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HOOVER SPEAKS IN PRE-CAMPAIGN TOUR OF STATES

Washington, D. C., June 24.—President Hoover's trip West for the purpose of addressing the Republican editors of Indiana and making a speech at the dedication of the Lincoln Memorial at Springfield, Ill., is being taken by observers here as a preliminary canter to the active work of the presidential campaign next year. Denials that he had any such motive were issued from the White House days before he made the trip, but they were taken here as routine denials.

The facts are that voters are looking farther into the future this year than they have ever done, except perhaps in the days when Bryan was expounding his free silver doctrine three years before he was nominated to run against McKinley in 1896. The same reason for public interest in the national election existed then as now, general depression, both in this and other countries. Voters looked to a political Moses to lead them out of their troubles. Bryan's plan appeared immensely to almost half the voters and he nearly won the election.

There is no question but that Republican leaders realize that the attempts being made by the Democrats right now to blame the country's troubles on the G. O. P. must be answered often and early and Hoover's short swing into states that have been flirting outrageously with his political enemies can have but one real purpose: much as he may attempt to disguise it by speaking on other topics.

Franklin Roosevelt is also lining up his forces, his recent visit to Col. House, which resulted in his gaining the public support of Mayor Curley of Boston and other Bay State politicians who previously had shown a strong liking for Owen D. Young, showing he is intensively at work. Roosevelt is an astute campaigner and his relationship to Theodore Roosevelt will gain him many votes from Republicans, his supporters claim. That he is not overlooking that angle was demonstrated by Mayor Curley's remark that "it was time we had another Roosevelt in the White House."

Older people who have lived through several other panics will not be swayed by the old "dinner pail" promises, as they have learned that prosperity does not depend upon which party rules but only on the natural laws of supply and demand. By this time next year nearly everybody expects the country to be enthusiastically on the 'upgrade and the entire political complexion may return to the flat uninteresting campaigns of former years when the main slogan was "don't rock the boat."

FIVE INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT NEAR TOPTON

Bryson City Times, June 19.
Five persons in a party of seven were more or less seriously injured near Tipton, Sunday afternoon between 2 and 3 o'clock when the car in which they were riding left the highway and plunged down a high embankment. Peco Sneed, driver of the car stated that as he was driving in the direction of Bryson City on Highway No. 10 near Tipton, another member of the party asked him for some tobacco, that as he turned to hand it to the other fellow, he lost control of the car, and when he again turned his attention to his task of driving, the car was leaving the road. He was unable to right the machine and as a result it rolled down the bank completely demolishing the car.

The injured were immediately brought to the office of Dr. P. R. Bennett here in Bryson City where x-ray pictures were taken in order to determine the extent of their injuries. Upon completion of this procedure it was found that Peco Sneed had received a severe injury to his ribs, several being fractured; Serra Arch, fractured right elbow, Emiline Goins, fractured collar-bone; Will Goins, three months old, fractured left leg; Donnie Driver, painful injuries about the face and head. Ned Driver and Horace Arch were the two members of the party who escaped injury. All the occupants of the car were Indians.

TODAY and TOMORROW

(By Frank Parker Stockbridge)

Risks

The first reaction of everyone who read about the accident to the submarine "Nautilus" which disabled it while it was cruising on the surface from America to England, was how fortunate it was that this did not occur while the ship was under the Arctic ice.

Perhaps Sir Hubert Wilkins and his crew are not proposing to take any more serious risks than did many of the pioneer aviators. In the case of flying it was fairly easy for anyone, however, to recognize the value of these early experiments if they should prove successful. It is difficult to see any possible value to humanity, or importance to science, in the effort to reach the North Pole by a submarine boat.

It looks to an impartial observer, as if human life were being risked merely, to provide thrills, just as a circus performer provides them.

Radiodynamics

That is the word coined by John Hays Hammond, Jr., and now accepted by the patent office and Congress, to mean the control of energy at a distance by means of radio.

Hammond began to experiment with radiodynamics when he was a student in Yale in 1909. He invented a method of controlling a boat on the surface of the water and a torpedo under the surface by radio impulses, as well as steering an airplane over a long course without a pilot on board.

This is something quite different from transmitting power by radio. Only enough power can be transmitted to set a piece of machinery in motion or stop it. The machinery must have its own independent power plant. The day may come when actual power can be sent through the air, but that is a long way in the future.

Sports

Interest in collegiate football is declining, the Carnegie Foundation reports for the Advancement of Teaching.

There is a very decided difference between sports participated in by students themselves, for the maintenance of their morale, and sports undertaken as a means of advertising particular colleges or of making money.

