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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

## POSSIBLE THAT BONUS BILL WILL COME OUT NEXT WEEK

Administration Sees Work Relief Bill Barely by Committee Without Amendment

The ways and means committee, which is considering both the bonus and the administration's social security plan, have voted to start hearings at once on the bonus bills. Chairman Doughton, Democrat, North Carolina, predicted the hearings would last only a couple of days, and said it was "possible" a bonus bill will come out next week.

One Democratic leader conceded frankly if privately, that a chance to put the "bonus hot potato issue in the laps of the Senators" would "let the boys (of the house) get a big load off their chests."

In the meantime, the four-billion dollar work relief measure passed the Senate appropriations committee, where it has been snagged for days.

The committee vote was taken after the White House consented to a rough allocation of the \$4,000,000,000 for work relief. This division included \$35,000,000 for flood control and Vermont's senators said they would vote against the McCarran wage amendment if the senate stood by the flood control allocation.

In place of the bone of contention—the McCarran amendment—the committee approved an amendment authorizing the President to regulate the wage rates for men put to work.

The McCarran amendment would have forced the administration to pay, in its work relief program, the prevailing wage in the particular locality where the project was located. The President has maintained this would scrap the plan to shift from the dole to work.

## R. B. JACKSON, JR. RECEIVES GOOD RATING AT OAK RIDGE

Among 25 Students to Make 90 and Over During First Semester of Current School Year

Oak Ridge, Feb. 28.—Twenty-five students of Oak Ridge Military institute attained an average of excellence (90) in all scholastic studies during the first semester of the current school year thereby making the honor roll and being awarded the bar of "distinguished cadet", it was announced today.

Among the cadets who attained this average are the following: George Bischoff, Mount Pleasant, Pa.; S. Fernandez, Havana, Cuba.; F. A. Garner, Jr., Kinston; C. H. Graves, Kinston; N. R. Ham, Jr., Greensboro; E. P. Holt, Jr., Oak Ridge; T. M. Holt, Oak Ridge; R. B. Jackson, Jr., West Jefferson; J. C. McKenzie, Rockingham; Arthur Pell, Elizabeth City; Aaron Pliskin, Thomasville; W. J. Seago, Lilesville; P. B. Smyre, Claremont; J. C. Townsend, Lumberton; J. T. Welch, New Haven, Conn.; W. K. Williams, Kinston; J. H. Barden, Fayetteville; W. E. Benbow, Oak Ridge; D. E. Dietz, Massalon, O.; G. R. Freeman, Jr., Norwood; O. W. Holmes, Jr., Fayetteville; Orville Lidschner, East Liverpool, O.; S. P. Marley, Jr., Greensboro; C. P. Parker, Woodland.

## COLVARD TAKES CHARGE OF DR. PEPPER BOTTLING PLANT

Barber Shops in City Consolidate; James Haire Goes to Ashe Motor Company

Carl Colvard, local young business man, has given up his connection with the West Jefferson Parts and Accessories and has taken charge of the Dr. Pepper Bottling works of this city. The bottling business was formerly under the management of H. R. Vannoy.

Fred Emerson, of North Wilkesboro, has taken Mr. Colvard's place in the Parts and Accessories store.

Other business changes in the city include the consolidation of the City Barber Shop and the Grayson Barber Shop, the first being under the management of C. H. Burkett, and the latter owned by T. B. Grayson. James Haire, well-known member of the barbering profession, has accepted a position with the Ashe Motor Company and will be in charge of the sales department there.

## SOIL EROSION MEETING TO BE HELD IN JEFFERSON

Farmers from All Parts of County Urged to Attend and Learn Important Facts

A soil erosion expert from the United States Soil Erosion Department will be at the courthouse in Jefferson Friday night at seven-thirty to address the farmers of the county on the important subject of soil erosion. Farmers are urged to attend this meeting as it is hoped that with enough interest Ashe county might be able to get a soil erosion project. The county is said to have more acres of severely eroded land than any other county in this section.

It is understood that the speaker of the evening will be prepared to answer and discuss any questions that interested listeners might wish to ask and it is felt that it is the duty of the farmers to attend this meeting with the idea in view of improving their land.

## SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE SEES FOOD PRICES INCREASE

Continued Dry Weather Predicted for Western United States; Meat Is High

Secretary of Agriculture Wallace predicted in Washington last week that food prices would increase by 11 per cent during the first half of 1935.

Basing his statement on a comparison with the last six months of 1934 made by Dr. Louis H. Bean, AAA economic advisor, the secretary forecast that prices would increase by an additional 1 per cent during the latter half of 1935. Bean said he had not taken new drought threats into consideration.

