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New Mystery Elements Enter Hauptmann Case

Hoffman Reported To Have Confession From New Figure In The Crime

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 15.—A report emanating tonight from a high source, but wholly lacking in official confirmation, said Governor Hoffman had in his possession a purported written confession from a new figure in the Lindbergh baby slaying.

Neither Governor Hoffman nor his press aide could be reached, but this source said the governor had made overtures to the leading officials who participated in the capture of Bruno Richard Hauptmann—sentenced to be electrocuted Friday night—to serve in an advisory capacity to study the value of the purported confession.

If these advisers consider the "confession" of value, it is said, the governor will stay the execution until a thorough investigation can be made. The nature of the "confession" has not been indicated and the name of the person involved is not known.

A secret conference in New York late today between Federal, New Jersey and New York officials added to the tense feeling here that a sensational "break" was imminent. The conference was attended by Colonel H. Norman Schwarzkopf, head of the New Jersey state police; J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Bureau of Investigation of the United States Department of Justice, and Lewis J. Valentine, police commissioner of New York City. They met in the office of Mayor F. H. LaGuardia.

After the conference, it was said no announcement would be made until tomorrow afternoon, when another meeting will be held. None of those participating in the conference would talk.

Governor Hoffman, who has been active in the case, and who made a nocturnal visit to Hauptmann in his cell recently, was absent from the capital throughout the day. Attorney General David T. Wilentz, who prosecuted Hauptmann and who has been critical of Governor Hoffman's activities, also was absent from the capital. He left his home in Perth Amboy during the afternoon and his destination could not be learned.

The possibility that Governor Hoffman had obtained an important new statement from Hauptmann himself, or from some other person professing to have knowledge of the crime, was speculated upon in the light of the mysterious actions of the officials.

Colonel Mark O. Kimberling, state prison warden, said today he had not seen Hauptmann since last Saturday—the day the prisoner's plea for a commutation of sentence to life imprisonment was turned down by the state court of pardons. He would not comment on the significance of the fact that he has not been making his customary daily visits to the death house.

MRS. ALICE JEFFERSON TURNAGE

Pinetops, Jan. 11.—Mrs. Alice Jefferson Turnage, sixty-five, wife of the late Henry C. Turnage, died Friday morning at seven o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. E. Lane, at Pinetops, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident Christmas Eve, and a subsequent attack of pneumonia.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon in Pinetops at the Lane home and interment was made in the Fountain cemetery.

Mrs. Turnage, a member of a prominent Pitt County family and possessing the attributes of a Christian-gentlewoman, was highly esteemed in this section of the State. She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. S. L. Parker and Mrs. M. E. Lane, Pinetops, Mrs. Earl Trevathan, Fountain, and a son, Floyd Turnage, Chapel Hill.

TO RELEASE TAXES

Greensboro, Jan. 15.—Judge Johnson J. Hayes today said in U. S. district court that tomorrow he will sign orders directing the return to the textile mills in the State of the more than \$6,000,000 in impounded processing tax funds which the court held while the constitutionality of the taxes was being determined.

Judge Hayes declined to order the return until he received a text of the Supreme Court decision invalidating the AAA.

There were 393 Poles and 365 Americans in German schools of higher learning the first half of 1935. Rumania was third with 252.

Bonus Situation Takes New Turn

Inflationists Revive Campaign as Signs of Veto Come from White House

Washington, Jan. 15.—A furious struggle to force payment of the soldiers' adjustment service certificates in "greenbacks" instead of bonds was forecast by Senate inflationists tonight as strong indications came from the White House that President Roosevelt would veto the compromise Roosevelt bill.

A poll of the Senate by the United Press, however, showed that there are now at least 64 Senators—more than the required two-thirds needed—prepared to override a veto of a bill stripped of currency expansion provisions. They included 48 Democrats, 13 Republicans, two Farmer-Laborites and one Progressive.

In addition, five Democrats and three Republicans who voted last year to sustain Mr. Roosevelt's veto of the highly inflationary Pitman bill now are listed as "doubtful." Speaker Joseph W. Byrns predicted tonight the House would again pass a bonus bill over a White House veto. The attitude of the Senate, it was believed, would depend upon the bill's provisions to finance the debt to the soldiers.

W. R. BRANN

W. R. Brand, 87, well known and esteemed Greene County farmer, died suddenly Sunday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Z. D. Cobb, near Farmville. Mr. Brann, who enjoyed excellent health, had been apparently feeling very well when he retired the night before, his death occurring as he emptied a pan of ashes and started in the doorsteps of the home.

