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Occasional showers tonight and Sunday; moderate easterly winds.

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Senator Williams Leads Assault On Fund Distribution

Camden County Given Assurance of Relief, Attorney W. I. Halstead Reports, on Arrival Here

MANY AT HEARING

Five Northeastern Counties Represented in Meeting Before Tax Equalization Body in Raleigh

Five Northeastern Carolina counties were represented at a hearing before the State School Tax Equalization Commission in Raleigh Friday in a meeting devoted to the hearing of protests against alleged gross inequalities in the proposed distribution of the \$3,250,000 equalization fund authorized by the last General Assembly.

The delegation from this section was headed by Senator P. H. Williams of Elizabeth City. Senator Williams had made an intensive study of the situation, and according to other members of the party from here, literally towered above the commission in the presentation of arguments against the plan of distribution adopted.

Camden County was the center of the fight on the part of North-eastern North Carolina; and Camden's contention was based upon an arbitrary increase of 51 per cent in property valuation, made by the commission, which had the effect of cutting that county's pro rata share of the fund almost exactly in half.

Camden's case was presented jointly by Senator Williams and W. I. Halstead, of South Mills. Mr. Halstead is county attorney for Camden. Upon his arrival here Saturday, he stated that he had received definite assurance from the commission that relief for Camden would be forthcoming, though the extent of that relief was still undetermined.

Pasquotank was represented by Senator Williams, Representative J. Kenyon Wilson, Superintendent M. P. Jennings of the County schools, and Attorney J. C. B. Ehringhaus, and unofficially by Attorney C. C. H. Pugh, who presented the case, not only for Camden and Pasquotank, but also for other counties in his senatorial district.

Other counties from this section represented at the hearing were Dare, Perquimans and Bertie. Present in behalf of Dare were S. A. Griffin, chairman of the county board of education, and Superintendent E. W. Pearson of the Dare school system. Besides Messrs. Williams and Halstead, Camden was represented by Superintendent of Schools L. L. Stevens; M. N. Torrey, tax supervisor; and T. B. Godfrey, county auditor. The Perquimans delegation comprised Representative W. F. Morgan, Superintendent of Schools Edgar Bundy, T. S. White and Charles Whedbee. Judge Francis D. Winston, former lieutenant-governor of the State, was on hand in behalf of Bertie, and took a highly active part in the discussion.

The commission, presided over by Lieutenant-Governor J. Elmer Long, ex-officio chairman, gave assurance that careful consideration would be given the protests, and that such adjustments would be made as appeared to be warranted.

Fisherman Denies He Killed Lebouef

Franklin, La., July 9.—(AP)—A rigorous examination by Sheriff Charles Peot today failed to show more than a detail from James Beadle, trapper and fisherman, accused by Mrs. Ida Lebouef and Dr. Thomas E. Dreher of killing James L. Lebouef, prominent Morgan city business man.

IS MADE CAPTAIN

Raleigh, July 9.—(AP)—Dr. Charles E. Pratt, Madison, has been commissioned a captain in the North Carolina National Guard, Adjutant General J. Van B. Metts announced today.

The Madison doctor, who is dentist, was assigned to duty with the 11th Hospital Company, located at Madison. This unit is a part of the 105th Medical Regiment.

FACE GASLESS WEEK-END

Chicago, July 9.—(AP)—Half a million motor car users in the Chicago metropolitan district faced a gasless week-end today as an company and union officials conferences looking to the reopening of filling stations, closed by emergency war gas rationing, resumed and tank truck drivers.

Yanks Swatsmen



Off-diamond poses of Babe Ruth and Tony Lazzeri, bean batsmen of the New York Yankees, taken before they helped win two straight in a double-header at Boston. With the Babe above is the young son of Bill Carrigan, the Red Sox manager; in the view below, Andrew A. Bibbia is presenting Lazzeri with a diamond as a testimonial from Italian ball fans in Boston.

