal was said both pro and con at the public hearing this morning, but when the Senate Committee on Elections Laws had finished the business it seemed more than likely that this legislature will abolish primaries as applied to judgeships and solicitorships and returned these court positions to conventions to select nominees.

First reason for this probability is the action of the Democratic State Committee in recommending it by an overwhelming majority. Too, there is the general feeling common to this and other legislative bodies that a convention gives more real thought to the qualifications of candidates than does the electorate as a whole.

It seems to be the consensus that when the primary system is used there is scant attention paid to the ability or fitness of the candidates for judge and solicitor. It's their popu-

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Escaped Prisoners Leave Stolen Auto Below High Point

Asheboro Police Chief Reports to Greensboro He Sighted Gang Caledonia Fugitives

HOSTAGES DROPPED MONDAY AFTERNOON

Two Guards and Boy Whose Car They Stole Told "To Get Out and Git"; Officers in Central North Carolina Join Hunt for Desperadoes

Raleigh, Feb. 16 (AP)—The penal division announced this morning that High Point police had located the automobile in which seven desperate convicts who escaped yesterday from Caledonia prison farm in Halifax county had been traveling.

The machine, Warden H. H. Honeycutt, of State's Prison, said, was found stuck in the mud about two miles from High Point.

No trace had been found of the convicts between 7 o'clock last night, when they released unharmed near Vass, three hostages they had carried on a wild 200-mile chase, and the discovery of the abandoned car.

Prison authorities, however, had expressed the opinion the heavily armed fugitives might turn from Vass, in the Pinehurst-Southern Pines vicinity, toward Guilford county.

Officers throughout central North Carolina were notified of the development, and were asked to cooperate in running down the criminals.

About 7 o'clock last night the prisoners told Captain L. D. Hinton and Steward W. L. Roberts, of Caledonia,

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CALEDONIA FELONS HAVE BAD RECORD

Gill Points Out That Paroles for Seven Escapees Refused

Raleigh, Feb. 16.—The seven long-term prisoners who escaped from Caledonia Prison Farm Monday, after kidnaping the superintendent and staying and using them for shields in making their escape, were already catalogued as habitual criminals and dangerous men in the files of the parole office and applications for paroles for these men had all been turned down, it was learned today

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Germany Is Building For U-Boat Peak

Hitler Driving Fast at Kiel for 35 Percent of British Naval Strength

(By The Associated Press) Trim U-boats with the Nazi swastika fluttering from their flag masts knife the waters of Kiel harbor these days as Adolf Hitler's third Reich develops an arm of naval warfare that wrought maritime terror in the World War.

Even so, Kiel's Baltic waters boil white in the wake of Germany's practice maneuvering of newborn U-boats. Germany was 28 of them in the water and eight under construction as she pushed toward the level of naval power permitted by the Anglo-German treaty of 1935—a percent ratio to the British strength.

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New Yale Prexy



Dr. Charles Seymour (above), noted historian and provost of Yale University since 1927, has been chosen president to succeed Dr. James Rowland Angell who will retire in June. Dr. Seymour, who will become the university's 15th president since its founding in 1701, is 52 years-old.

Gov. Hoffman Will Resist 'Sitdowners'

Jersey Chief To Ban New Kind of Strike; Troops Still Hold Anderson

(By The Associated Press) Peace prevailed along the automobile front today, but rumblings of discord over industrial union organization continued.

Representatives of both the Committee for Industrial Organization and the American Federation of Labor, however, joined in attacking the statement of Governor Harold Hoffman, of New Jersey, that he would protect property from "sitdown strikers."

A spokesman for the New Jersey State Federation of Labor called it deplorable. He said, "We are not going to let ourselves be divided over an issue of this kind."

At militia-ruled Anderson, Ind., Mayor Harry Baldwin asked the United Automobile Workers Union to remove Organizer Victor Reuther and

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VICTORY DINNERS ARE OUTSTANDING

Folger Wants Big Outpourings March 4 To Celebrate New Deal

Raleigh, Feb. 16.—The Victory Dinners which are to be held in practically every county of North Carolina (as well as throughout the nation) on March 4 are going to be the "biggest party events of the year," to quote A. D. (Lon) Folger, Democratic national committeeman from Tar Heels, who is in charge of arrangements.

With no election or primary of any real interest to the Democratic party in 1937, says Mr. Folger, every effort is to be centered on making the Victory Dinners real celebrations of the New Deal administration's four years of power.

In addition, of course, Mr. Folger hopes that the party deficit can be completely wiped out by proceeds of

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TAX ON LAND SALE WOULD BE IMPOSED BY NEW MEASURES

General Hugh Johnson Approves War Profits Bill For Industry Control in War

APPROVE BILL FOR JUDGE RETIREMENT

Senate Committee Would Let Supreme Court Justices Quit at Full Pay on Reaching 70 Years of Age; General Motors Chief Tells of Hiring Detective

Washington, Feb. 16 (AP)—The President sent to Congress today an urgent request for action to restore security to the small American farmer.

With his message went a report of his special committee on farm tenancy. This recommended cooperative measures by Federal, State and community governments to solve the problem of farm tenancy.

"Most Americans believe," the President said, "that our form of government does not prohibit action on behalf of those who need help."

The tenancy committee suggested a "windfall" tax to check land speculation and a farm security administration and a farm security corporation to direct the vast program aimed at solving the tenancy problem.

A Senate judiciary sub-committee approved a bill to extend full retirement privileges to Supreme Court justices.

The action was one of the day's main developments in the court reorganization controversy.

The bill, a part of the President's program for reorganizing the judiciary, would permit judges with at least ten years service to retire upon full pay on reaching 70.

Merle Hale, former labor relations director for General Motors Corporation, testified before the Senate civil liberties committee he engaged the Pinkerton National Detective Agency in March, 1935, to "find out what was causing dissatisfaction among his firm's employees."

He said the United Automobile (Continued on Page Three)

Motor Parley Seeking Full Labor Accord

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 16.—(AP)—Representatives of General Motors Corporation and of the union whose strike shut off its automotive production for several weeks assembled today for a conference aimed at final settlement of points at issue in the strike.

The first discussion of the conference was said by William Knudsen, the corporation's executive vice-president, to be determination of the order for discussion of six points omitted in the peace agreement that broke the strike deadlock last week and started more than 100,000 idle employees back to their jobs.

Homer Martin, president of the U. A. W. A., headed the union delegation of five, which was the first to arrive in the conference room.

Lewis And Green Seek Labor Helm

Green Bitter Over Expulsion by Miners; Court Fight Rages in Senate

Washington, Feb. 16.—(AP)—William Green's refusal to accept expulsion from the United Mine Workers brought his battle with John L. Lewis over methods of organizing labor to a new peak today.

Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, called the action of the union policy committee "Hitlerism." It had voted to oust him on the ground he betrayed labor in

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