## Dry Weather Seen

Secretary Wallace's statement was made at a press conference shortly after the weather bureau had reported a continuation of dry weather through large portions of five states severely affected by last summer's drought.

Snow that had fallen in Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, and parts of Colorado and eastern Wyoming "was shifted badly by high winds," the weather report said, adding that the gales produced severe dust storms—a phenomenon which does not ordinarily occur until April or May.

That these conditions, plus threatened ravages from chinch bugs and other insects, would drastically affect crop production this year was conceded by economists in Wallace's department. Even if normal spring rains should occur, they said, the present lack of sub-soil moisture will drastically affect crop production, particularly wheat and range grass.

Wallace said meat costs were causing the largest proportion of the food price increases being 32 per cent above the level prevailing during the last half of 1934.

However, despite the increases expected, he said, food will still be the lowest item, comparatively speaking, in the cost of living and probably would continue so in 1935.

## VIRGINIA BUYERS OFFER SIX CENTS FOR CATTLE

Cattle Owners in County Pleased at Prospects of Realizing Profits on Beef Cattle

Owners of beef cattle in the county are pleased at the offers made by Virginia buyers of six cents per pound for cattle for fall delivery. This is a substantial gain over figures offered this time last year, or for the past several years.

Cattle have been on such a low price level that the rise in prices has caught many of our old time cattle men in the county with fewer head than they have ever had.

Beef and pork prices show evidences of soaring still higher and since Ashe is ideal for producing such commodities, farmers should begin to reap some of the benefits of the meat scarcity on the markets.

A city believed by its discoverer, Paxton Hayes, California ethnologist, to be several thousand years of age was found in a hidden canyon in Mexico.

## THROUGH STATE CAPITAL KEYHOLES

By BESS HINTON SILVER

**STEAMING UP**—The campaign in behalf of Clyde R. Hoey, Shelby's silver-tongued, for the Democratic nomination for Governor next year, is being whipped into nice form if the political stars read true. Mr. Hoey is yet silent on his decision but the boys who snoop around learning things about people addicted to politics say you need not be surprised if there is an immediate up-cropping of Hoey-for-Governor Clubs among the youngsters at Chapel Hill and other institutions of higher learning. If the matter develops that far you can mortgage your house and lot and bet that Hoey will be a candidate and the odds will be with you.

**SIMMONS**—Raleigh is taking with a grain of salt recent published rumors that former United States Senator Furnifold M. Simmons will oppose Senator J. W. Bailey next year. Likewise the politically-minded are not betting that former Lieutenant Governor R. T. Fountain will support Simmons in the event he runs. Capitol Hill believes that Mr. Fountain will follow the line of his recent announcement and seek the toga himself rather than take to the trenches for Simmons. On the other hand there is some opinion that Fountain would do anything politically reasonable to help defeat Governor Ehringhaus who nosed out Fountain in the 1932 primaries. There is nothing reasonably certain about the shape the 1932 Senatorial race will take.

**ONE MORE THING**—Friends of Lieutenant Governor A. H. Graham think he is doing nicely presiding over his second term of the State Senate and they are beginning to roll the old political ball in his behalf for Governor. "Sandy" said his luck with the Legislature would influence his decision on the gubernatorial matter and even his enemies are failing to point out major mistakes. You can't tell what's going on in the Scotch head of the Lieutenant Governor but a lot of people are ready to help him make up his mind and step across the line as a candidate. It's going to be highly embarrassing to many people if Graham and Hoey cross swords.

**CHANGED COURSE**—Many close personal and political friends of Representative R. Gregg Cherry, of Gaston, say he is paddling his canoe toward the Speakership of the 1937 House. They say he has abandoned any idea of running for Governor. At least he has told some folks he wants to come back to the Legislature one more time. If he seeks to wield the gavel over the 120 Representatives he is likely to find Representative R. F. (Jack) Morphew, of Graham, grabbing for the handle in the Democratic caucus two years hence. Ambitions make political history.

**COMING UP**—Don't get the idea that the suggested system of textbook rental has been abandoned. The bill providing for such a system is still in committee but individual lawmakers are getting thing in line to push the measure through the legislature ere long. You haven't seen any fight, not over the sales tax, to what you will witness when this textbook matter comes into the front line trenches, according to past records and present predictions. There is little doubt, however, that sentiment for renting books is growing and the proposition has a much better chance of becoming law than during past sessions.

**MARATHON**—The boys who know their legislatures say that a real bombshell exploded when the motion was made in finance committee to reduce the sales tax rate from three to two per cent. Immediately all former predictions on sine die adjournment were withdrawn and even the optimistic Rober Grady Johnson, Speaker of the House, admitted that the end is not yet in sight. The anti-sales taxers led by Representatives W. L. Lumpkin, of Franklin, and Ralph McDonald, of Forsyth, are wise enough to adopt this course in their effort to slow down the trend toward consumption taxes. One man's guess is about as good as another's on what will happen before the General Assembly folds up for good—(or worse).