He was an active and faithful member of the Free Will Baptist church, attending services for miles around each week of his latter days. Last rites were held from the Cobb home Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and interment was made in the family burial ground.

Mr. Brann is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Z. D. Cobb and Mrs. Bennett Tyson, of Farmville, Mrs. Mollie Gordon, of Oklahoma, and three sons, Will, C. F. and John H. Brann, of the Farmville section.

State's Farm Income Increased Under AAA

During the two and a half years of the AAA, the total increase in North Carolina farm income was more than \$416,785,000.

This figure is the sum of the AAA benefit payments plus the increased valuation of farm crops since 1932.

In 1932, before the AAA, the value of farm crops in this State was \$104,362,000, said Dean I. O. Schaub, of State College, who had charge of the AAA programs in North Carolina.

With the inauguration of the AAA in 1933, the valuation of farm crops rose to \$194,390,000. The following year it climbed up to \$262,973,000, and in 1935 it was \$248,348,000.

The total increase over 1932 during the next three years amounted to \$390,625,000. In addition, the farmers cooperating in the crop control programs received more than \$26,160,000 in benefits payments.

Up to September 30, 1935, the benefit payments had reached a total of \$26,159,193. Since that time other payments have been made, and yet others are now due, the dean pointed out.

The benefit payments, classified by commodities, were distributed to North Carolina farmers thus: tobacco \$14,515,189, cotton \$10,689,546, corn-hogs \$848,005, and wheat \$97,461.

From the summer of 1933 up to September 30, 1935, farmers in Pitt county received a total of \$1,222,108.61 in AAA rental and benefit payments.

Payments to growers in Greene county was \$564,183.36.

BETHEL TAKES HONORS

In games on Tuesday night, described as well played by both sides, the Bethel boys defeated Farmville in a hotly contested basketball series to the tune of 29-9, and the girls followed suit to the tune of 54-5.

Production Credit Association Meets

At the annual stockholders meeting of the Greenville Production Credit Association, which serves the counties of Pitt and Greene, held at Greenville on January 11, reports by officers showed that this cooperative credit organization of farmers had a very successful year in 1935.

The meeting was attended not only by stockholders but also by many farmers who are not members but desired to acquaint themselves with the credit facilities which the association is offering to the farmers of this section. An invitation had been extended by the association to all farmers to attend.

After the report of the year's operations had been made by J. C. Gallaway, secretary-treasurer of the association, the report being illustrated by charts, showing how much business was done, how much it cost to run the association, and how much income was received, the meeting was addressed by Mr. Ernest Graham, president of the Production Credit Corporation of Columbia.

Mr. Graham said that he means of production credit associations "Farmers have been able to reduce the cost of making and collecting loans and by keeping the system on a sound basis they can obtain funds from investors at costs as low as those available to any other industry. The associations do not lend government money but bring the farmer in touch with the investment market. As they furnish credit to farmers at actual cost they must make their loans on a sound business basis and they can lend only an amount which may be repaid from the operations of the borrower's farm."

The associations, Mr. Graham pointed out, charge 5 per cent interest and the borrower only pays for the time he actually has the money. The association, he pointed out, is operated by the borrowers, each borrower being required to take out Class B Stock in the association equivalent to 5 per cent of the initial loan and may obtain new loans in the same proportion without purchasing additional stock. The directors of the association are elected by the stockholders. More than 43,000 farmers in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida financed their operations with more than \$14,000,000 worth of credit through these associations in 1935 as compared with 31,000 farmers using \$9,000,000 in 1934, a very substantial increase.

Another substantial increase in the number of farmers using production credit is expected in 1936, Mr. Graham said, as more and more farmers are availing themselves of the services offered by the associations as they learn of the advantages offered by this permanent cooperative system.

Mr. Mack G. Smith of Pitt County and Mr. J. M. Murphy of Greene County, stockholders, made short talks and expressed their appreciation of the services they have received from the Association.

The Greenville Association made 531 loans for \$223,515 last year.

The two members of the board of directors of the association elected at the meeting are J. P. Davenport and G. L. Mewborn. Other members of the board elected a year ago are Dr. Paul Fitzgerald, N. F. Palmer and Jno. R. Carroll.

Messrs. B. A. Pope, G. M. Britt and J. H. Bobley, Pitt County vocational teachers, and their classes were present. The vocational class of Fountain under the direction of Mr. B. A. Pope, instructor, presented a splendid program.

