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NEW DEAL AIMS TO BE CONTINUED

In Message To Congress, Says 'People Must Not Be Let Down'

WANTS ADEQUATE NAVY

Washington, Jan. 3.—President Roosevelt told Congress today that the 1938-39 budget cannot be balanced unless new plans to attack monopolists and business trusts are called for prompt enactment of his recovery-reform program, including a wages-hour bill. Cheers, applause and rebel yells greeted him as he appeared in the House chamber and read his 4,000-word message on the "State of the Union" which put the second regular session of the 75th Congress to work. The message was transmitted over more than 300 radio stations to listeners in this country and abroad.

Contrary to earlier reports which predicted interest abroad, Mr. Roosevelt devoted only nine paragraphs to world unrest. He restated this nation's desire for peace and foretold the likelihood of an expanded navy building program by warning that all peace-loving countries must be strong enough to force peaceful solution of conflicts which threaten civilization. He added that "we must keep ourselves adequately strong in self-defense."

No Retreat

He was equally frank in discussing domestic problems. He bitterly assailed a small minority of business men whom he accused of seeking to thwart New Deal objectives. He attacked monopolists and financial domination by the few. He rejected substitution of the dole for work relief, and proclaimed that there will be no retreat from New Deal objectives and principles.

Reminiscent of charges made last week by Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes and Assistant Attorney General Robert H. Jackson that capital is on a sit-down strike against government to force liquidation of the New Deal, Mr. Roosevelt stressed that capital and reasonable earnings on capital are essential in a democracy. But, he added: "Misuse of the power of capital for selfish suspension of the employment of capital must be ended, or the capitalistic system will destroy itself through its own abuses."

The President said he would send another special message to Congress on a revision of business laws, but meantime he said there are numerous business practices which "most believe should be ended." Among them, he said, are: Tax avoidance, excessive capitalization, investment, write-ups, security manipulation, price rigging and collusive bidding in defiance of the spirit of anti-trust laws; high pressure salesmanship; the use of patent laws to enable larger corporations to maintain high prices; unfair competition; intimidation of local or state government to prevent the enactment of laws for the protection of labor.

Gets Applause

A roar of applause went up as Mr. Roosevelt entered the chamber shortly before 1:30 p. m. Senators, congressmen, government dignitaries and crowded galleries stood and gave him a noisy ovation. There was a rattle of applause when he demanded farm legislation, when he called for a wages-hour bill to balance the increased purchasing power to accrue to the farmer and when he whip-lashed monopolists.

But, tonight, it did not appear as if the President's message, regarded by some as more conciliatory toward business than those of the past, would heal the breach between conservative Democratic members and the New Deal. Senator Royal Copeland, (D-N. Y.), complained that the President gave no assurance that the government will not interfere with honest endeavors in business. He said he was "disappointed in what the message did not say." Senator Carter Glass, (D-Va.), one of the New Deal's critics, said it was "a very agreeable message from his viewpoint."

Senator Burton K. Wheeler, (D-Mont.), who led the Senate fight against Mr. Roosevelt's Supreme Court expansion program, dismissed the message as a "good political speech." Senate liberals, including Senator George W. Norris, (P-Neb.), Senator Henrik Shipstead, (F-Minn.), found it "good" and "good for thought."

Senate Minority Leader Charles McNary of Oregon described the message as "pleasing conciliatory." (Continued on page 8)

Town Board Transacts Routine Matters Only

Matters of routine only were transacted by the board of Town Commissioners on Monday night in their regular monthly meeting.

A representative of the Carolina Power & Light Company presented a contract for street lighting for the town. The new contract provides for a substantial increase in light at practically the same costs that existed under the old contract recently expired, but does not permit any reduction in case the town decides to continue using the same amount of candle power as at present. This feature caused the commissioners to postpone action on signing the contract until further investigation.

Some little time was given to a discussion of having curbing and guttering work done on the back streets and the feasibility of purchasing a fire engine, but no action was taken as a majority of the board was of the opinion that the budget would not permit the necessary outlay of funds.

Clerk T. B. Gardner reported a dividend from the Rail Road of slightly less than \$1500, which was about \$500 in excess of the budget estimate of receipts, and that in April \$2000 worth of bonds held by the town would be paid into the town treasury. In addition it was estimated that approximately \$300 would be received from the sale of town automobile licenses. Commissioners Strickland and Jones were in favor of carrying on street work at a cost not to exceed \$2000, while PWA was willing to pay half the cost, a sentiment in which the rest of the board failed to concur.

