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Hauptmann's Last Hope To Escape Death Fades

Jersey Governor Plans No More Reprieves; Condon Interview Unlikely

Trenton, N. J., March 25.—Governor Harold G. Hoffman, who saved Bruno Richard Hauptmann from execution two months ago, said tonight he will not do so again on his own initiative. Hauptmann's only hope, the governor said, lies in judicial intervention.

Hauptmann is scheduled to die at 8 o'clock next Tuesday night. The Governor spoke a few hours after Hauptmann, in a last-minute, desperate move, asked the court of pardons for the second time to commute his death sentence to life imprisonment. The same eight men who will decide whether to hear the appeal rejected Hauptmann's first request for clemency on January 11.

Stands by Statement. "I stand on my January 17 statement," the Governor said "that I would not grant a further reprieve unless a situation arises which the Attorney General would agree warranted asking the court for another extension."

He declined to say whether anything has happened to warrant such a move by himself and Attorney General David T. Wilentz, Hauptmann's chief prosecutor.

Asked if failure of Hauptmann's mercy plea and an appeal for a new trial would mean the Bronx carpenter would die next Tuesday night for the Lindbergh baby killing, the Governor said:

"It looks much that way." The Governor said he still desired to question Dr. John F. Jafise, Condon, Lindbergh ransom negotiator, but would not accept Dr. Condon's terms under which the proposed interview would be held.

The governor said he would meet Dr. Condon any place except his home, where Jafise suggested the meeting take place in the presence of Attorney General Wilentz.

'DREAM' FOR DAY'S RUN AT PARAMOUNT THEATRE WEDNESDAY

Max Reinhardt's super production of Shakespeare's comedy, "A Midsummer Night's Dream," at the Paramount Theatre on Wednesday, April 1, is one of the biggest and most talented casts of Warner Bros., stars ever to appear in a single picture.

Reinhardt, long acknowledged to be Europe's greatest stage producer, consented to present his spectacle in film form after it had met with tremendous success at the Hollywood Bowl and in San Francisco.

It is said to be the ultimate in spectacular grandeur, while at the same time, its comedy and romance are as hilarious and as human as the mortal race.

James Cagney heads the all star cast with Joe E. Brown, Hugh Herbert, Frank McHugh, Otis Harlan, Dewey Robinson and Arthur Treacher playing with him as the artisan mummies who present a play before the Duke of Athens on the occasion of his wedding to the Queen of the Amazons.

The leading romantic roles are played by Dick Powell, Jean Muir, Ross Alexander and Olivia de Havilland, whose mixed up love affairs lead to some strange pranks by the elf of mischief, Puck, portrayed by Mickey Rooney.

Scores of beautiful dancing girls take part in the fairy spectacles, the dances being created and directed by the two famous European ballerinas, Bronislava Nijinska and Nina Theilade.

The spectacle is set to the beautiful music by Mendelssohn, arranged by the noted Viennese composer, Erich Wolfgang Korngold.

The Paramount announces two reserved seat performances Wednesday, April 1, each lasting three hours; at 3:30 and 8:00 o'clock. At the matinee all school children will be admitted for 75c, adults 85c. Evening performance tickets, children 85c, adults \$1.15, tax included.

Four Stills Seized, Four Men Arrested

Snow Hill, March 25.—Four stills and four men were captured by Greene County officers within a few hours Monday in the Hookston and Belland sections of the county in a series of raids on moonshiners of this section.

The four men, Jim Wade, Jim Edwards, Kermit Egan and Neelam Green, were brought before Recorder Anderson for a hearing and had their cases continued until later in the week.

Report Delayed On Tobacco Plan

Lack of Committee Quorum Responsible; Favorable Action Expected Today

Washington, March 25.—Action on the tobacco compact bill was again postponed by the House Committee on Agriculture today, due to the fact that only a bare quorum of the 25 members of the committee was present.

"A number of committee members who were absent today have assured they will be on hand to be recorded tomorrow, and I see no reason why we should not get a favorable report tomorrow; and I am still hopeful for an unanimous report," said Representative Harold D. Cooley, a member of the committee, today.

While no action of any kind was taken today by the committee, it seems fairly certain that Sections Three and Four of the bill, dealing with interstate transportation of tobacco, will be eliminated from the measure.

To Be Eliminated. A caucus of members from North Carolina and other states interested in the measure authorized the action yesterday on the ground that elimination of these sections would not weaken the bill materially, and some members of the delegation feel that the elimination would actually strengthen the bill; and that without resort to Federal powers, the compact states will have ample authority to deal with all tobacco, whether or not grown in that state, should an attempt be made to market it on the warehouse floors of a compact state.

There is also a possibility that a long section of the bill, setting up the equivalent of a state act for Puerto Rico in the event of a compact among states producing sugar type tobacco, will be stricken out. However, some members from states growing cigar type tobacco object to the elimination of the Puerto Rico section and it may be retained.