To Continue Collecting Taxes On Tobacco

By E. F. Arnold, County Agent I have been advised from Washington that in as much as the Kerr-Smith Act has not been declared unconstitutional, the Internal Revenue Department will continue to collect taxes on all tobacco for which warrants have not been written.

Therefore, it will be necessary for all growers who have oversold their cards to purchase additional allotment cards or else they will be required by the Internal Revenue Department to pay taxes on all tobacco sold during the previous two years. Therefore, when we resume checking marketing cards and farmers receive notices to come in and purchase additional cards to take care of errors that were made in issuing tax warrants, they should do so promptly.

REV. WILDERMAN TO PREACH HERE SUNDAY

Rev. Wilderman, of Parmele, will fill the appointments of Rev. H. M. Wilson, this week, preaching here on Sunday morning and in Falkland on Sunday evening.

Landlord Slays Tenant Farmer

Son of Tenant Seriously Injured In Shooting at Greene County Farm

Wilson, Jan. 15.—Paul Nethercutt, 50-year-old Greene County farmer of Bullhead Township, was shot to death and his son, Lyman, 24, was seriously wounded at their home this afternoon by J. F. Owens, their 50-year-old landlord, during an argument over crops and the moving of the Nethercutts from the Owens property.

Owens killed Nethercutt and shot his son with a .32 calibre pistol when, according to Owens, they started toward him in a threatening manner.

The shooting occurred in the yard of the Nethercutt house and a few yards from a truck on which were piled most of the Nethercutt household goods in preparation for moving away from the farm.

Owens went back to his own house across the road after the shooting and was there when Sheriff H. K. Cobb of Snow Hill, arrived with Deputy Sheriff F. C. Carraway and State Patrolman A. C. Johnson. He did not resist arrest.

Owens was placed in the Wilson County jail and is being held without bond.

Owens told officers he went to the Nethercutt house to see about them moving and that when he approached the place Nethercutt told him to "keep out." Owens went into the yard. It was then that Nethercutt and his son adopted a threatening attitude, according to Owens, and started towards him. Nethercutt, Owens said, had a brick in his hand and Lyman acted as if he was going to attack him. "Stay back," warned Owens, who said that Lyman had threatened his life two of three times before.

But, he said, the youth came right on and Owens fired twice, hitting him once in the arm and once in his side.

Seeing that the elder Nethercutt had a brick, Owens shot at him and hit him in the head, killing him. "I didn't mean to shoot him in the head," said Owens. "I meant to shoot lower."

After Nethercutt had fallen to the ground, Lyman kept coming towards Owens, the farmer said, even though he had been shot twice. They fell into a ditch and tussled. Owens said that he hit Lyman with the but of his gun until the youth said:

"I'm through now." The boy's strength had seemed suddenly to leave him. "I'm through now you've killed him." He pointed to his father as he said this to Owens.

Owens said that Nethercutt had owed him money and that he had sold some of his corn and had not tried to pay the debt.

Owens said that he carried the pistol to the Nethercutt farm because of the threats of Lyman on his life.

Lyman was taken to a hospital on top of the truck that held the furniture of the Nethercutt family. He was reported to be in a serious condition tonight.

Farm Program Agency Meets

By E. F. Arnold, County Agent Greenville, Jan. 14.—The Pitt County Long Time Farm Program Planning Agency met in the County Agent's Office last night. There were one hundred percent present at this meeting. The planning agency is composed of the following leading farmers in the County: J. E. Winslow, Chairman, John R. Carroll, Secretary, F. M. Kilpatrick, O. M. McLathorn, W. R. Tyson, J. V. Taylor, A. L. Woolard, R. L. Little, G. H. Pittman, G. E. Trevathan, J. H. Blount, J. P. Davenport, Alton Gardner, R. L. Worthington, John T. Thorne, W. H. Dail, Jr., and Roy T. Cox. The following interested farmers were present: L. W. Cherry, J. S. Fleming and C. A. Tyson.

The meeting was called for the purpose of discussing the contemplated resettlement work in the County and to complete securing certain information requested by the Department of Agriculture.

Mr. George, with the Resettlement Bureau, submitted certain types of work the Resettlement Bureau desires to carry on in Pitt County and requested the cooperation of this Board. After going into the immediate work requested by the Department of Agriculture, the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the County Agent.

Turkeys sold by Chatham County farmers during the holidays season brought in more than \$14,000 in cash to the growers.