Mayor Polk remarked apropos of Clerk Gardner's reading of fines and costs, that there was a great recession in the crime wave over the holidays, which brought forth remarks from the commissioners that similar reports had been heard from over the county.

Marriage Licenses Are Issued Here

A marriage license has been issued to one negro couple since the first of the year, however permits were issued to several other couples since December 28 when the list, as taken from the office of the Register of Deeds, was last published in this newspaper.

Those securing licenses on December 29 were Richard Clanton and Maggie Taylor, Lee Burwell and Julia Edwards, Willie Jordan and Lilla Dorth, Saul Alston and Emma Polley, James Milton Williams and Annie Gaines, all colored.

On December 30 two licenses were issued—one to a white couple and the other to negroes. The white couple seeking the necessary papers to become united by the holy bonds of matrimony was William C. House and Lorene Allen, both of Franklin county. The other license on this date was to Ernest S. Alston and Rosa M. McConn.

The first and only license to be secured thus far this year was issued on January 1 to Ira Bumper and Annie Mae Alston, negroes.

A. B. Odom, 67, Dies At Vaughan

Littleton, Jan. 6.—A. B. Odom, age 67, passed away at his home on Saturday night after an illness of several days. Services were conducted from his home in Vaughan at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon by the Rev. Mr. Trollering. Interment was in the Macon cemetery.

Mr. Odom was born in Halifax, but later moved to Vaughan and there he spent many years. His first wife, Roberta Powell, died in 1919, leaving the following children: Mrs. M. M. Riggan of Hamlet, Mrs. J. C. Pegram of Littleton, Miss Grace Odom of Macon, Hermon Odom of Rocky Mount, Robert Odom of Hollister. He was later married to Miss Lizzie Shearin of Macon in 1922, and by this marriage leaves one daughter, Eleanor Odom.

Contract Let For Paving Essex-Airline

Littleton, Jan. 6.—The State Highway and Public Works Commission, according to information received here, has let the contract to pave the road between Airline and Essex, a distance of approximately 7 miles. When completed this will give Rocky Mount a continuous hard surface route direct to Littleton.

William Powell



You'll remember him as the famous detective Philo Vance in the movie version of S. S. Van Dine's thriller, the Kennel Murder Case. Van Dine's Kidnap Murder Case will appear in serial form in this newspaper soon, with Philo Vance once more as the suave sleuth.

John Bell, Standard Oil Co. Agent, Is Put On Pension List

John Bell, who for 25 years represented the Standard Oil Company in this territory, was notified on the day after Christmas that he had been placed on the company's retirement list. Apparently delighted over his retirement, he stated yesterday that at present he had no plans for the future.

Mr. Bell has been replaced as the company's agent in this territory by J. F. Lufsey, who for approximately twelve years has been associated with him in the distribution of gasoline, oil and kerosene in Warren county and a part of Halifax county and a part of Virginia.

During the years that Mr. Bell was connected with the company he witnessed vast changes which reflected themselves in his business as strikingly as perhaps in any industry, as the horse and buggy gave way to the automobile, oil stoves and heaters disappeared in the face of electric stoves, and lamps flickered out for electric lights.

Mr. Bell said that when he became affiliated with the Standard Oil Company as its local agent that he traveled this county, a part of Halifax and into certain sections of Virginia on a wagon which was drawn by horses or mules. At that time there were no automobiles in the county and his work was primarily to distribute kerosene. However, before he had been with the company long, Dr. C. H. Peete and the late W. H. Dameron purchased the first automobiles to be owned in this town and from that day until this there has been a steady increase in the consumption of gasoline over the county and throughout the state.

While the distribution of gasoline rose to the first place and continues to hold its lead in his line of business, Mr. Bell's kerosene sales remained heavy due to the introduction of tractors and other farm machinery in the county, which, in addition to consuming kerosene, also burn motor oil as do cars and trucks.

With the passing of the horse and buggy, the increased consumption of fuel, better roads and more competition in his field, the oil company kept pace with the times by providing trucks for its agents and for many years before his retirement Mr. Bell sat behind a steering wheel with his foot on the accelerator going over the county rather than behind a dash-board with a whip in his hand crying "Go Long Mule."