Nobody is suggesting that all intercollegiate sporting contests should be abolished, but it is certainly true that public interest in them is declining, and it is probable that they will play a less important part in college life in the future than in the past.

Rockets

Prof. Robert H. Goddard, of Clark University, who has been experimenting with and talking about propelling aircraft by means of rockets, has taken out patents on rocket-propelled airplane. The plane is expected to rise from the ground like any other plane, its propellers being turned by a turbine engine, for which the gas from a succession of rockets will furnish the power. When it gets into the rarified upper atmosphere the engine will be cut off and the propulsive force will be that of the rockets themselves.

Prof. Goddard is no idle visionary. Just what he has got in his desert laboratory in New Mexico he is not telling the world as yet, but if anyone in this country is going to succeed in flying by means of rockets Prof. Goddard will probably be the first.

Pigeons

A blue homing pigeon flew 503 1-2 miles from Salisbury, N. C. to New York City, in 13 hours, 11 minutes and 51 seconds the other day. This was not quite a record for the 500 mile annual pigeon race, but it comes very close to it.

A large part of a homing pigeon's time in flying long distances, however, is taken up in the bird's questing, or circling at high altitudes to find landmarks to guide it back to its home loft. There is no longer any great mystery about how the homing pigeon finds its way back to its home nest. The bird has no mysterious sixth sense or homing instinct. It cannot find its way home at night or in a dense fog or condi-

BOARD SUSPENDS SUPERVISION OF JACKSON SCHOOLS

The Commissioners of Jackson County, in conference with a representative of the State department of Education, decided, Saturday to discontinue the supervision of schools.

The supervisor has hitherto been paid \$250.00 a month; \$125.00 by the State and the rest by the county. The commissioners were of the opinion that here was a place where money could be saved the taxpayers of the county, without serious injury to the schools.

The move is in line with the general policy of economy and reduction of expenses inaugurated by the commissioners.

JIM COUNCELL PROMOTED BY HIGHWAY COMMISSION

The following story from the Watauga Democrat, of last week, will be of much interest to friends of Mr. and Mrs. Councill in Sylva, and this part of the State. Their friends will congratulate Mr. Councill upon his promotion, but regret to lose them as citizens of Sylva.

"News has reached Boone to the effect that James H. Councill, a native son of this city, has been appointed division highway engineer in District E of the newly-formulated State road system. Mr. Councill arrived in the city Tuesday evening accompanied by his superior, J. R. Walker, district engineer, who made the appointment. They are here completing organization plans and Mr. Councill will open an office in Boone on July 1st, where he will have an assistant and a stenographer. Meanwhile he and Mrs. Councill and small son, Fred Moore, will make their home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Councill.

Mr. Councill, it is understood, has complete charge of the maintenance work in the counties of Caldwell, Ashe, Watauga, Mitchell and Avery, and 2,073 miles of State highways are represented. The appointment came to Mr. Councill unsolicited, and his friends are congratulating him upon his advancement. He began his engineering career fifteen years ago, when only a lad, received his education at the University of North Carolina, and has been exceedingly popular with the Highway Commission during his long years of service. For the past several years Mr. Councill has had headquarters at Sylva.

COMMISSIONERS APPROVE PLAN FOR HAYWOOD COUNTY COURT HOUSE

According to announcement, the Haywood County board of commissioners has approved the plans for the new court house and jail, and will soon ask for bids from the various contractors.

The plans for the new public buildings were drawn by Rogers and Rhodes, architects of Charlotte. The first sketch was presented several weeks ago and after some study a number of changes were suggested. The plans adopted are generally conceded by architects and contractors, who have seen the sketches, that Haywood county will have a magnificent building in the new court-house and jail built according to the plans now on display.

According to the final decision of the commissioners, the new building will be erected on the same lot as that now occupied by the old court-house but far enough in the back to allow the old building to stand a nd be used until the new one is completed. It was decided that additional land was not necessary and the idea of purchasing the lots adjoining the present site was discarded.

Conditions of low visibility. Like almost all birds, however, it has telescope powers of vision beyond anything which human beings can easily imagine, according to Dr. Casey Wood, famous oculist, who has devoted many years to the study of the eyes of birds. The homing pigeon memorizes landmarks near its home loft, and, as it is given longer and longer flight trials, it learns the lay of the land at greater distances, until it knows the country so well that, when liberated within 50 miles from home on a clear day, it can see some remembered landmark in the direction of its home.

INTEREST AROUSED BY MOVEMENT TO CREATE PARKWAY

The movement to establish the Capital Parkway, a motor route from Washington, D. C., to the great Smoky Mountains National Park, has invoked state-wide interest in a program to enhance the beauty of all highways in the N. C. State Highway System. A preliminary survey of a state-wide highway beautification plan, is now being prepared for E. B. Jeffress, chairman of the N. C. Highway Commission, by Earl S. Draper, landscape architect of Charlotte. The survey was inspired as a result of the plan to mark and beautify the Parkway route.