Westminster Choir To Appear In Raleigh

Delegation Confers On Project In Pitt County Assured of Drainage Undertaking Provided \$50,000.00 Is Furnished

The famous Westminster choir under the direction of Dr. John Finley Williamson, will be heard at Memorial Auditorium, Raleigh, Feb. 19th. The North Carolina Music Festival Association is sponsoring the appearance of this celebrated group of singers. This concert will be one of the high spots of musical entertainment during this current season. Singing entirely unaccompanied, no instrument of pitch except the human voice. They portray nearly every tone color possible to the human voice.

Programs presented by the Westminster Chorus range through a wide assortment of musical moods, dramatic, sentimental, sombre, and bright even to merry. Spirituals, classics, and modernistic popular arrangements are all included on their programs.

There forty-one singers in this symphonic chorus, and they are everyone real singers. This group are tuned up before each concert just as you would tune an orchestra. The members of this unique organization are not only singers but each individual in this choir directed by Dr. Williamson are, in fact, complete musicians, each having attained professional rating as a player of either piano or organ. Perfect diction, sonority of tone, flexibility of rhythm, vitality—these are four of the major requirements of good choral singing according to Dr. Williamson and he demands this and gets it from the Westminster Choir. His idealism in accepting nothing less than the best at all times from his singers has made it the important organization it is today, an internationally famous group which has won superlative praise from critics both here and in Europe.

Every choir director, choir member, and singers of the calibre, who love singing should especially hear this concert and receive the inspiration and pleasure afforded.

Dr. Williamson is donating the concert to the N. C. M. F. A. All the money will be used in the work of the Association in carrying music to the masses of North Carolina. A wonderful program to hear, a great cause served.

Stresses Importance Of Balanced Farming

The abolition of the AAA has intensified the importance of a well balanced farming schedule on every North Carolina farm. The wide-awake farmer will raise at home the food and feed crops needed to supply his family and his livestock, said Prof. C. B. Williams, head of the State College agronomy department.

He will also devote a great deal of his land to soil-improvement and erosion-control crops, Professor Williams added.

Taking into consideration the uncertainty of prices which farmers may get for their cash crops this year, he continued, it would be most unwise to specialize in the production of cash crops, with the expectation of buying large quantities of food, feed, and fertilizer.

A general increase in the production of cash crops will no doubt lower the price to such an extent that farmers' cash incomes this year will be rather limited, the professor declared.

In view of this, it is essential that the farmers plan every way possible to reach a state of self-sufficiency, he added, so as to reduce to a minimum the things they will have to buy with their limited cash income.

Every farm should have a year-round home garden with a large variety of vegetables. There should be enough grain, hay, and pasturage to supply all the livestock with a balanced ration.

Soil-improving crops like cowpeas, soybeans, velvet beans, and lespedeza, plowed under at maturity, will build up the land and at the same time reduce the amount of fertilizer needed.

First plan for the food, feed, and soil-building crops, Professor Williams, urged, then more or less as a side line, arrange for the production of some cash crops.

HOBGOOD-TUGWELL

The wedding of Miss Carrie Mae Tugwell and Mr. William Redin Hobgood, of Walstonburg, was quietly solemnized on Monday morning, December 23, in Greenville, according to announcement being made here.

Mrs. Hobgood is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tugwell, of Walstonburg.

Mr. Hobgood is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hobgood, who live near Farmville.

Tobacco Grower May Win Larger Sum In Benefits

County Assured of Drainage Undertaking Provided \$50,000.00 Is Furnished

Raleigh, Jan. 16.—Pitt County yesterday was assured of a WPA drainage project along Swift Creek, near Greenville, provided the county commissioners will appropriate \$50,000 toward the cost of the undertaking.

The Works Progress Administration will allocate \$104,000 to the project and begin work around February 1, if its terms are met, State Administrator George W. Coan, Jr., yesterday told a Pitt County delegation.

Affecting an area of from 25 to 27 square miles, the drainage project was commenced under the CWA program but was never completed.

The delegation appearing at the State office of the WPA yesterday in the interest of the project included: W. E. Hooks, G. G. Dixon, H. T. Stokes, J. B. Pierce, F. M. Kilpatrick, J. H. Coward and P. R. Taylor of Ayden; H. P. Quinerly, J. R. Harvey, and Isaac Kilpatrick of Grifton; S. I. Dudley, F. M. Wooten and P. H. Conley of Greenville; B. M. Lewis of Farmville; G. S. Porter of Chicod; and R. T. Cox of Winterville.

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All AAA Payments Will Be Completed

All AAA benefit payments due North Carolina farmers up to January 6, 1936, will be paid, according to word from Washington received by Dean I. O. Schaub, of State College.

The treasury department has announced that all AAA checks now being distributed are good and may be cashed at any time.