EPISCOPAL SERVICES

Morning Prayer will be held at Emmanuel Church on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and at 3:30 in the afternoon Holy Communion will be celebrated at Good Shepherd Church, Ridgeway, the Rev. B. N. de Foe Wagner announced this week. On Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock an instruction class will be held in the Rector's Study, he said.

DR. HIGHSMITH HERE

Dr. Henry Highsmith of Raleigh was in Warren county yesterday visiting the schools and last night delivered an address at a county-wide teachers meeting held in the basement of the library at 7:30 o'clock.

U. D. C. MEETING

Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy are requested to meet in the home of Mrs. Katherine P. Arrington Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

LOCAL PLUMBER GIVEN CONTRACT

W. R. Strickland Awarded Job of Installing Plumbing in Warren Jail

NO WHITE WOMEN IN JAIL

The contract for installing plumbing fixtures at the Warren county jail, which at present is being remodeled to carry out recommendations of grand juries, was on Monday awarded to W. R. Strickland of Warrenton at a cost of \$900 by the Board of County Commissioners.

Mr. Strickland's bid was \$296 lower than his nearest and only competitor for the job, Bremann and Rodwell of Raleigh, whose bid for the work was set at \$1196.

Both bids were submitted on plans drawn by H. Stuart Davis, architect of Louisville, who first submitted the plans to authorities in Raleigh in order that the commissioners would have the assurance that they meet with the requirements of the state sanitary regulations.

The state approved Mr. Davis' plans, which include four sanitary compartments, on the condition that no white women be confined in the jail. The state's sanitary regulations call for five sanitary compartments, but in view of the fact that rarely ever are white women confined in the jail here, the state authorities agreed to approving the plans on the condition that the commissioners agree to make arrangements with another county to take care of any white women prisoners or to place them in a sanitary place at the county home.

In the event there should be any white women prisoners, it is expected that for the present they will be kept at the county home. It may be in the future that another compartment will be added to the jail.

At the December meeting the board awarded the contract for remodeling the jail, with the exception of plumbing fixtures, to H. P. Reid of Warrenton at a cost of \$4,775, which was lower by several hundred dollars than his nearest competitor. Mr. Reid has done a considerable amount of his work but for approximately two weeks has had his hands tied on account of the delay in securing a contractor to do the plumbing work. Mr. (Continued on page 8)

Creech's Store Succeeds Riggan's

Effective the first of the year, W. H. Riggan's Grocery Store changed hands and in the future will be operated by his son-in-law, T. B. Creech, as Creech's Market and Grocery.

Mr. Riggan started in the grocery business here about 43 years ago and operated his establishment himself until a comparatively few years ago when he retired from active work and turned the operation of his store over to his son-in-law. Since that time the business has been run by Mr. Creech under the trade name of W. H. Riggan.

Before entering the grocery business with Mr. Riggan, Mr. Creech was manager of a Pender store here.

Oil Men To Meet Here Tonight 7:30

Wholesale and retail oil dealers and their employees of Warren county are to meet in the court house tonight (Friday) at 7:30 o'clock.

S. Gilmer Sparger of Raleigh, secretary of the North Carolina Petroleum Industries Committee, and other prominent North Carolina oil men are expected to attend and address the group. Matters of vital importance and unusual interest to all oil men and their employees will be thoroughly discussed, it was stated.

In the past Warren county dealers were joined with the Vance and Granville County Association. One of the steps to be taken at the meeting, it is understood, will be the formation of a separate Warren county organization.

Not only oil men, but all persons engaged in automobile work and other interested parties are invited and urged to attend.

Mr. Arthur Ralph Bobbitt, a student at State College, Raleigh, has returned to his school after spending the holidays with his parents at Littleton.

Rev. R. E. Brickhouse attended the funeral of a relative in Creswell yesterday.

Can Still Laugh



WASHINGTON . . . Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace doesn't seem troubled about rumors that the new 27,000-word Crop Control Bill is slated for a Roman holiday in the Congressional arena. Meanwhile, as Congress lays plans for an orgy of speckmaking, rapidly rocketing retail food prices threaten to bring on a virtual consumer's strike and Mr. Wallace's Department publishes figures that less than half of food-buyer's dollar actually goes to producers.