**CONGRESS**—The State Capitol this week is of the opinion that Congressman R. L. Doughton is in a mood to seek the governorship via the Democratic primaries and a candidate to succeed him in Congress from the Ninth District. He is no less a person than Dalton Warren, Senator from Alleghany County. Friends of Mr. Warren say he is going to seek the Congressional seat no matter what "Farmer Bob" decides to do but express confidence that Doughton really means to retire from Congress even if he does not run for Governor.

**DIVERSION**—Don't sleep upon your couch if you want your gasoline taxes spent on your roads. Designs looking toward using it for other things have not been abandoned. On the other hand, diversionists are reported sitting up nights planning the best way to get a finger into the highway fund. When the real raid starts some potent influencers of legislative opinion will be found in the ranks. There is considerable opinion motorists pay their taxes without complaint and will not kick up much of a row if they are spent for general fund and other purposes. What's your idea?

**OPPOSITION**—North Carolinians are writing their Senators and Congressmen to oppose the Rayburn bill which would repose authority to fix rates in the federal power commission. State regulatory bodies would find their hands pretty well tied under the Rayburn bill and Tar Heels still are suffering from federal discrimination in the matter of freight rates. Considerable sentiment against the Rayburn bill has been manifest in Raleigh especially among persons owning stock in domestic power companies. They fear its passage would reduce the value of their holdings.

**WIELDS CLUB**—Senator Lloyd Griffin, of Chowan, is one member of the General Assembly who gets things done without benefit of oratory. You couldn't exactly say that he has "it" but when it comes to the school system his ideas usually prevail. The secret of it is that he has the knowledge and determination needed to guide legislation through a General Assembly. When storms break over the school problem Senator Griffin usually lets things ride until the boys get the weights off their chests and then he takes the floor. The questions fly thick and fast and he answers them all and usually what appeared to be a rebellion against the education committee turns out more in the nature of endorsement.

**DIFFICULTY**—If the House of Representatives runs true to form this session it will make plenty of trouble for the Senate. Procedure of the last two or three sessions has been for the House to increase appropriations and cut taxes. As a result the Senators have been forced to place heavier burdens on taxpayers and cut the allotments of State departments and institutions. The House members get the glory and the Senators take it on the chin but a man should learn about those things before he decides which branch of the General Assembly he prefers.

**BONER**—Wets and Drys in the Legislature generally agree that the Reverend R. L. Arnold, of Raleigh, made a mistake in praying for defeat of the Hill liquor bill when he was invited to open the Senate with prayer last week. Senator Hill told the Senate he resented "such a political talk" and after all most of the Senators know the Durham lawmaker as a Dry and a strong church man. They didn't seem to relish an outsider coming in and attacking one of their own flock even in a prayer. It's entirely aided the liquor bill, although it's possible that the minister may have fate may be decided by the time you read this.

The Ashe County Young People's Union will hold its March meeting at the Lansing Methodist Church next Monday night, March 11. Bethany young people will have charge of the program.

## R. L. DOUGHTON BESET OVER RUNNING FOR GOVERNORSHIP

DR. RANKIN OF A. S. T. C. TO ADDRESS METHODISTS

Series of Zone Meetings to Culminate in County-Wide Meeting March 31

Dr. J. D. Rankin, Dean of Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, will be the speaker at the Zone Fellowship Meeting at Todd Methodist Church next Sunday afternoon, March 10, at 3 o'clock. Dr. Rankin will speak to the Methodists of the Todd Circuit, and of West Jefferson, Bethany and Zion Churches of the Jefferson Circuit. It is expected that he will bring some students from the college with him to furnish special music.

This is the first of a series of three Zone Meetings that will be held on successive afternoons in different sections of the county, and which will culminate in a County-wide Fellowship Meeting of Southern Methodists at Warrensville on March 31. Mr. W. H. Worth, District Lay Leader, is chairman and will preside over all of these meetings.

## TAXPAYERS VIE WITH EACH OTHER IN PAYING MONDAY

No Penalty for March; To Advertise Taxes in May; Jury List Is Drawn for April

Reports from Sheriff Miller's office are to the effect that the taxpayers of the county had to wait in line for their time to pay taxes on the first Monday so great were the numbers who came in to settle up. Mr. Frank Miller, clerk in the office, declared that he did not get to sit down until well after two o'clock.

The willingness of the people to pay and the effort being made to do so caused the County Fathers in their regular monthly session to decide to not attach any penalty to the payments in March, and no interest will be charged on back taxes as previously threatened. County Chairman Hartsog wishes to be as lenient as possible with the taxpayers and both he and Sheriff Miller appreciate the prompt payment so far.