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Equalization Board Postpones Action Till July 21

Raleigh, July 9.—The State Board of Equalization met today to go over the complaints registered by 21 counties yesterday of the 90 receiving funds for school purposes this year out of the \$3,250,000 equalization fund authorized by the 1927 Legislature.

At conclusion of the hearing, the board decided to reserve any possible readjustment or revision of schedules of property valuations on which the fund distribution is based until its meeting at Morehead City July 21.

Contrasted to the series of verbal complaints of alleged too high property valuations in Bertie, Camden, Chatham, Caswell, Carteret, Craven, Dare, Granville, Greene, Halifax, Hertford, Johnston, Mitchell, McDowell, Moore, Orange, Pitt, Rockingham, Stanly, Vance and Wayne County, was the statement of Senator Rivers Johnson of Duplin to the effect that his county was well satisfied that the State Board had had a hard, trying task.

Lieutenant Governor Long, chairman of the board, presiding, said only the dissatisfied counties were desired to be heard from and that was the last of the bouquets. Many were the detailed pleas for lower property valuation in individual counties and hence for an accompanying greater equalization fund but finally the pleas took a turn for allegory of the \$100,000 emergency fund provided by the law in excess of the \$3,125,000 equalization fund.

The board, A. M. Graham of Sampson, and B. B. Williams, Warren, dissenting, adopted a brief resolution of protest against a Moore County board of education resolution which had condemned the allocations made by the State board "as inequitable, unfair and unjust." F. P. Sprull of Rocky Mount offered the board's resolution of resentment, defended the equalization work of L. M. Scotland, whose district includes Moore.

MAJOR DARGUE STOPS OVER AT RALEIGH TODAY

Raleigh, July 9.—(AP)—Major Herbert A. Dargue, Pan-American good-will flier, arrived here at 10:05 o'clock this morning in his giant amphibian plane "New York" to deliver a message of good will to Governor McLean and State officials before hopping off again for Washington, which he expects to reach at the close of his tour at about 5:30 p. m.

Acree Found Guilty Flogging Woman In Georgia

Toccoa, Ga., July 9.—(AP)—W. G. Acree, principal of the Stephens County High School, was found guilty by a Stephens County jury today of assault and battery in connection with the flogging on June 12 of Mrs. Ansley Bowers.

Five men were indicted for the flogging, four of whom remain to be tried.

The jury had been out since late yesterday.

The schoolmaster was tried on a charge of assault with intent to murder.

Sentence was not passed. Judge I. H. Sutton said that "because there are other cases pending against this defendant I think it proper that the record should not be closed today."

Mrs. Bowers and her son, Lloyd, were taken from their home here by a masked and robed band of men who carried them into the country and flogged them. They told her they were whipping her because of "immorality and because you do not go to church."

Both the mother and son testified at the trial that they had recognized Acree among their assailants. Acree however claimed an alibi, saying he was at the farm of a neighbor doctoring a sick cow when the flogging took place.

Five men testified in support of his alibi.

Conviction on a charge of assault and battery carries a maximum penalty of fine of \$1,000, six months in jail or one year on the chain-gang, or any two or all three of these.

Press Criticizes Drouhin and Levine

Paris, July 9.—(AP)—The newspapers generally criticize both Drouhin and Levine. L'Auto, which characterizes the pilot's decision to pilot Levine as "regrettable," prints a communication from Henry Farman, veteran airman, who condemns both men. He says he thinks Levine might have chosen a pilot from the large number of efficient men only too willing to go. Without taking the man who has been training for his own transatlantic flight.

There are still, however, a certain number of voices in support of Drouhin's decision to seize the opportunity which presented itself to get ahead of the German pilot Koennicke, who is reported to be straining every nerve to make a westward transatlantic flight.

There is some division of opinion among French fliers and airplane experts as to whether Drouhin will succeed in flying the plane to New York and the newspaper, Intransigent, quotes the board decided to reserve any possible readjustment or revision of schedules of property valuations on which the fund distribution is based until its meeting at Morehead City July 21.