Bill Payne Nabbed At Sanford; G-Men Make Capture

Bill Payne, who became known as North Carolina's Public Enemy No. 1 following his sensational escape with six other prisoners from Caledonia Prison Farm in Halifax county last February, and his confederate in crime, Wash Turner, were captured in Sanford Monday night by G-Men without a shot being fired.

Surrounded as they sat in an automobile back of the old post office in Sanford, the desperadoes were quietly shackled and whisked out of town to headquarters of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Charlotte for questioning about more than a score of crimes involving murder and robbery.

The other five prisoners who were with Payne and Turner when the seven men escaped from the Farm, commandeering a car and lina eluding 200 or more town, county, and state officers, including Sheriff W. J. Pinnell, Deputy Roy Shearin and others from this county, were previously captured.

Payne and Turner were taken to Asheville Tuesday night to stand trial this month for the murder of Highway Patrolman George C. Penn. Although they have confessed to Federal men numerous robberies, they have denied killing the patrolman who was alleged to have been chasing the bandits when he was killed on August 22. The fingerprints of the desperadoes were said to have been found on the car used by the killers.

Whitelocks To Hold Service At Arcola

Arcola, Jan. 6.—S. E. Sykes of Rocky Mount has arranged for Rev. and Mrs. Whitelock to hold religious services in the prayer meeting room of the house of Miss E. R. Davis at Arcola on Friday night, January 14, at 7:30 o'clock.

Rev. and Mrs. Whitelock are ministering in Rocky Mount. He preaches at the City Mission and Mrs. Whitelock handles the music there.

Rev. Whitelock is recently from Roanoke, Va., but prior to his work there, he was pastor for ten years of the East Side Baptist Church at Boston, Mass. In addition to conducting services at Rocky Mount, he broadcasts three times a week.

Band Concert At Graham School

A band concert will be given in the auditorium of the John Graham high school next Thursday night at 8 o'clock. There will be no admission charge but a silver offering will be taken.

The band is composed of around 20 boys who have been practicing on the various musical instruments since they were organized last March by W. T. Hearne of Henderson. Mr. Hearne will conduct the band at the concert here next week.

Judge R. Hunt Parker of Roanoke Rapids was greeting friends here on Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. William Vinson and son, Billy, of Baltimore are guests of Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Macon.

Short Session Of Recorder's Court Held On Monday

What was expected to be a long session of Recorder's court turned out to be a rather short affair on Monday morning when only one case was disposed of by Judge Rodwell and Solicitor Phippen. Other cases were continued.

Expecting to hear Buck Loyd tried by a jury on a charge of affray which was booked against him as the result of a fight with Bill Davis in November, and eager to hear the evidence in the cases against Foster Ayscue and J. T. Ayscue, two white men who were in an auto collision with Charlie Rodwell, negro, on Christmas night, a large crowd had congregated in the court room for these trials but both cases were continued due to the absence of state witnesses.

Davis, who received a broken leg when he stepped behind a local cafe with Loyd to fight after the canine epithet had been used, was in the hospital Monday to have his leg, which is in a cast, inspected and treated. The case was set for the first Monday in February.

The wife of Charlie Rodwell, who was seriously injured when the car in which she was riding was in collision with one driven by Foster Ayscue, was unable to appear in court Monday and the cases against the two Ayscues were continued until January 10. Foster Ayscue is charged with operating a car while under the influence of whiskey and J. T. Ayscue is charged with aiding and abetting in careless and reckless driving and aiding and abetting in driving drunk.

Nathan Townes, negro, was found guilty of cursing in a public place and was fined \$10.00 and taxed with court costs. He was also charged with assault and carrying a concealed weapon but was found not guilty on these counts.

Subscribers Asked To Note Changes

During the past few days hundreds of names on our mailing list have been changed as new subscribers were added, addresses changed and the expiration date of papers run-up. We ask our subscribers now and at all times to notice the date on their labels in order that if any errors have been made we may correct them at once and avoid any misunderstanding in the future.

There is nothing complicated about telling when your paper is out by glancing at the label. For instance, if your label reads "Jan. 1939" or "Jan. 39" that means that your subscription will not expire until January 1939 comes and goes.