It was decided at the Monday meeting that no deviation would be made from a former announcement that taxes would be advertised in May if unpaid. Until the very lean depression years, delinquent taxes had been advertised in the early summer. Exceptions were made to this rule because of the inability of the farmers to pay and the unwillingness of the county to advertise until forced to. Taxes were not advertised for last year until December which made it impossible for the sheriff to settle with the commissioners and get the tax books in his office until February.

Little Jack Freeman drew the jury list for the April term of court which will convene on the fifteenth with Judge Pless, of Marion, presiding.

## CHARLES YOUNG DIES IN WASHINGTON HOSPITAL

Burial of Former Grassy Creek Resident Takes Place in Famous Arlington Cemetery

On Thursday, February 28th, 1935, at George Washington Hospital, Charles F. Young, of Washington, D. C., passed away. He was the beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Young, of Purcellville, Va., formerly of Grassy Creek, N. C. He is survived by his mother and father, two brothers, Rush S. Young, Washington, D. C., Robert W. Young, Gettysburg, Pa.; two sisters, Mrs. E. M. Osborne, Stratford, N. C., Mrs. Lessie E. Rundahl, Canon City, Colo.; one aunt, Miss Martha Pierce, Purcellville, Va.; two uncles, Robert Pierce, Bel Air, Md., John F. Young, Fox, Va. Mr. Young was a member of Naval Lodge No. 4, F. A. A. M., Eureka Chapter No. 4, R. A. M., DeMolay Commandry No. 4 Knight Templar.

Funeral services were held from the S. H. Hines Co. funeral home, Tuesday, March 5th, at 1:45 p. m. under the auspices of the Knight Templar assisted by Rev. Shea Montgomery and Representative R. L. Doughton. Interment in Arlington National Cemetery by Naval Lodge.

Mr. Young was an uncle of Mrs. Burl Vannoy, of this city.

Congressional Associates of "Farmer Bob" Expect Announcement at an Early Date

"To run, or not to run"—that apparently, is the quandary in which Congressman Robert L. Doughton, who represents the Ninth North Carolina District in the National Congress, finds himself.

Deluged with letters from all parts of the State, insisting that he enter the gubernatorial race, urged by his many friends to toss his hat into the ring without further delay, is about the state of affairs for the veteran Congressman.

Announcement recently in the state papers that Congressman Doughton intended to retire from Congress soon, gave rise to two conjectures: First, Should he decide to run for Governor, he of course, will not seek another term in Congress; and second, should he decide not to run for Governor, he will probably defer to the demand that he serve one more term in Congress.

It is believed that if the pressure continues gathering momentum as it has during the past six months, he will probably enter the race for Governor.

Otherwise, it is forecast, that he will retire from Congress at the "first favorable opportunity".

Mr. Doughton, as Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the House, is probably the busiest man on Capitol Hill. During the past six weeks, his committee has conducted hearings and made an intensive study of the President's Economic Security program. When this is completed, the Committee calendar calls for consideration of the Bonus, revision of the NRA, re-enactment of a number of excise taxes, and various and sundry bills of lesser importance.

Displaying the vim and vigor of a man half his age, Mr. Doughton is on the job approximately fifteen hours a day. Arriving at his office long before dawn and quitting after all other offices are closed, he is recognized as "the hardest working Congressman" on the Hill.

Definite announcement of Mr. Doughton's intentions insofar as the race for Governor is concerned, will be forthcoming in the near future.

## PARENTS REGISTER YOUR BABY

Time to Register Your Baby

Ashe County parents in the present "Register Your Baby" campaign the births of 184 children during the last year, or 35.4 per cent of the 519 actually recorded births for the year 1933, up to last year as compared with about 33 per cent for the State, Dr. Hamilton said.

This indicates that fully 50 per cent of the parents in North Carolina have children born to them during the past years who have not filled in the blue colored cards distributed by the Postoffice Department to them from the postoffice from which they receive mail. The children who thus been slighted may have been registered many times in the future to demn the parental neglect.

The campaign is about over and there is yet time for parents to secure these cards from the postoffice, the State Board of Health or from the field or county relief organization, if they are misplaced those received earlier get them to Washington in time to be counted and checked at the Board of Health in Raleigh.

## NEW STORE OPENING IN WARRENSVILLE

The Pearson Brothers, from Greensboro, have rented the store building owned by Sheriff H. M. Miller at Warrensville and expect to open a store there this week.

The new store will carry the usual and complete stock of general merchandise, and will be a distinct addition to the Warrensville section.

A box supper will be held at the West Jefferson gymnasium on Monday night, March 8, at 7:30. All people in this and surrounding communities are invited to attend.