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Earl Carroll Starts Work With Figures But Not The Variety of Bath Tub Fame

Atlanta, Ga., July 9.—(AP)—Just a month and a day after he began his sentence of a year and a day, Earl Carroll, dapper producer of many of Broadway's most scintillating musical revues, was back at work. This time, however, Carroll dealt with figures in the clerical offices of the Federal Penitentiary here.

Virtually recovered from his recent collapsed condition at Greenville, South Carolina, which occurred while he was en route to Atlanta to begin serving a sentence for perjury, Carroll yesterday was assigned office work in the penitentiary and began his official duties as Federal prisoner 24909.

"He was ready to go work," said Warden John W. Snook, adding "in a few weeks we will have him in good shape and playing handball in the prisoner yard." The warden's statement was in contrast to that of Carroll's wife, who said that her husband was being "brought to the penitentiary to die" at the time he was placed in the institution's hospital.

Collapse Of Naval Conference Looms For Next Week

Geneva, July 9.—(AP)—Collapse of the Naval Reduction Conference loomed today as a possibility for next week unless Great Britain consents to make a substantial reduction in the total tonnage of cruisers on which she now is insisting—something like 600,000 tons.

The tension has been steadily increasing, although the more optimistic have held to the belief that a solution of the cruiser problem would be found. When the Americans recently announced a disposition to go as high as 400,000 tons—100,000 more than their original proposals, W. C. Bridgeman, first lord of the British considered this an ultimatum.

At yesterday's meeting of the executive committee, Mr. Bridgeman, who presided, insisted on the convocaton of a plenary session Monday to have an opportunity of publicly presenting British position with regard to cruisers and of asking a few questions about the American position. He is reported to have referred to "lies" in the newspaper concerning the British attitude but quickly changed the word to "misrepresentations."

Mr. Bridgeman's broadside against the stand of the United States in the method of reducing the total tonnage of cruisers and his hint that the United States was out after construction of an "aggressive" type of cruiser, failed to provoke return fire from the American delegation's headquarters. From Hugh S. Gibson, down the American delegates refused to be drawn into comment on the barrage.

FUNERAL MRS. LUTON

Funeral services for Mrs. Renie Luton, who died Thursday morning at her home near Simonds Creek, this county, after an illness of two weeks, were conducted Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the Friends' Church at Simonds Creek. The Rev. Herman A. Parker, pastor of Piney Woods Friends' Church, in Perquimans, officiated, and there was singing by a special choir made up of friends of Mrs. Luton. The selections sung were "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," and "No Disappointments in Heaven."

Brief was in the cemetery near the church. The pallbearers were C. M. Tatem, L. A. Halstead, H. E. White, Elgin W. White, Luther A. White and J. H. Menden. An unusually large number of persons attended the services.

FISHERIES FURNISHED EMPLOYMENT FOR MANY

Raleigh, July 9.—(AP)—There were 86,654,900 pounds of fish caught in North Carolina in 1926, according to figures at the State Department of Conservation.

The fisheries of the State furnished employment for 9,308 persons, of whom 6,246 were directly employed in fishing operations and 3,062 in fish handling, marketing, and other fishery industries.

The investment in the fishing equipment and fishery industries amounted to \$24,198,894, of which \$1,244,653 were invested in fishing and transporting vessels and boats, \$23,228 in fishing gear, and \$2,439,955 invested and cash capital used in the fish trade and industries.

The movie salary cuts are a terrible blow. Some of the stars may even find they can't afford it forces now.

Carroll is serving a sentence for perjury before a Federal grand jury which was investigating details of his famous "bath tub" party at which, on Washington's birthday, 1926, a nude chorus girl served guests wine from a bath tub in which she sat.

Early in April, Carroll left New York for Atlanta to begin his sentence, after he had exhausted every legal recourse. Near Greenville he suffered a nervous breakdown and was removed from the train there. For two months he was a patient at the city hospital but on June 8, following examination by Government physicians who pronounced him fit to travel, he was removed to the penitentiary hospital for treatment.