The proposed route of the Capitol Parkway extends from Washington, D. C., through Richmond, Va., Raleigh, Salisbury, Charlotte, Asheville, and Sylva, terminating at Bryson City. The movement to establish the route has received added impetus from recent meetings held at Raleigh, Richmond and Washington. An organization meeting at which plans for the marking, beautifying and advertising of the motor route, will be placed in active operation, will be held at an early date at Greensboro. Dr. L. B. Morse of Chimney Rock is chairman of the committee in charge of the organization work.

If plans of the Capitol Parkway committee bear fruit, the motor route will be one of the most attractive touring routes in the south with the borders of the highway landscaped with shrubbery and with bare cuts and banks covered with attractive vines and flowering plants. The Parkway will be marked every five miles with distinctive highway markers.

A survey recently conducted by Elmer Jenkins, Manager of the touring bureau of the American Automobile Association at Washington, in which 2,000 motor travelers were queried, revealed the fact that North Carolina was second state in the United States as a preferred touring region. Good roads and scenic attractions were reasons given for the preference of the motorists.

YOUNG CARRUTH TO SPEND SUMMER VACATION HERE

Mr. H. P. Carruth, son of V. P. Carruth vice president of the Meade Paper Corporation, arrived in Sylva on Monday and will spend his summer vacation working in the mill of the Sylva Paperboard Company.

FORMER JACKSON WOMAN PASSES IN GOLDSBORO

Mrs. W. A. Becton, 34, died in a Goldsboro hospital, on Tuesday night of last week, following an illness of two weeks. Mrs. Becton, who was Miss Nina Arrington, of Cowarts, was married several years ago, to Mr. W. A. Becton, of Eureka, in Wayne county. She had been a member of the faculty of the schools of Eureka for eleven years and was prominent in the church and social life of that place. She taught in the schools of Jackson county, before going to eastern Carolina.

The funeral was held on Thursday at three o'clock, from the Methodist church at Eureka, and was conducted by the pastor, Rev. K. V. Duval. Interment was in the Eureka cemetery.

Besides her husband she is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Arrington, of Cowarts, by three sisters, Mrs. Mitchell Melton, of Argura, Mrs. Andy Parker, of Clay county and Miss Enola Arrington, of Cowarts, who was with Mrs. Becton during her last illness, and by four brothers, Finley and John Arrington, of Cowarts, Bedford Arrington, of Winston-Salem, and Berlin Arrington, of Detroit.

INDEPENDENT STORES STILL HOLDING THEIR GROUND

That chain stores are not running the independent storekeepers out of business is shown by a study made of the census by a Federal Bureau here, which gives the chains only around 17 per cent of the total business. The figures are drawn from a survey of 489 cities over 10,000 population. Analyzing the figures, it was shown that the chains did less business in the smallest cities, gaining as

Deaf Mute Held In Custody Under Charge Of Murder

FORTY YEARS AGO

Tuckasee Democrat, June 24, 1891

Ex-Governor David S. Reid died at his home at Reidsville, last Friday. He was the first Democratic Governor of North Carolina.

Among the scholarships of the Peabody Normal College at Nashville, Tenn., awarded in North Carolina, we note, with pleasure, the name of John U. Gibbs, of Swain County.

Among the names of the contributors to the fund of the Jefferson Davis monument, taken at a meeting of the Confederate Veteran's Association of Jackson County, appear the names of three little boys, Tom Moore, Johnnie Hughes and Ernest Wilson, the last named of whom is the son of a confederate soldier now deceased.

Rev. A. H. Sims preached at the Academy Saturday night.

Mr. J. D. Sitton has begun sawing the lumber for the new Baptist church here.

We are indebted to our friend, W. B. Morris, for the first mess of beans we have enjoyed this year.

Prof. R. L. Madison returned from his Northern trip Monday, and is spending a short time with friends here.

The assessed value of all real and personal property in Sylva township, as listed for taxation, is about 155,000 dollars.

The Democrat acknowledges, with great pleasure, a visit this week, from our popular young merchant, Mr. Marcellus Buchanan.

Mrs. Frank Fanoning, of Asheville, who has been visiting relatives and friends here and at Webster, returned home Monday. While here she was the guest of Mrs. W. M. Rhea.

Mr. P. S. Harper, of Dillsboro, died at the Waynesville White Sulphur Springs, Tuesday. He was formerly from West Virginia, but had been engaged in merchandising at Dillsboro and at Wilmot for the past two years.

