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Payment Of Bonus Would Bring N. C. Vets \$34,622,162.80

Ashe To Benefit By Payment To
Huge Amount Of \$231,545.31;
\$2,000,000,000 Needed

As the Senate worries over ways and means of paying the much discussed bonus money, veterans all over the United States are figuring on how much they are going to get. From figures taken from the speech of Representative Patman, father of the bill now before Congress, it is found that the United States needs \$2,000,000,000 to cover the debt.

In North Carolina there are 63,926 veterans holding certificates and the state's part in the bonus allotment would be \$34,622,162.80. Ashe county boys would get the sum of \$231,545.31; Alleghany would get \$79,160.98; Watauga, \$167,057.64; and Wilkes, \$398,360.60. These figures are the total amounts that will be paid after deducting all prior loans and interest before October 1, 1931.

Patman, in his address urging the passage of the bill, praised the work done by Chairman Doughton and his Ways and Means Committee. He declared that Congressman Doughton had worked long and hard on a bill to provide for the payment of what Mr. Patman terms an "obligation."

A part of Mr. Patman's address is given below. Any veteran interested may read the entire speech in the Congressional Record of June 9th, which was filed in the Ashe County Library.

Quoting Mr. Patman: "In conclusion, may I repeat that the debt to the veterans is past due because 7 years' interest was ignored in computing the so-called bonus certificates; that the full amount should be paid now without deducting interest on loans since 1931? This will require the payment of \$2,000,000,000 to the veterans, which will go to every nook and corner of the Nation. It will be new and added purchasing power that will quickly flow into the channels of trade and production and not only help the veterans, but help everybody. The payment can safely be made without bonds or taxes. It can even be made in pure gold, and the Treasury will still have sufficient gold to redeem all outstanding money and have on hand \$4,000,000,000 in idle gold and silver."

Hauptmann Refused Stay Of Execution

Bruno Richard Hauptmann moved nearer the electric chair Tuesday when Judge Warren Davis of the U. S. Circuit Court refused to grant a stay of execution which execution is set for Friday night. This blasted Hauptmann's last hope unless the governor of New Jersey grants a reprieve. While the governor has given no hint that he might do this, it is thought that he probably will. It is in his power to grant a reprieve to exceed not more than ninety days.

N. C. Employment Service Will Move Office With Mayor

Young People Who Are Eligible For
Help Under N. Y. A. Are
Urged To Register

J. B. Hash, district supervisor of the North Carolina Employment Service, has moved the employment office from the old ERE office beside the Jeffersonian Theatre building into Mayor Tucker's office which is located over the West Jefferson Produce, in room 23.

The office will be open each Wednesday. It has been learned that very few young people eligible for help from the National Youth Administration have registered. Since a county committee has been appointed and is functioning in this phase of federal help, it is necessary that all those eligible register at once. No aid can be given to any persons who have not registered.

Water Is Precious in Ethiopia



Our photograph shows one of the primitive wells in northern Ethiopia. Water is stored in large bags and transported by caravans taking many weeks, to the front where the troops have to exercise greatest economy with this most precious "ammunition."

Ethiopian Army Aided By Heavy Rains In Struggle Against Italian Invaders

Outstanding Christian



KAGAWA OF JAPAN

Called the outstanding Christian of the world, Japan's Kagawa, is now on a tour of the United States. He spoke this week in Asheville and will speak the latter part of the week in Durham at Duke University. Rev. and Mrs. F. P. Cook, of Lansing, heard Kagawa in Asheville Monday and were deeply impressed by the man who might well be called the state's most important visitor.

Work Has Begun On Organizing Save The Children Fund

Immediate Steps To Be Taken In
Matter Of Hot School Lunches
And County-Wide Clinic

At a meeting of the committee of the Save the Children Fund held in Jefferson Friday, County Superintendent Ivan Miller was appointed to gather all the information available as to the condition of the various schools in the county who wish to take advantage of the help made possible through the funds that have been set up for the aid of poor children.

Definite steps are to be made at once in an effort to re-establish hot lunches in the schools and a survey of the needs in clothing and books is being made.

A committee composed of Ruth Reeves, L. P. Colvard, and Mr. Miller was appointed to investigate the possibility of holding a county-wide clinic for both eye, ear, nose, and throat, and for teeth, during the summer.

Mrs. Francis P. Cook, of Lansing, was in charge of the meeting. About ten members of the committee were present. Mrs. J. M. Prevette and Mr. Miller spoke on different subjects pertaining to the work and Prof. G. B. Price was able to give some helpful information from his own experience.

Ethiopians Feel That Beginning Of Rainy Season Brings Them First Real Victory

Dripping skies came to the aid of Ethiopia's fighting men last week—far ahead of time.