We also take this opportunity to thank our subscribers for the generous response which came from the notices which we recently sent out and for the many friendly comments which were pinned on the back of many of the notices or on letters which came with renewals.

Claude D. Falkener Dies At Warrenton

Funeral services for Claude D. Falkner, 59, who died at his home near Warrenton late Monday afternoon after a short illness, were conducted from the grave Tuesday afternoon. The Rev. J. O. Long, pastor of the Wesley Memorial Methodist Church of Warrenton, conducted the rites. Interment followed in the Macon cemetery.

Mr. Falkner is survived by his widow, Maggie Edwards Falkner; two sons, Clyde P. and Eugene Falkner of Macon; three daughters, Mrs. George Edwards, Mrs. Alexander May and Edward Lynch, all of Warren county.

BREAKS LEG

Friends here regret to learn that Robert E. Johns, jr. of Raleigh, nephew of Mrs. W. D. Rodgers of Warrenton, slipped and broke his leg while at school this week. The young man had just recovered from a compound fracture of the same leg, broken October 3, and his most recent injury will necessitate his being in another cast for several weeks.

DAUGHTER BORN

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Cochran of Wise on January 2, a 11-pound girl—Shirley Belle. Mrs. Cochran was before her marriage Miss Inez Young.

PNEUMONIA

Friends regret to learn that Ed Blalock has pneumonia.

KERR TO SEEK ASSEMBLY SEAT

Frank H. Gibbs Is Expected To Become A Candidate For The Senate

AYCOCK IS A CANDIDATE

John Kerr Jr. will be a candidate for the House of Representatives and Frank H. Gibbs is expected to run for the Senate in the primary in June when two citizens of this county are to be chosen to represent Warren in the State Legislature.

Mr. Kerr told a representative of this paper yesterday that he had decided that he would run for the lower House and that he would make a formal announcement to this effect in due course of time. Mr. Gibbs said that for some time he had been seriously considering running for the Senate and that while he had not definitely made up his mind in regard to the matter that he thought he would be a candidate for the place.

When questioned in regard to his intentions yesterday, William Taylor Jr., who also has been feeling out the political waters for several weeks with the possible view of running for the Senate, said that he had not arrived at a conclusion, at least for publication, in regard to his plans. He intimated, however, that he was still flirting with the idea of becoming a candidate for the Senate.

The announcement of Mr. Kerr places two candidates in the field for the House. T. H. Aycock, superintendent of the Warren county prison camp and a member of the House in the last General Assembly, stated a few days ago that he had definitely made up his mind to succeed himself as a member of the House. Prior to that time he had let it be known that he was considering running again but had not fully decided to place his name before the voters of Warren until a few days ago.

Mr. Kerr's announcement comes more as a surprise to political prophets over the county than does the statement from Former Mayor Gibbs that he will most likely run for the Senate. Realizing the fact that it is Warren county's time to furnish a Senator in 1938 to represent both Vance and Warren counties in the legislature, those with a taste for politics and a nose for smelling out potential candidates have for the past month or more opined that Supt. Aycock would again be a candidate and prophesied that Frank Gibbs or William Taylor or John Skinner would run for the Senate.

Haitcock Home Damaged By Fire

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Haitcock on Main street was damaged by fire and water on Tuesday night shortly after 6 o'clock when flames, believed to have originated in a wood-box in the apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Rose and spread along the floor and in the ceiling, threatened to destroy the dwelling. The fire company responded immediately to the alarm and within 15 minutes from the time the siren sounded the spreading flames were being checked and smothered by water flowing through a hose from the town's supply.

Prior to the arrival of the volunteer firefighters the furniture had been removed from Mr. and Mrs. Rose's apartment and other parts of the house and efforts had been made to put the fire out by water thrown from buckets. Most of the town's population responded to the alarm and stood by as the fire company extinguished the blaze.

Littleton Couple Has Narrow Escape

Littleton, Jan. 6.—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wiggins of Littleton narrowly escaped serious injuries last Thursday night, December 30, when the car in which they were riding overturned at a point on the Littleton Aurelian Springs Road. The accident, occurred, it is said, on account of there being no light placed on a detour sign in the road; such failure preventing Mr. Wiggins, the driver, from seeing the sign, in order to detour safely. Mr. and Mrs. Wiggins suffered only slight injuries, but the car was badly damaged.