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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

## HOUSE OPENS FIRST REAL FIGHT OVER BONUS BILL

Three Proposed Measures to be Aired; Presidential Veto Possible if Measures Are Passed

Words of warning praise mingled with sharp sarcasm were heard in Washington Tuesday as the house opened its first real fight this session over how and when \$2,000,000,000 should be paid as a bonus to World war veterans.

The three-day period of debate started with explanations by leading advocates of three different methods of paying the soldiers' bonus—Representatives Patman, Democrat of Texas, Vinson, Democrat of Kentucky, and Andrews, Republican of New York.

Patman opened with a shout that his bill was not inflationary even if it did call for the issuance of \$2,000,000,000 in new currency.

Patman's new currency bill is backed by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Their representatives were in the gallery. Vinson's bill which leaves to the treasury the method of payment, was written by the American Legion. Frank N. Belgrano, Jr., American Legion commander, also was a gallery-ite.

As the house started its debate, President Roosevelt issued four executive orders modifying the two-year-old veterans economy regulations and giving liberalized payments to widows and orphans which it was estimated would cost an additional \$1,800,000 annually.

Some wondered whether this liberalization was intended to win some wavering votes to an eventual bonus compromise bill. It is understood that there is definite possibility of a presidential veto if any of the bills proposed were to pass both houses. It is said the President would use the reason Harding, Coolidge, and Hoover used—that the country cannot afford it.

## FEDERAL INCOME TAXES AMOUNT TO 3 MILLION DOLLARS IN ONE DAY

The fact that North Carolina is not under the dominion of poverty was abundantly attested in Greensboro last week when, on one day alone, federal income tax payments aggregating more than three million dollars were received at the office of Charles H. Robertson, collector of internal revenue.

With March 15, the expiration date for the filing of annual income tax returns, so near, the last several days have been accompanied by an impressively large influx of good old American money at the office of Collector Robertson, and on the day above mentioned the volume was extraordinarily huge even for such a season.

## HAUPTMANN SEES PRISON NEIGHBORS MARCH TO DOOM

Bruno Richard Hauptmann saw three men march past his death house cell to the electric chair Friday as he sat in a New Jersey prison.

The condemned slayer of Baby Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr., awaiting result of his appeal against death sentence, sat in No. 1 cell, near the door to the execution chamber.

Those who died were Connie Scarpone, 26, Michael Mule, 24, and George de Stefano, 25, all of Trenton. They killed John Szczytkowski, 37, in October, 1933, in a vain effort to get \$500.

They had screamed insults at Hauptmann since the first day he entered the death house. They called him "baby killer." But Friday, in the shadow of the chair, they shook hands with him.

## MAY GET CORN-HOG ORGANIZATION HERE NEXT YEAR

Mr. Gail McMillan, county chairman of the corn-hog work and active in the district work, expects to go to Raleigh this week in an effort to get the headquarters of the organization located in Ashe for next year. He thinks the prospects for this are good.

Mr. McMillan states that the Ashe contracts were mailed out last week and that Ashe is the first county in the district to complete this part of the contract requirements.

## ADMINISTRATION FORCES BEAT BACK CONSERVATIVES

Work Relief Bill Bids Fair to Emerge from Senate Without Restricting Proposals Added

Despite shouted assertions by old-line Democrats that the \$4,880,000,000 work-relief bill would imperil the nation's credit, senate administration forces the first of the week beat back three efforts by conservatives to slash the projected fund.

The proposals defeated were: The Byrd amendment to reduce the total to \$1,880,000,000 and to continue the "dole" for those on federal relief, by a vote of 66 to 21.

The Adams amendment to limit the appropriation for one year ending June 30, 1936, by a 57 to 30 ballot.

The Adams amendment to cut the total to \$2,880,000,000, by the same 57-to-30 tally.

## HAROLD DIXON ENLISTS WITH MARINE CORPS

Baltimore, Md., March 14.—Harold T. Dixon, 19 years old, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Dixon of Nathan's Creek, enlisted today at the Marine Corps Recruiting Station, Room 325, Post Office Building, Baltimore, Maryland.

Private Dixon left for Parris Island, South Carolina, where the Marine Corps maintains a training center for recruits. The training period at Parris Island is for at least one month, after which, Dixon will probably be sent to the Marine Base at Quantico, Virginia, for advanced training.

While at Parris Island and Quantico, Dixon will receive thorough instruction in rifle and pistol practice, drills, inspections and the responsibilities of a marine.

He will have immediate opportunity of enrolling in extensive educational courses offered free by the Marine Corps.

Dixon attended Jefferson and Nathan's Creek High Schools. While attending these schools he played on the baseball and basketball teams.