When he arrived here, he was unable to walk and was taken from the train on a stretcher. Carroll's collapse was genuine, said physicians, but his condition was due mainly to his mental state brought on by fear of the humiliation of becoming a Federal prisoner.

Flower To Reflect Blue Of Carolina Skies And Seas

Carolinian blue, the deep blue of North Carolina's skies and inland seas, is to be reproduced exactly in a flower, it experiments to be conducted by Buxton White, of this city, horticulturist who has been doing similar work with canna for several years, are successful.

Mr. White announced today that he planned to carry on his experimental work on Virginia Dare Shores, some 50 miles south-east of this city, where the blue of sky and broad sounds and ocean may be studied to best advantage. Flowers of various kinds will be planted in specially constructed beds, he said, and will be studied under glass tinted to exclude the actinic rays of the sun, and let in the violet rays.

The possibility that entirely new shades will be developed in the course of the experimentation, through cross-pollination and selection from thousands of plants, was advanced by Mr. White. He stated also that as many flowers as possible would be obtained in the Carolinian blue shade, with the idea of developing entire flower gardens in that shade.

Mr. White's plans for experimentation with Carolinian blue are attracting much interest and discussion here. In the last few years he has developed distinctive shades of canna which are rapidly becoming known to flower enthusiasts in this and other States, carrying on these experiments in conjunction with Dudley Bagley, of Moyock.

RUHR INDUSTRIAL TOWN HOLDS SHAKESPEARE WEEK

Berlin, July 9.—(AP)—Shakespearean plays draw capacity houses even in a mining and industrial city like Bochum, in the Westphalian town of 150,000 in the heart of the Ruhr coal district. Ambassador Jacob Gould Schurman learned this to his surprise when he was recently invited to attend the annual Shakespeare week.

This yearly event usually takes place at Weimar, the idyllic, almost dreamy Thuringian capital famous for its memories of Goethe, Schiller, and Liszt. To show that an industrial community also has an appreciation of such things the Shakespeare week was successfully transferred to Bochum.

"It is a great thing," Ambassador Schurman said, "for a commercial and industrial city like Bochum to make possible a Shakespeare week. Nowhere on earth is there anything like it. Nowhere has anybody thought amidst the hard labors of everyday life—a symbol, as it were, of the close connection existing between the practical and the spiritual life of humanity. That Shakespeare's works should experience a modern re-creation in Bochum is a sign of the high culture of Germany."

BASEBALL GAMES ARRANGED

Games here next Wednesday and Friday are announced by the management of the Elizabeth City baseball nine, the former with Edenton and the latter with the Seawans Club, of Portsmouth. The game scheduled for Friday between the local team and the Suffolk Collegians was called off because of rain, as was also a scheduled clash between Hertford and Edenton, in Hertford.

The Grand Duke Nicholas Nicholas has just issued his fifty-seventh proclamation, predicting the fall of Bolshevism right away. If Bolshevism should fall it probably would surprise him as much as any of us.

PENDER SENATOR IS OUT AGAINST O. MAX GARDNER

L. N. Johnson, Avowedly Wet, Is First Candidate to Oppose Shelby Man for Next Campaign

IS A FARMER

Proposes to Make Farm Relief a Fact and to Make the Bootlegger as Extinct As the Dodo

Wilmington, July 9.—(AP)—Outlining a platform avowedly wet, L. N. Johnson, former State Senator from Pender county, today announced that he will run for the Democrat nomination for Governor in the next campaign.

Mr. Johnson is the first candidate to definitely announce that he will run against O. Max Gardner, who has been known as a candidate for some time.

A farmer and superintendent of Hugh McCrae Farm Developments in Pender county, Mr. Johnson issued his announcement from Iur-gan.

"My platform is certainly wet. It provides that the National Government buy all the surplus crops and fruits at a fair price to the producers; that good liquors and excellent wines be made by the said Government from the said grains and fruits and that said liquors and wines be distributed by parcel post to bonafide householders at actual cost of production plus transportation charges.