The Rev. William S. Barrows, who is in charge of the Episcopal congregations at Sylva and Cullowhee visits these points regularly on the fourth Sunday of the month.

Subscribers to the fund for building the Baptist church at Sylva, who have not paid their subscriptions are requested to bring them forward at once. R. M. Davis, Treasurer, will receive and receipt for all amounts. Those who intend to pay in lumber can find out what kind is wanted by application to F. A. Luck, Sr., Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Extract from a letter to the Democrat from Capt. J. W. Terrell:

There are, white and colored, forty-four school districts. The average pay of teachers last year was \$27.50 per month.

Produce market: Corn, per bushel \$1.00; Corn meal, per bushel, \$1.00; Wheat, per bushel, \$1.00; Flour, per 100 pounds, \$2.80 to \$3.00; Rye, per bushel, 75c; Potatoes, Irish, per bushel, 80c; Potatoes, Sweet, \$1.00; Beans, white, per bushel \$1.00; Mixed 75c; Chickens, each 12 1-2 to 20c; Eggs, per dozen, 8c to 10c; Butter, per pound, 15c; Apples, dried, per pound, 6c; Peaches, peeled, 8c.

The cities became larger until in Chicago and Los Angeles they accounted for nearly twenty per cent. Even these figures do not reflect the actual situation as it exists for the small store, the survey shows, as filling stations and other lines not reckoned as shopkeeping are included in the chain totals.

Bill Buchanan, a deaf mute, is being held in the Jackson county jail without bond, following the death of his wife, from gun-shot wounds, last Thursday night, at the home of her father, O. A. Brown, on the Cullowhee road, near the pole plant of the American Forest Products Company, just outside the city limits of Sylva.

The woman was shot in the abdomen by a charge from a shotgun, about ten o'clock, Thursday night, and died at two o'clock Friday morning, in the Harris Community hospital, where she was taken following the shooting.

Bill Buchanan was arrested early Friday morning, a few hours after the shooting. He walked up to the car of the Sheriff's department and Chief of Police James A. Turpin, and surrendered, just a few hundred yards below the scene of the tragedy. At the time of his arrest he was carrying a 410 gauge shotgun on his person.

Coroner Neal Dills summoned Roy Dills, Dan Tompkins, Jim Toy, R. W. Tallent, W. T. Deitz, and D. A. Monteith, as a coronor's jury, and an inquest was held, Friday morning at the Medford Furniture Company's undertaking parlors. The jury returned a verdict charging that the woman came to her death from gun shot wounds at the hands of Bill Buchanan.

J. T. Bird and Miss Ruth Lewis testified that they were coming down the road in an automobile early in the evening, and that the Buchanan woman flagged them down, and requested to be brought to Sylva. Miss Lewis stated that on the way to town the woman said that she wanted to come to Sylva to see that Bill left on the bus. He did not leave, and they returned the woman to her father's home. She stepped out of the car and into the yard, and as they drove off they heard a gun fire and a woman scream. They saw no one in the yard except the deceased.

Miss Lewis testified that a few weeks ago the woman had told her of finding a letter in Buchanan's pocket, revealing that he already had a living wife, when he married her, in Charlotte, last December. Mrs. Buchanan ordered Buchanan to leave and she was living with her parents at the time of her death.

Dr. C. Z. Candler testified that the cause of the woman's death was a discharge of a load from a shot gun, in her abdomen.

Otto Brown, brother of the deceased, swore that he was at home on the night of the shooting, and that he and his mother heard a noise in the garden, which they believe to have been made by a dog. He stated that in a few minutes the car drove up in the yard and stopped, and in a short time he heard a woman scream, and heard the gun fire. He rushed out of the house and found his sister lying wounded in the yard. She told him that Bill had killed her. Brown swore that the next morning he found an empty shell from a 410 gauge shot gun lying in the lower end of the garden.

James A. Turpin, chief of police, said that Buchanan had a 410 gauge shot gun on his person at the time of his arrest, about two o'clock next morning.

T. E. Reed, of the Jackson Hardware Company, told the jury that he had sold a 410 gauge shot gun to a deaf mute Thursday afternoon. He did not know Buchanan, nor did he know the name of the man to whom he had sold the gun.

Elna Whittaker and Bertie Fenn testified that they had seen the woman at the hospital, after the shooting, and that she had told them that Bill Buchanan shot her.

Buchanan, a young and rather nice looking mute, had been living in Sylva for several weeks. He has been seeking employment, and stated that he is a printer, having been employed in a printing establishment in Greensboro prior to coming to Sylva.

The funeral of Mrs. Buchanan was held at Old Field cemetery, Bets, Saturday afternoon.