## N. C. LEADS IN INCREASE IN FARM PRODUCTS RECEIPTS

The latest report from the bureau of agricultural economics of the United States department of agriculture shows that the largest increases in receipts for farm products from 1932 to 1934 were in the following five states: North Carolina, 152 per cent; South Carolina, 95 per cent; Georgia, 89 per cent; Alabama, 80 per cent; and Virginia, 63 per cent.

The government report showed that North Carolina farmers received for their farm products in 1932 the sum of \$85,846,000; in 1933 the amount was \$142,462,000; and in 1934 the income had grown to \$203,624,000. In rental and payment benefits, the farmers received \$2,848,000 in 1932 and this income had grown to \$12,579,000 in 1934.

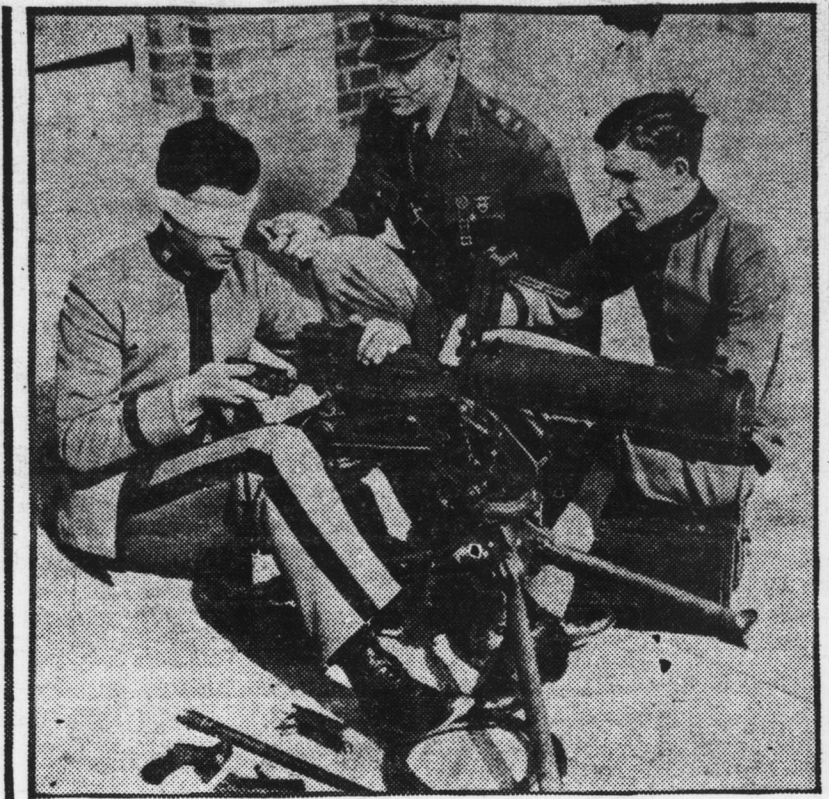
Farmers of the state received for their crops, livestock and other farm products, rentals and payment benefits combined the sums of \$85,846,000 in 1932; \$145,310,000 in 1933; and \$216,203,000 in 1934.

This huge increase in income for the farm population of North Carolina is partially attributed to the 100 per cent increase in tobacco prices and to the more favorable marketing conditions for cotton under the curtailed production program.

## DR. D. J. WHITNER TO SPEAK TO METHODISTS AT CHESTNUT HILL

Dr. D. J. Whitener, head of the Department of History, A. S. T. C., will speak to the Methodists of the Laurel Springs, Jefferson, and Helton charges next Sunday afternoon, March 24, 3 o'clock, at Chestnut Hill Methodist Church. Dr. Whitener's brother has been a missionary in China for fifteen years. Thus he is closely connected with the missionary enterprise. A large crowd is expected to attend this Zone Fellowship Meeting which is the third of a series held in different sections of the county on successive Sunday afternoons.

## Sets New Record at This Stunt



Cadet Simon B. Buckner, Jr., of Valley Forge Military academy at Wayne, Pa., sets a new record for setting up a machine gun while blindfolded. Lieut. Willet J. Baird is the instructor while Cadet Ben Knowles of York, Pa., awaits his turn to compete. Cadet Buckner is the son of the commandant of cadets at the United States Military academy at West Point.

## BOXING BOUT TO BE GIVEN FOR SCHOOL FRIDAY NIGHT

Card Scheduled Presents an Array of Boxers Who Will Guarantee Interesting Event

The boxing bout, which will be held in the West Jefferson gymnasium Friday night, March 22, will be one of the outstanding athletic events of the season.