"The outstanding beneficial direct results to follow the application of this platform are: "1.—Farm relief will become a fact. "2.—The bootleggers profits will be eliminated and as a natural consequence, the bootlegger will become entirely extinct.

"A multitude of direct results which will operate to the public advantage can not be detailed in the short space of this announcement."

TWO INJURED WHEN TRAIN IS DERAILED

Little Rock, Ark., July 9.—Two persons were slightly injured when the Californian, Rock Island California to Memphis passenger train was derailed at Goodwin, Arkansas, early today according to reports to the railroad office here. The names of the injured were not known. It was said their injuries were not serious enough to require hospital treatment.

COTTON ACREAGE SHOWS LARGE CUT FROM THAT 1926

Washington, July 9.—(AP)—Cotton in cultivation in July 1 totalled 42,683,000 acres or 12.4 per cent less than in cultivation on June 25 last year, the Department of Agriculture announced today in its first estimate of this year's acreage.

Last year's first estimated acreage was 48,730,000 of which 47,087,000 acres were picked, producing 17,919,258 equivalent 500 pound bales.

This year's acreage in cultivation on July 1 by states follows: Virginia 73,000, North Carolina 1,814,000, South Carolina 2,560,000, Georgia 4,823,000, Florida 70,000, Mississippi 307,000, Tennessee 954,000, Alabama 3,390,000, Louisiana 1,656,000, Texas 17,935,000, Oklahoma 4,058,000, Arkansas 3,287,000, New Mexico 106,000, Arizona 140,000, California 128,000, All other states 24,000.

The acreage in lower California (old Mexico) figures not in United States total is 110,000; and the acreage of all other states is made up of Illinois 3,000 acres; Kansas 1,000 and Kentucky 20,000.

The acreage in Arizona of Pima Egyptian long staple cotton is estimated at 46,000 acres.

ELECTION OF BRUMMITT PROBABLY MADE TUESDAY

Raleigh, July 9.—(AP)—Election of Attorney General D. G. Brummitt as chairman of the State Democratic executive committee to succeed John G. Dawson, resigned, probably will be made at the called meeting of the committee here Tuesday night, July 19, in the House of Representatives chamber.

Young Governor



Governor Dan Moody of Texas is only 33 years old, but his gubernatorial "juvenility" impresses his executive ability no more than it did his prosecution of highway contract suits through which the state recovered some \$600,000 when he was attorney general.

Moody is the youngest governor Texas ever had and no one will let him forget it. Moody takes the attitude that if his youth is a handicap it is a matter bound to correct itself in time.

The red haired, executive, and his bride are living within the governor's \$4,000 a year salary and Moody is working on his chief project, a state civil service system.

TWO LIBEL SUITS AGAINST FORD TO BE SETTLED

Damages Aggregate \$1,200,000; Action Not Yet Withdrawn; Some Dissent Among Jews

THEY WONDER WHY

Speculation Centers on Possible Political Aspirations of the World's Richest Man

New York, July 9.—(AP)—Settlement of two libel suits for damages aggregating \$1,200,000 against Henry Ford was seen as a possibility today following the motor manufacturer's promise to discontinue attacks on Jews in his Dearborn Independent.

Aaron Sapiro, Chicago attorney and plaintiff in a \$1,000,000 suit against Ford, said negotiation for settlement of the suit were under way, while Louis Marshall, counsel for Herman Bernstein, New York author and editor and plaintiff in another suit said representatives of Ford had asked him "what could be done to put an end to these conditions."

The New York Herald Tribune, however, said it had learned on good authority that neither Mr. Bernstein nor Samuel Untermyer, associated with Mr. Marshall as counsel in the suit was ready to withdraw the action. Mr. Bernstein at Sheffield, Massachusetts, said "Henry Ford's statement speaks for itself. I have no comment to make at this time."