Another question raised at the committee meeting today was the reservation of ratification by Congress until after a compact has been actually formed. However, that proposal met with strong objections from Mr. Cooley and other members directly interested, and will probably be abandoned tomorrow.

There was also a suggestion that the compact be limited to flue-cured tobacco, but Virginia members and those from the big burley states objected strenuously to that proposal.

Carolina T. & T. Co. Install Dial System Here

The New Dial System Was Cut In For General Use This Morning; Users Urged To Follow Instructions Very Carefully

For the past several weeks the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Co. has had a large force of men here installing the very latest telephone system, known as the Dial System.

The new system was cut in for general use this morning at 6:30 and is expected to eliminate a lot of the usual central office delay and trouble, and, too, the user will not have anyone to fuss at but himself in case of a wrong number.

Coming with the installation of the new telephone system, will be the removal of the unsightly telephone and electric light poles from the business district of Main street, which will naturally add to the attractiveness of this part of the city.

The Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Co. is gradually changing its various exchanges throughout this section of the State. The Scotland Neck exchange was recently changed to the Dial System, and we understand the same system will soon be installed in Wilson.

Farmville is to be congratulated in being among the first of the larger towns in this section to have the advantages of this modern and up-to-the-minute telephone service.

For full instructions as to the use of the new system, please see ad-

Swift Creek Drainage Is A Health Project

(By N. T. Emmett, M. D.)

Last week an article appeared in one of the county papers, giving certain facts and figures concerning the Swift Creek malaria drainage project.

The article was made up largely of statistical data as to the cost of the work and giving the names of the State and National persons and organizations chiefly responsible for securing WPA funds for this stupendous project. (The Government contributed \$104,000 and the land-owners \$50,000.)

Further information touching on the value of this project from the health standpoint and giving the names of some of the local organizations and persons which have cooperated with the State and National Administration will probably be of interest to the citizens of our county.

It is probably not generally understood that this Swift Creek drainage project is primarily a Health Project; not a project for the reclamation of farm land. In other words, the National Government appropriated money for this drainage solely for the purpose of improving the health of the people, that is, the reclamation of manpower rather than farm acreage.

Malaria is one of the most prevalent of all preventable diseases and is especially prevalent in the Swift Creek area. Malaria so debilitates its victims that wherever malaria prevails, the population is generally subnormal physically, mentally and economically. As malaria lessens, health improves and prosperity increases.

As evidence of the prevalence of malaria in the Swift Creek area, the health officer has statements from the physicians who practice in this area to the effect that about 25 per cent of their practice is made up of malaria patients. In a survey made last spring among 500 Swift Creek citizens, 58.8 per cent gave a history of malaria.

I can conceive of no single effort which would improve the health of the citizens of Pitt County so much as drainage of this area, for this area represents the county's worst malaria problem.

I would like to voice my appreciation for the cooperation given the local health department by the county officials, and the public spirited citizens of this area. It is difficult to say where most credit is due, but as General Scheley remarked about the capture of Santiago, "there is glory enough for all."

In addition to the county officials, the local organizations and committees that were active in promoting this project were:

A committee from the Pitt County Board of Health, composed of: Dr. N. Thomas Emmett, Health Officer, Chairman, Greenville; Dr. M. T. Frizzelle, Ayden; Dr. Paul Fitzgerald, Greenville.

A committee from the Pitt County Farm Board, composed of: J. E. Winslow, Chairman, Greenville; J. T. Thorne, Farmville; M. O. Blount, Bethel; J. P. Davenport, Pactolus; A. L. Woolard, Stokes; F. M. Kilpatrick, Ayden.

A committee from the Ayden Rotary Club, composed of: J. R. Turnage, J. B. Pierce, J. W. Prescott, J. H. Coward, all of Ayden.

Officers of the District Drainage Association are: Judge F. M. Wooten, Attorney for the Association, Greenville; J. R. Harvey, Grifton; J. R. Turnage, Ayden; Alton Gardner, Grifton; Hugh T. Stokes, Ayden, R. F. D.; F. M. Kilpatrick, Ayden.

BRAY-DAIL

Miss Penina Susan Dail, attractive daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dail, and Mr. Ernest Bray, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Bray, of Dudley, motored to Emporia, Va., Thursday, March 19, and were united in marriage by Rev. J. W. Kinlaw, Baptist minister, in his home.

The bride wore a becoming suit of blue with hat and accessories to match. Her flowers were a shoulder of sweetheart roses and valley lilies.

After a motor trip of several days Mr. and Mrs. Bray will return to Farmville, where Mr. Bray is engaged in the business of car repairing.

ed to read carefully the advertisement of the company elsewhere in this issue or their temporary telephone directory.

RECEIVES APPOINTMENT TO WEST POINT

David Erwin Olesky, Jr., has returned from New York, where he stood examinations for entrance to West Point, having recently received his appointment from Congressman Warren, Washington, D. C.

