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BYRNES SEES BONUS VICTORY NEXT SESSION

Representative Doughton States That He Expects Bonus Bill To Be Passed

Amid predictions of speedy passage, the controverted problem of the soldiers bonus surged to the front this week among congressional leaders returning to the capital. Speaker Byrnes said the issue ought to be disposed of by February 1, but declined to forecast definitely that it would be enacted over a veto.

Almost before he finished speaking, however, Senator Byrnes, Democrat, South Carolina, left President Roosevelt's office with an unqualified assertion that the compromise bonus measure he and Senator Steiwer, Republican, Oregon, have introduced would override a veto.

That bill, providing for financing through a federal bonus issue, would give veterans 97 per cent of the face value of their adjusted service certificates and the full value if they held them two years.

Back from a voyage to the Philippines, Speaker Byrnes sat on a corner of his desk, a red carnation in his lapel, and told reporters the chances of enacting the bonus over a veto would be strengthened if the inflation element was removed.

The Patman bill, ready for a test in the house January 13, would pay off the bonus in \$2,000,000,000 of new money. Only by a narrow margin in the senate was President Roosevelt's veto of the plan upheld last session.

Opponents of inflation already are considering strategy for heading off another house vote on it by pressing forward with a non-inflationary measure, one of the leaders in this movement, Representative Vinson, Democrat, Kentucky, arranged a conference with Chairman Doughton, Democrat, North Carolina, of the house ways and means committee, with the bonus as a topic.

Even before they met, however, Doughton told reporters he expected some bonus bill to be passed. Chairman McReynolds, Democrat, Tennessee, of the foreign affairs committee held the same idea.

13 Killed In Bus Tragedy In Virginia

North Carolina Man Drives Greyhound Bus Off River Bridge; All Persons Drowned

One of the worst tragedies in the history of the Greyhound Bus Company occurred Sunday when a bus carrying 13 passengers, and possibly more, was driven off an open draw bridge near Hopewell, Va. The bridge had been open to allow a boat to go by and the guard gates were up. The bus crashed through the gates and plunged into the icy waters below. Only one man was brought out alive and he died shortly thereafter.

It is thought that the bus driver was unable to stop the car because of frozen brakes, but that is a mystery that will probably never be solved. There was no way of identifying the people on the bus since a record is not kept of all who ride buses.

Rescue work was carried on all of Sunday night and identification went on Monday. Every glass in the bus was broken out and it was feared that some of the passengers might have washed on down the river.

The bus driver was a resident of Wake county in this state.

One-Armed Man Saves Boy's Life

A boy on a sled struck the icy tracks of the Baltimore railroad at a crossing Friday and fell stunned in the path of a rushing train.

Grover Bowersox, 52-year-old crossing watchman, rushed forward. His shoe caught in the rail. He tore free. He grasped the boy with his one arm and jerked him to safety.

The watchman has only one arm because 20 years ago he slipped on an icy crossing and rolled beneath a train.

LATE NEWS BULLETINS

225 Drivers Licenses Revoked By State

Driving Permits of 225 persons in North Carolina were revoked during the first 46 days after the new State Driver's license law went into effect November 1, and 219 of the revocations were because of convictions of driving while drunk.

Four others were of alleged hit-and-run drivers.

High Point led all other cities in the State in number of licenses revoked, with 19.

Charlotte ranked second, with 17, Greensboro was third and Raleigh fourth.

State Reduces Debt Some \$17,000,000

State Treasurer Chas. M. Johnson, speaking to the Winston-Salem Rotary club Tuesday, said North Carolina had reduced its total State debt by \$17,132,948 during the administration of Governor Ehringhaus.

During the same time, he pointed out, the State had substantially increased its appropriation for schools, pushing it up to \$20,300,000, and increasing the teachers' salaries by 20 per cent this year, as compared with last.

Contracts For 103 Airplanes Let

The army ordered new reinforcement for its fighting air fleet Saturday—awarding contracts for the purchase of 103 multimotored bombing planes of the swiftest modern type.

The Douglas Aircraft company, incorporated, of Santa Monica, Calif., was given an order for 90 all-metal, low wing, twin-engine monoplanes, costing a total of \$6,498,000.

Thirteen giant four-motored "sky cruisers" were bought from the Boeing company, of Seattle, Wash. The price for the Boeing craft was not given.