The participants are all of known ability. Smiling Cowboy Ed Wilcox is a former welter weight champion of Florida and Shist Tucker is an outstanding boxer in Western North Carolina. This clash will be followed in interest by local champion, Garnet Clark, and Speedy Winters, a former Fort Bragg champion. This couple has fought in the ring before with Clark coming out victorious, but Winters is confident that he can K. O. Clark and is seeking revenge.

As for the other fighters, they are all from Ashe county and of good reputation. The friends of Buddy Grayson and Ray Green will be interested in the outcome of this fight as they have been matched before here. Marion Oliver, John Mc Pennington, and Tee Grayson will fight Grant Tomlinson, Wayne Taylor, and Pat

Caudill. Although Tylor nor Tomlinson have not been seen in action here, they have the highest recommendation from their friends. Pat Caudill, a 75-pound keg of dynamite from Smethport, will certainly interest Tee Grayson, the 75-pound wildcat from West Jefferson.

The sponsors of this boxing match, which is to be given entirely for the benefit of the local school, guarantee to present an array of fighters which will assure the public of a well worth while evening.

## MRS. WADE ROLAND BURIED TODAY AT ONE O'CLOCK

Mrs. Wade Roland, aged 25, who died at her home on Staggs Creek Wednesday morning, will be buried this afternoon at one o'clock at North Fork with Elders Thompson, Davis, Kilby, and Roten in charge of the services.

Mrs. Roland, who was Miss Ella Weaver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Weaver, leaves a husband and four children. She had been sick only a short time.

## ASHE COUNTY BOYS AND GIRLS MAKE GOOD IN TOURNAMENT

Lansing Last to Go Down in Northwest N. C. Cage Battle in Winston-Salem

The coaches of the various Ashe county school teams who entered the Northwest North Carolina basketball tournament in Winston-Salem last week and the week preceding had ample reason to be proud of their work as the Ashe boys and girls, in every case, played clean sportsmanlike games as well as hard fought ones.

The Nathans Creek girls who were swamped by a Mt. Airy team were highly praised for their good game and were given almost unanimous applause from the sidelines. Jefferson, Fleetwood, and West Jefferson played praiseworthy games and Lansing actually got within hearing distance of the final game, but were defeated Friday by Dobson with a score of 32 to 20.

The Winston-Salem Journal gives this account of the Friday night game which was last one in which an Ashe team played:

Dobson and Lansing boys clashed in the second game of the night. Dobson put on a burst of speed as the game opened and quickly took the lead. Lansing came back and tied the count, however. In the closing periods of the tilt, Dobson, with a lead of three points and two minutes left to play, found the basket and ran up nine points. Cockerham and Jackson starred for Dobson, while Clark and Key played brilliantly for Lansing. Incidentally, the Ashe county school sent down a hard-working quintet.

On the completion of these proceedings and the forwarding of such affidavits to the Commissioner of Banks, State banking institutions can accomplish this relief to their stockholders by July 1st, 1935.

## DEATH CLAIMS PROMINENT WEST JEFFERSON MERCHANT

PARKER TIE COMPANY CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

Has Prospered Since Beginning on March 22, 1934; Handled Over 50,000 Cross Ties

The Parker Tie Company of this city will celebrate its first anniversary on Friday, March 22, since it was organized and began work on that date in 1934.

Since beginning operations, the company has prospered through enjoying good business and patronage until it has recently rented a part of the Wade Vannoy building and is now handling finished lumber and other building supplies.

During the past year, over 50,000 cross ties have been handled. The company officials state that they were the first in the city to buy ties for cash prices. They also wish to thank the public for their trade which is making this first anniversary a happy one.

## SCHOOL MASTERS CLUB TO MEET SATURDAY NIGHT

The county School Master Club will meet in the office of the County Board of Education in Jefferson at seven-thirty Saturday night, March 23rd. The members are urged to be present.

During the past week, A. B. Combs, of the State Department of Education, has been in the county with Superintendent Hash visiting the schools in lieu of Dr. Highsmith, who usually makes such visits.

Dr. Branch, of the State Board of Health, made an interesting trip through the county last week when he gave puppet shows at Jefferson, Lansing, and Nathans Creek in a better teeth campaign. Children from all surrounding schools were taken to these central schools to see the show.

## GERMAN LEADER PLANS GERMAN SUPERIORITY

Great Britain, Italy, and France Are Alarmed by Adolf Hitler's Announcements

Germany's leader, Hitler, has announced that Germany will no longer abide by a ruling made by the three great powers, England, Italy, and France, to limit their army, but that Germany plans to increase it to such an extent that it will be superior to other European armies.