There no longer is any doubt that the "little" rainy season is in full swing. Sheet-like rain has fallen daily since New Year's eve from Tigre province, in the north, to Arussi, south of Addis Ababa, wiping out roads in many sections of the north.

This means, in the opinion of veteran foreign observers, that all fighting must cease in the north and, possibly, in the south.

Since the Italians have been unable to penetrate the country in force for more than 60 or 70 miles on either front, the Ethiopians feel the rains mean the only real victory of the war since it began in early October.

The "little" rains last for at least six or eight weeks, and the tribesmen are jubilantly arranging thanksgiving celebrations in the churches throughout the land. Not since 1930 has the "little" season started so early.

With the so-called "big rainy season" beginning in May or June, depending on the section of the country, Mussolini's widely-heralded campaign "to spread Italian culture" in the Black Empire will be at a virtual standstill until at least next October.

Even in the vicinity of Addis Ababa, where there are some of the best roads in the country, a one-hour rainfall frequently makes highways virtually impassable.

The downpours of the "little" season, which is shorter but just as destructive as the summer season, are inevitable in all northern provinces. Whole sections of roads are washed away and numerous mountain slides occur in towering passes between Makale and Dessye.

First National Bank Holds Annual Meet

The officers and stockholders of the First National Bank of this city met in annual session in the West Jefferson Hotel lobby Tuesday, Jan. 14.

The entire personnel of the old staff was re-elected for the year 1936 and Mr. Don Francis was added to the working force in the bank as assistant cashier. Mr. J. J. Thomas, who presided over the meeting, was again named president.

A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Segraves and Mr. Francis for their ceaseless and untiring work in the management of the finances of the bank. It is reported that the bank is in the best financial condition it has been in during its entire history.

Map Of Parkway Route Through County Can Be Seen In Register's Office

These Who Are Due Compensation
From Road Through Property
Should File Claim

A blue print of the national scenic parkway as it is routed through Ashe county is in the office of the Register of Deeds in Jefferson for public inspection. The print shows all lands and land ownership through which the road passes, but it is not set up as being strictly authentic and for this reason all persons having lands that are on the route are asked to inspect the map and report any mistakes.

All persons who claim an interest in the lands affected are also required to file, immediately, with the State Highway and Public Works Commission, a statement of their interest and such compensation as they claim to be entitled to.

Claims not satisfactorily adjusted may be protested within six months from the completion of the construction of the roadway in the superior court of the county.

Capus Waynick, chairman of the State Highway Commission, is anxious that all persons concerned get fair treatment in the matter of compensation, according to a recent statement to the newspapers of the state.

Doughton Expects To Be Candidate For Re-Election

From a news article in a recent issue of the Charlotte Observer R. L. Doughton, veteran congressman from this district expects to again be a candidate for re-election.

In regard to being a candidate for his fourteenth term in Congress, Mr. Doughton said: "I suppose when the time comes I shall announce for re-election as heretofore, if the people want me, and I have heard nothing to the contrary. There is no need for a rush in this matter, and it will be taken care of when the time comes."

Mr. Doughton admits that the gubernatorial bee still bothers him with letters received asking him to run. He was regarded a likely candidate a year ago, but relinquished his chances to become governor upon the request of the President, who expressed a desire that Mr. Doughton continue his "present distinguished service."

Only three House members have been in Congress longer than Mr. Doughton. Adolf J. Sabath of the Fifth Illinois district, now in his fifteenth term, and Speaker Joseph Byrns of Tennessee, and Edward T. Taylor of the Fourth Colorado district, serving their fourteenth terms, while Mr. Doughton is in his thirteenth.

Second Set Of Triplets Born In This Section

Mr. and Mrs. Carson Perkins, of Grassy Creek, are reported to have been honored with a visit from the stork last week and presented with a set of triplets. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins are also parents of twins, according to the same report.

This is the second set of triplets to be born recently in this section. The South triplets, Floyd, Lloyd, and Boyd, children of Mr. and Mrs. Freel South, of Beaver Creek, will celebrate their first birthday in February.

Hopeful Of Finding Substitute For AAA

President Roosevelt has expressed himself as being most optimistic in regard to finding a substitute for the discarded AAA and has confirmed the reports that the administration would seek continued crop control.

Special Music At W. J. M. E. Church Sunday

The regular third Sunday services will be held at the local Methodist church next Sunday, January 19. The choir is meeting at Mrs. Carl Graybeal's home Thursday night of this week for reorganization. Special music will be featured at both services.

Telephone Officials Inspect Service Here

Men Here Latter Part Of Week In
Answer To Complaint Filed
By Citizens Club

Verne B. Clark, of the home office of the Southeast Public Service Company, and district manager, George Kennedy, were in the Jeffersons last week on a general tour of inspection of the telephone system here.