Young Democrats To Sponsor Dinner

Democratic campaign to re-elect President Roosevelt will get under way in North Carolina, as well as in all other states, on January 8 when Jackson Day dinners will be held throughout the country.

Plans for Jackson Day dinners in Asheville, Winston-Salem, Raleigh, Greensboro, Charlotte and other North Carolina cities are being discussed.

North Carolina has been asked to raise \$15,000 to wipe out the committee's debts so the 1936 campaign can get under way with a clear sheet.

The Jackson Day dinners will be sponsored by the Young Democratic Clubs of the state.

President Roosevelt will address the Jackson dinner in Washington, D. C., and those attending other dinners will hear him over the radio. Those attending will be asked to pay \$5 a plate, the profit going to the Democratic committee to clear the debt.

U. S. Asked To Help Prevent Dust Storms

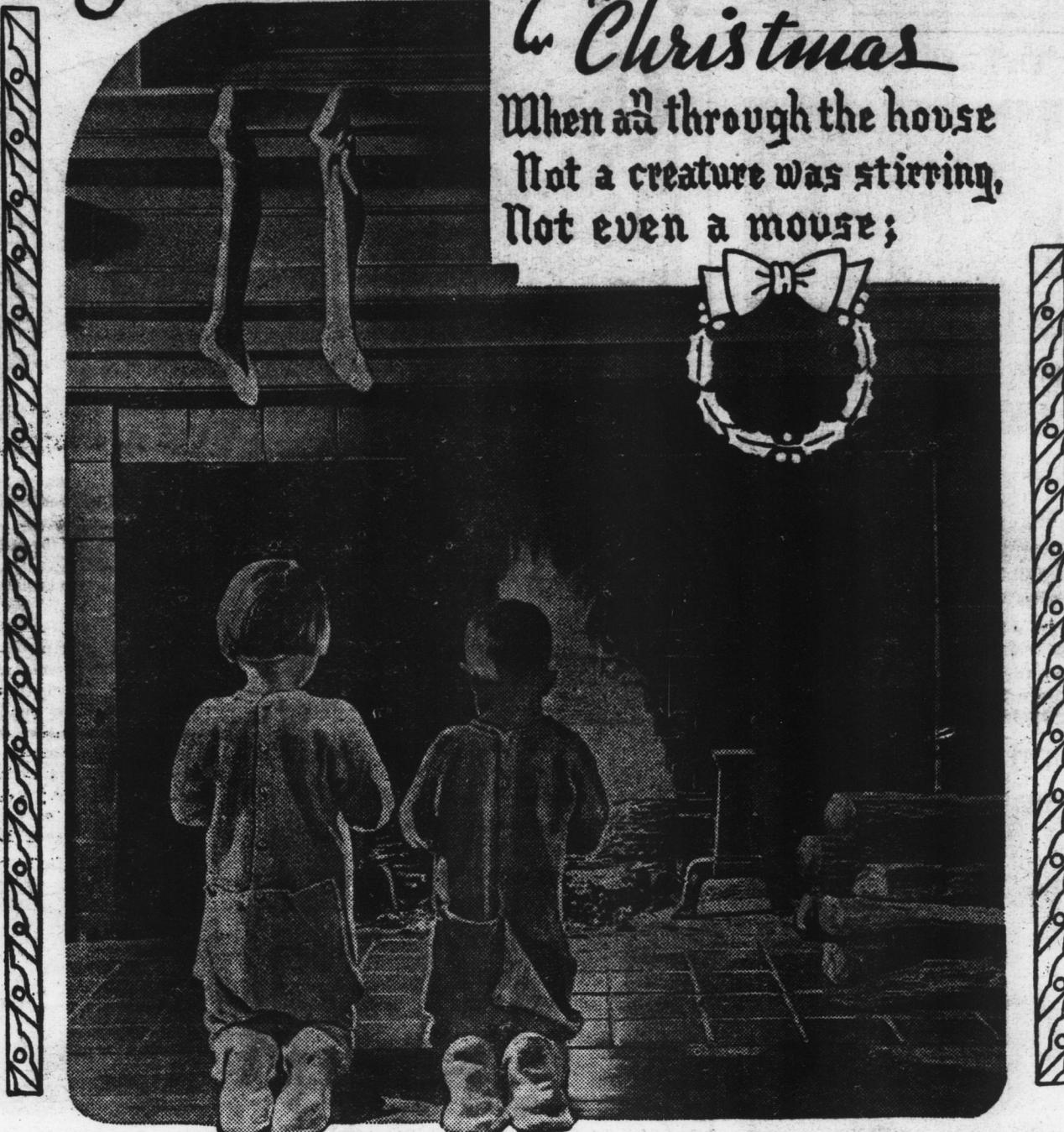
The government has been asked to finance a three-and-a-half-million-dollar program to combat recurrence of devastating dust storms in the Southwest.