Despite the reticence of Berlin officials to make public the numerical size of the army they planned, it was said authoritatively there that Hitler told Sir Eric, the British ambassador, it would have 500,000 men.

Doubt was expressed whether France could hope to pace with Germany now or must fall behind, through sheer lack of manpower.

## PLAYS AND MUSIC TO BE GIVEN AT RIVERVIEW

An interesting program consisting of short plays and music will be given by experienced talent from different parts of the community on Friday night March 29th at Riverview School, Fig. N. C.

Refreshments will be served between acts. A small admission will be charged for the benefit of the gymnasium.

## CONVICT CAPTURED AT ASHEVILLE LAST WEEK

Captain Rackley, superintendent of the county prison camp at Warrensville, is proud of the fact that he has been most successful during his work with convicts in capturing all those who manage to escape from prison. The latest convict to escape got away several weeks ago, but he is back in camp again after his French leave, having been caught in Asheville the latter part of the week.

## PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Boggs Sunday School will meet at 10:30 this Sunday morning and the one at Big Ridge at 2:00 in the afternoon. Mr. Stone will preach at three at Big Ridge after which there will be a congregation meeting for the election of the church officers.

W. J. Bare Dies from Stroke of Paralysis Which Was Suffered Wednesday Week

William Judson Bare, aged 51, died on Sunday, March 17, after having been stricken with paralysis on the streets of West Jefferson the preceding Wednesday. He never fully regained consciousness.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at the Orion Baptist Church, of which he was a charter member and where he had served in the capacity of a deacon for 23 years. Mr. Bare's devotion to the little Baptist church was brought out by the fact that he had never missed a communion service there since he joined. Rev. Ezekiel Sexton, pastor of the church, was in charge of the services. He was assisted by Reverends P. E. Downs, T. A. Farmer, and Roby Burkett. Masonic burial followed at the nearby cemetery.

In the history of the church, no larger crowd has ever gathered to pay tribute to a fallen comrade, nor has a more beautiful or profuse floral offering been presented as a last mark of respect. Mrs. C. W. Ray presided at the organ, and favorite songs of the deceased were sung by the Cook-Harless quartette. Grade teachers of the local high school where Mr. Bare's daughter, Mrs. Walter Dillard, teaches sat in reserved seats in the choir.

Mr. Bare was one of the pioneer business men of this city although he lived a few miles from Jefferson. He was an official in the Bare-Little and Company wholesale grocers; and he engineered the starting of the Bare Knitting Mill, the first and only hosiery mill in the city. He had other and varied interests also. All the business houses in the city closed during the funeral hour.

Surviving Mr. Bare is his wife, Mrs. Callie Wyatt Bare to whom he was married in 1903; eight children: Mrs. Clyde Bare Dillard, Misses Blanche and Christine Bare, Messrs. Fields, Donald, Odell, Rudd, and William Judson, Jr., Bare. He is also survived by his mother, Mrs. Lois Bare, and the following brothers and sisters: Messrs. Lee, George, Jess, Mack, and Ambrose; Mesdames Jane Severt, Myrtle Ann Bare, Cora Bare Morgan, and Mae Little.

## WOMANS CLUB TO MEET IN LIBRARY FRIDAY AT 3:30

The Womens Club will hold its regular meeting for the month in the library of this city on Friday afternoon, March 22, at three-thirty o'clock. The library will be closed to the public, therefore, from three-thirty until five.

All members are urged to attend.

## HOME-MADE COFFIN DESTROYED BY FIRE

Kinston, March 13.—Jake Roberson will have to be buried in a store coffin. Roberson, negro laborer, is 70 and "ailing." He has been ailing several years, in fact and three years ago built the coffin in which he hoped to be buried. Yesterday the coffin, resting on boxes under a shed, was destroyed by fire. Roberson suspected incendiary because he had often been joked about the casket.

Feeling unequal to the task of building another coffin, Roberson is trying to become reconciled to being buried in one from an undertaker's stock.

## J. T. BLEDSOE DIES IN TEXAS

John T. Bledsoe, former resident of Ashe county, died at his home in Clyde, Texas, Monday night, according to news received here Wednesday.

Mr. Bledsoe is a former resident of this county and is survived by his wife, Mrs. Sara Jane Tulbert Bledsoe; Mrs. Mart Higgins, of Sparta; Jesse Bledsoe, of Wagoner; and a number of children. He was a brother-in-law of Mr. J. N. Tulbert of this city. A daughter, Mrs. Rupert Gillett, was a member of the faculty at Nathans Creek two years ago.

Japanese beetle larvae, which winter two to six inches under the ground, die at temperatures below 15 degrees Fahrenheit, but heavy snow blankets may protect them.