The visit by the telephone officials was made at the request of the Citizens Club, members of which recently filed a complaint to the effect that the phones did not give satisfactory service. While here, Mr. Clark discussed ways of bettering the situation with many of the leading business men of the two towns, and Mr. Kennedy made a personal inspection of the phones in use. Many worn out parts were replaced and in many instances new batteries were put in.

It is understood that the local club appreciates the cooperation received from the company and that the public is looking forward to a better telephone service.

Plans Take Shape For President's Ball Here

Arrangements Made For Bridge;
Affair To Be Held At Hotel;
Funds For Cripples

Plans are taking definite shape, under the direction of the chairman of the Young Democrats in the county, G. B. Gambill, for the celebration of President Roosevelt's birthday on Thursday evening, January 30th.

Those who do not care for dancing may play bridge or other games. Arrangements are being made for securing a good orchestra and enthusiasm and interest in the ball is growing steadily. The funds secured from the evening of entertainment will go toward helping crippled children who are unable to secure help from private sources. Half of the money made here will be kept in the county and the remainder sent to national headquarters.

This unique way of honoring the President of the United States was begun almost four years ago. Mr. Roosevelt, himself a victim of infantile paralysis, has the greatest compassion for cripples who do not have enough money to avail themselves of the necessary treatment for their ailments.

Those expecting to play bridge are asked to reserve seats as soon as possible in order for the correct number of tables to be provided. Bridge will begin at eight o'clock and dancing at nine-thirty.

Henry Ford Predicts Sounder Prosperity

"Sounder prosperity than we have ever dreamed of in the past," provided "we keep our heads" is predicted by Henry Ford.

In a signed article appearing in the American Magazine for February the automobile manufacturer advises business men to stop worrying and to "go sanely and resolutely ahead with wealth production followed by wealth-sharing through high wages and low prices."

LATE NEWS BULLETINS

NATION-WIDE POLL FAVORS PENSIONS

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—The people of the United States are in favor of government old age pensions by an overwhelming majority, a nation-wide poll by the American Institute of Public Opinion indicated today. But except in the far west the Townsend promise of \$200-a-month pensions has failed to win any substantial support.

The country-wide vote in favor of old age pensions, the poll reveals, is 89 per cent, as against 11 per cent opposed to pensions.

The poll further shows that only 3.3 per cent of the total American electorate favor the \$200 sum contended for by Dr. Francis E. Townsend and his fellow organizers.

What voters actually want, the poll reveals, is much closer to the terms of the administration's social security act than it is to Townsendism:

1. Asked what sum they favor as a monthly pension for the aged, the largest single number of voters replies "\$30" for an individual, "\$50" for husband and wife.

NEW YORKER ARRESTED FOR THREAT TO F. D. R.

Accused of sending threatening letters to President Roosevelt, Austin Phelps Palmer, 52 was arrested in his expensive Park Avenue apartment Saturday by secret service men.

Palmer, retired mechanical engineer and clubman, was said by Assistant U. S. Attorney J. Howard Carter to have confessed.

Carter declined to disclose the contents of the threatening notes, but indicated Palmer blamed the President for financial reverses.

The first letter was sent to the White House and the second, typed on a telegraph blank, was addressed to Warm Springs, Ga., where the President was sojourning at the time.

PACIFIC HURRICANE SMASHES FREIGHTER

Thirty-four men were reported by the coast guard in Astoria, Ore., to have perished when the States Steamship Lones' freighter Iowa was smashed to pieces Sunday by a southeast hurricane. The death toll wrote a new record for sea tragedies in north Pacific waters.

The announcement was made after mountainous waves, churned up by a 90-mile-an-hour wind, had moderated sufficiently to permit two lifeboats to reach the scene of the wreckage.

Commander R. Stanley Patch of the coast guard cutter Onondaga said his men concluded every member of the Iowa's crew had perished in the most violent storm there in years.

Four bodies from the freighter were tossed up on the beach while coast guardsmen were waiting for a chance to go to the rescue.

368,008 LIVES CLAIMED BY AUTOS IN 13 YEARS

More than one-third of a million Americans—368,008, to be exact—have been slain during the last 13 years by an enemy more deadly than all the gangsters, kidnapers, hijackers and other criminals combined, the careless, in competent, indifferent motorist.

The toll of life is alarming, and more appalling than these enumerated figures—figures for deaths alone—is the fact that the figures are steadily mounting.

N. C. Murderer Is Captured In Texas

Dwight Beard, convicted murderer of a Valdese store keeper, who escaped from the state's prison in Raleigh last August, was captured in Dallas, Texas, Tuesday. He was captured while he was changing license plates on an automobile. He is also wanted in Texas for the slaying of a detective.