Asserting 36,000,000 acres of farm land were blighted by the "black blizzards" of last spring, a committee of the Federal Reclamation administration recommended the appropriation to rehabilitate the "dust bowl" area in Colorado, Texas, Kansas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma.

"The continued drought in this one area, combined with improper farming methods, have created a situation which unless halted immediately will create a new American desert."

'Twas the Night Before Christmas

When all through the house Not a creature was stirring, Not even a mouse;



FOUTS BOUND OVER TO COURT IN DAYTON, OHIO

Earl Fouts, the man arrested with bonds, the numbers of which corresponded to those taken from the Bank of Ashe in a recent robbery, was bound over to court in a preliminary trial held in Dayton last week which was attended by W. H. Worth, Vernon Lillard, Arthur Graybeal, and J. M. Prevet.

Coldest Weather In Years Seen In Carolina Friday

Joe Worth Gives Out Official Temperature From Jefferson As Exactly Zero

From Manteo to Murphy, from Asheville to Charleston, winter settled a firm grip on North Carolina Friday night, and one of the hardest freezes in many years was experienced.

Rapidly dropping thermometers—the one at Winston-Salem, dropped 29 degrees to 17 above in eight hours—were accompanied by piercing winds, which carried light snows to some areas. For the most part, however, it was clear.

At Asheville the temperature fell from 23 in mid-afternoon to 15 at 8 p. m., with a forecast of 5 above by morning, and it was much colder in the higher mountain areas where there were no official weather stations.

The United States coast guard station at Manteo, on the North Carolina banks, reported a 36-mile wind, freezing temperatures, but no ships in distress.

At Greensboro the thermometer was down to 18 at 8:30 p. m. and still dropping, Raleigh was expecting it to be even colder, and Durham was the same Charlotte was expecting a low of 15.

Mr. Joe Worth, official temperature recorder for this section, stated Saturday morning that his government thermometer stood exactly at zero.

Raymond Hudson was seriously hurt in an automobile accident between Bristol, Va., and Gate City last week. He died later in a Bristol hospital. He was from Baltimore, where the body was taken for burial, but he was known in this county.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Doggett expect a gathering of their children at their home for Christmas.

WORTH BOGGS PROMINENT IN SLEUTH WORK

Son Of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Boggs Given Credit For Solving Murder Of Woman

Walter Worth Boggs, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Boggs, of Waterloo, Ohio, formerly of Jefferson, has gained recognition as a detective and fingerprint expert recently. He



WALTER WORTH BOGGS

is given credit for first identifying the fingerprints of Ralph Fulmer and later drawing a full confession from him of the murder of Miss Helen Shannon, 50-year-old Ironton, Ohio, woman.

Fulmer, aged 27, has recently been convicted of the brutal slaying but the case, when first reported, was entirely without clues. Fulmer was a member of a CCC camp.

MEETING OF NYA POSTPONED

The county committee of the National Youth Administration which held its first meeting in Jefferson Thursday voted to ask J. B. Hash to meet with them during next week, but the meeting has been postponed until Mr. Hash gathers more data on the subject which is, as yet, very new.

Further meeting announcements will be made later by the county chairman, G. R. Stafford.

MRS. W. O. DICKSON BURIED ON SILAS CREEK

Mrs. W. O. Dickson, formerly Miss Bessie Lee Blevins, died in a Winston-Salem hospital Thursday night. Funeral services were held at her home and interment made at the Old Fields Creek cemetery.

Relatives of Mrs. Dickson in the city who attended the funeral included Mrs. Wyck Vannoy, and Messrs. Clay, Cole, and Con Blevins.