Amid the general acclaim by prominent Jews and others that greeted Ford's retraction there was some dissent, centering mainly on speculation by newspapers connecting the statement with possible Presidential aspirations by Ford for business contingencies.

The Herald-Tribune says Earl Davis of Detroit, formerly an assistant U. S. Attorney General, was in Washington several weeks ago seeking the advice of politicians, including a New York Jew who is a representative in Congress, as to means of saving Mr. Ford from going on the witness stand in the Sapiro case.

The case had been declared a libel suit and Mr. Davis is said to have told the New York representative that Ford was perturbed over the prospect of the retrial next September, and that the manufacturer and his family were anxious to end the controversies which the articles had engendered.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

The weather outlook for the week beginning Monday: South Atlantic States—Partly cloudy weather with rather frequent local thundershowers in afternoon. Temperature near normal.

NATIONAL BEAN BODY TO VISIT ELIZABETH CITY

Two Hundred Delegates From Fourteen States Expected to Gather Here for Events August 11

TAKE MOTOR TOUR

Will Journey Northward From Washington, N. C., After Having Inspected Conditions There

Preparations have been begun here for the entertainment of some 200 delegates expected to take part in the annual convention of the National Soy Bean Growers Association, to be held in North-eastern Carolina August 9 to 11, inclusive. The convention will take the idea of giving the visitors opportunity to study methods of growing the bean as applied here, methods of harvesting and converting it to commercial uses, and the value of the crop in soil improvement.

The delegates, who will come in automobiles, are to meet in Washington on the night of the ninth. Next day, they will visit Pantego and Swan Quarter, in Hyde county—the county, by the way, in which the first soy beans in the United States are said to have been grown, shortly after the Civil War.

At Swan Quarter, a monster barbecue will be given in honor of the visitors. They will return to Washington for a second business session that night, and will leave at 8 o'clock on the morning of the tenth, bound for Elizabeth City, with the expectation of arriving here in time for lunch.

During the afternoon of the tenth, the delegates will visit farms in this vicinity for further observation of the crop in its various phases, and that night will have a meeting at which moving pictures of the crop will be shown, and addresses by authorities on the subject will be heard. That session will conclude the convention.

Representatives from all the soy bean growing states are expected to attend. These include Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana, Tennessee, Arkansas, Missouri, Indiana, Illinois and Ohio.

The visitors are expected to take particular interest in the soy bean harvesters manufactured here, from the fact that three firms in this city are said to build more than 75 per cent of the harvester in use in the United States.

Members of the committee in charge of the entertainment of the convention here are: J. Wesley Foreman, W. L. Cohoon and Buxton White, from the Chamber of Commerce; W. C. Morse, Ellisha Coppersmith and Milton B. Sample, from the Pasquotank County farmers' organization; M. G. Morrisette; S. G. Scott and J. Henry LeRoy, Sr., from the Kiwanis Club; and Dr. H. D. Walker, Miles J. King and E. C. Cooper, from the Rotary Club; Buxton White is general chairman, and S. G. Scott secretary treasurer.

The general committee will meet in the Chamber of Commerce Monday night at 7:30 o'clock to work out further plans. County Agent G. W. Falls is arranging to have placards on the principal soy bean farms in this section, setting forth production methods of cultivation and harvesting, and other items of interest in connection with the crop.

NEW STATE HIGHWAY MAP RECEIVED HERE

A large new State Highway Commission map, of the vintage of June, 1927, has arrived and has been set up in the office of the Chamber of Commerce. Besides giving the status of road construction to date—and a fraction beyond—it bears much added information of service to motorists and others.

For instance, the new map gives mileage from point to point, and designates many towns and other points of interest that had been left off earlier maps. It is somewhat larger than its predecessor, also.

BERLIN SCHOOLGRIS ADDICTED TO COSMETICS

Berlin, July 9.—(AP)—Twelve out of 32 school girls 15 and 16 years old were recently found to be users of lip sticks, and 15 carried powder puffs. In a typical Berlin secondary school class.