The dean could not say just when checks for payments now due will be distributed, as preparations for these payments had not been completed at the time the AAA work was suspended.

The tobacco marketing cards used during the past season had been checked over at the state AAA tobacco office at State College and were almost ready to be sent to Washington for final approval.

The marketing cards are necessary in determining the amount of the tobacco adjustment payments for each grower, the dean said.

The state AAA cotton office was making preparations for the cotton price adjustment payments which were offered to assure growers at least 12 cents a pound for their lint.

Dean Schaub expressed his belief that some way will be worked out for completing these and other payments within a reasonable time.

Farmers who kept faith with their crop adjustment contracts up to the time the Supreme Court invalidated the AAA deserve to get the payments promised, the dean said, and the government intends to keep faith with these farmers.

Deaver Bound Over In Kidnapping Charge

Greenville, Jan. 16.—Donald Deaver, 28-year-old Raleigh man, waived preliminary hearing in mayor's court here Wednesday morning on a charge of attempting to kidnap the two children of S. V. Morton, local business man, and was committed to Pitt County jail to await trial in Superior Court next week when a term of criminal court will be held here. Bond was set at \$1,000, but Deaver was unable to provide it. He offered no testimony at his preliminary hearing.

Henry Gibbs of Dana, Henderson County, reports killing a hog weighing 1,515 pounds net and therefore claims producing the largest hog in this State.

Payments Greatly In Excess of AAA Levels Proposed Under New Crop Plan; Tar Heels Attend Conference

Washington, Jan. 15.—Payments to tobacco farmers greatly in excess of those received under AAA contracts are in contemplation under the soil conservation which the administration is expected to sponsor shortly. Sums have been tentatively mentioned which are nearly three times the old payments, and also include conditional subsidies to the growers.

A group of Congressmen especially interested in tobacco and representing both flue-cured and burley areas, today conferred with J. B. Hutson, Jr., head of the division which includes tobacco, and learn as much as possible about the other AAA officials in an effort to propose plan as it affects tobacco.

They left the conference fully satisfied with the plan of the department and evolved a plan of their own for financing it insofar as it concerns tobacco.

The conference was arranged by Representative Harold D. Cooley, of North Carolina, a member of the agriculture committee, who was accompanied by Representative John R. Mitchell, also a member of the agriculture committee, and Representatives Braswell Deen, of Georgia, and Frank Hancock, of North Carolina, who represent large tobacco growing districts, but are not members of committees which will handle either the plan itself or the means of financing it in its initial stages.

While all sums that may be mentioned at this stage of the program are tentative, it is quite possible that flue-cured tobacco farmers will receive as much as seven cents a pound for keeping the conditions proposed to be incorporated in the soil conservation program.

That sum would be nearly three times the benefits received under the AAA, and those familiar with the situation think that the larger benefits would serve to offset the loss of the Kerr-Smith act, which furnished another form of deterrent in the nature of a penalty tax on excessive production.

It is not now proposed to have a separate program for tobacco or any other commodity, and the plan will require some form of new taxation in order to finance it, with processing taxes of one kind or another generally regarded as the most feasible means.

While means of continuing payments for control of tobacco production were being discussed as a result of the invalidation of the AAA by the Supreme Court, the legal consequences of the highest tribunal's rulings were also receiving attention. This centered particularly upon the proposition of curbing the powers of the courts, and brought an interesting observation from one member of the Tar Heel delegation.

In the opinion of Representative Zebulon Weaver, veteran member of the House Committee on Judiciary, there is no chance of enactment at this session of Congress of any of the many proposals for curbing the powers of the courts, with the possible exception of a measure to provide that lower courts shall not pass on the constitutionality of acts of Congress, but shall merely certify them to the Supreme Court for determination.

"In my opinion, that measure has a great deal of merit, and while I am not prepared to say it, I am certainly not prepared to say that I will oppose it," said Mr. Weaver today. "I think our committee will give serious consideration to a proposal of that kind and that there is a good chance of its being reported favorably."

FORD OUTPUT FOR 1935 WAS 1,335,865 UNITS

World production of Ford cars and trucks in 1935 totalled 1,335,865 units, it was announced today at the home offices of the Ford Motor Co. This compares with world production of 855,077 units in 1934, a gain of more than 56 per cent, it was said.

Production of Ford units in the United States and Canada in 1935 totalled 1,272,885 units, a gain of 57,447, or more than 77 per cent over the 716,438 units produced in 1934.

The announcement recalled the prediction made by Henry Ford more than a year ago that Ford would produce "better than a million" units in 1935.