Parkway Officials Want More Money For Construction

\$6,000,000 Initial Outlay Expected To Be Exceeded Next Year By \$1,000,000

The National Park service said Sat. it expected to spend \$6,000,000 to \$7,000,000 next year for new construction on the Shenandoah-Great Smoky parkway.

The parkway was begun this year with an initial \$6,000,000 outlay.

If the second installment on the scenic highway connecting the Virginia and North Carolina national parks, builds as much as the first, 400 miles of the 500-mile parkway would be completed or in advanced construction by the end of the 1936-37 fiscal year.

Park service officials, said with the "exceedingly favorable bids submitted on the first links, 200 miles of the parkway will be built with the initial allotment to the project."

They added, however, that contracts for some of the "more difficult mountain top stretches are yet to be let, especially in North Carolina," and probably will increase the average cost.

Authorities were not inclined to be specific about sources of the new money. They are prohibited from discussing matters subject to approval by the budget bureau.

"We are hopeful of getting the money," was the answer to the question of whether it was expected under the new works program recently discussed by the President.

Construction started in North Carolina several months ago.

Mr. Charlie Holland has recently installed and opened up some valuable milling property at the corner of his lands at the forks of the state road and the South Beaver road.

Son Of Wealthy Family Tells Of Kidnaping Plot

Kept Four Days; Fed Only Once; Leads Officers To Hideout Of His Abductors

Caleb Milne, fourth, Friday gave federal agents a description of four men who kidnaped him in New York and through his description enabled them to find the hideout where he was held prisoner for four days.

Milne, scion of a wealthy Philadelphia family, was abandoned by his abductors on a highway near Doylestown. Government authorities said no ransom was paid.

Federal agents and a stenographer who sat about his bedside in a hospital took his story.

They said they had found the hideout—a dilapidated house on a farm near Wrightstown, in southeastern Bucks county, about 10 miles southeast of the spot where Milne was thrown out of a car last night—from an accurate description of movements made by the kidnapers given by Milne.

The agents said they sent identification orders on the four kidnapers to every federal bureau of investigation office in the country.

Near the hideout, they said they found a hypodermic syringe and two needles, which they believe the kidnapers used to keep Milne in a condition bordering on unconsciousness during the four days and nights he was held.

The agents said they also found several tin cans, recently opened, from which they believe the abductors obtained their food. Milne said he was given food only once during his imprisonment.

Recuperating from exposure and heavy doses of a narcotic, Milne informed the agents he could recall scarcely a thing of what occurred from Sunday night until last night.

He remembered the kidnapers, however, because he saw each one before he was given the narcotic.

Agents said Milne told of answering a telephone call from a "Dr. Green, of Gracie Square," in New York. He met the "doctor" Saturday at the square.

Milne had been told on the telephone that his grandfather, Caleb J. Miln, Jr., in Philadelphia was "very ill" and wished to see him. The "Dr. Green" was to take him to Philadelphia.

Agents said Milne related that three other men met the "doctor" in the park and all five set out in a sedan for Philadelphia.

They rode along for several miles, Milne was quoted by the agents, then suddenly turned into a dirt road near Summit, N. J.

Then, the agents said, Milne was told he was kidnaped.

The agents said Milne told them one of the men informed him:

"You're not going to see any doctor. You're going to stay with us. And keep your mouth shut, too, if you know what's good for you."

"I was scared," Milne told the agents. "I was so scared I didn't know what to do. I didn't know what they might do."

Agents said the young man related the abductors put a blindfold on him and he surmised that they drove to a point about 10 miles below New Hope, then turned westward to Wrightstown.

The agents said Milne told them the blindfold was removed before they walked into the farmhouse.

Sunday, Miln was quoted by the agents, "they stuck the first needle into me."

Hospital physicians said Milne's right arm had about 25 marks made by a hypodermic needle.

The same day, the abductors attempted to force Milne to write a note to his grandfather in Philadelphia, but he refused. After that the agents said, the young man was not able to recall what happened until yesterday.

At that time there were only two men in the house, judging from the sound of their movements. Milne's eyes and mouth were bound with adhesive tape.

"Come on, you're going home," Milne said some one told him, at the same time slapping his face.

Milne recalled riding again in an automobile and being pushed from it.