Tax On Incomes Shows Big Gain

Receipts To Date Exceed Those For Past Fiscal Year by 10 Per Cent

Raleigh, March 26.—Income tax collections by the State of North Carolina to date exceed by 10 per cent those of the same period during the past fiscal year, it was shown yesterday by a report from Commissioner of Revenue A. J. Maxwell.

Receipts through Tuesday totaled \$7,022,146.26, as compared with \$6,367,207.26 on the same date in 1935. This increase approximates the estimates made by the Department of Revenue, said Commissioner Maxwell. The peak of collections almost has been reached although payments will continue. Delayed payments normally do not exceed \$300,000, said Maxwell.

Only about five per cent of the income taxpayers have been granted extensions, the department estimates. Furthermore, the major taxpayers have filed their returns, finding it cheaper to pay on time and avoid penalties and interest, even if they have to borrow money.

While tax collections for the fiscal year to date exceed those for the same period in 1934-35 by \$654,949, receipts for the current month exceed those for the first 24 days of March, 1935, by only \$392,668.88, indicating that more income taxes were collected prior to March this year than in 1934-35.

Income tax collections from the beginning of the fiscal year up to March totaled \$1,022,318.82, as compared with only \$760,048.70 for the same period in 1934-35.

Receipts for March, 1935, were almost as great as for March of this year, the figures being \$5,607,158.56 in 1935 and \$5,999,527.44 for 1936.

Sam A. Whitehurst States Candidacy For Another Term

Sheriff To Make Race For Present Office For Sixth Time, Having Won Position Five Terms

Sheriff S. A. Whitehurst announces his candidacy for a sixth term as sheriff of Pitt County.

Sheriff Whitehurst has held his present position for five consecutive terms and has had opposition on each occasion, with the exception of one time. He has, however, increased his majority of votes on each occasion.

The officer is not only well known in this county, where he has held various other police offices, but throughout the state. He is at present president of the North Carolina Sheriffs Association, the highest position among the various sheriffs in the state.

Forty-five years old, Sheriff Whitehurst served in the World War for 18 months and now holds his commission as first lieutenant in the Reserve Corps of the United States Army.

The sheriff's official duties date back to 1919, when he was chief of police of Ayden. From 1920 to 1922 he served on the Greenville police department.

Extension Workers To Explain Farm Program

Mass Meetings for Pitt and Greene to Be Held Saturday, March 28

The new farm program will be explained to North Carolina farmers in a series of mass meetings that will cover the entire State.

The meetings will be conducted by seven teams from the State College agricultural extension service which have been making an exhaustive study of the program.

Starting in the coastal counties on March 26, the teams will swing across the State until they finish with the mountain counties on April 18, said Dean I. O. Schaub, director of the extension service.

In most counties, he said, the farmers will gather in the courthouses on the day designated. Where the courthouses will not be available, the county agents will select other suitable meeting places.

In arranging for meetings, the farm agents have been instructed to invite vocational teachers, home agents, other agricultural leaders, and all farmers.

The new program is more adapted to all the farms in North Carolina, the dean pointed out, than was the

Tobacco Growers To Meet March 28 In Greenville

County Agent, E. F. Arnold, Announced on His Return from the Conference of County Agents at Raleigh, That a Meeting of All Tobacco Growers Would Be Held at 2:00 P. M., Saturday, March 28, at the Court House in Greenville, for the Purpose of Giving General Information on the Soil Conservation Program.

Final rules and regulations have not yet been approved for this program. However, there has been certain definite commitments made by the Federal Government that can be passed on to the growers at this time. It is hoped that every tobacco grower in the County will reduce his tobacco acreage base down to 70 per cent, for which he will receive around \$40 per acre for the acres retired, the amount depending on the base poundage in his adjusted contract for 1936.

The County Agents spent all day last Tuesday studying the 1936 soil conservation program, in order that they might be able to instruct leaders in the various Counties as to what would be required of the farmers in order to participate in the Federal Government's Soil Conservation and Soil Building program. Work sheets are now being prepared, upon which farmers will establish the basis on which they will cooperate with the Federal Government. This work sheet, when filled out by the farmer will entitle him to the maximum of benefits offered for his cooperation, provided he complies.

Red Cross Appeals For Flood Sufferers

Campaign For Funds Now On Here; Urged To Give Liberally

Citizens here are being solicited at this time by representatives of the local Red Cross for special donations for relief in the flood disaster, and according to reports are contributing generously. A list of donors will be published in these columns next week.

Everybody in the whole country is being urged to give whatever they can, whether large or small amounts to meet the needs of thousands of unfortunate people, who will die of starvation and disease unless the response to the appeal of the Red Cross is met in an adequate manner.

Contributions will be sent to headquarters by the local Red Cross, of which Dr. P. E. Jones is chairman, Mrs. J. L. Shackleford, secretary and Mrs. J. W. Lovelace, treasurer.

B. O. TURNAGE APPOINTED POSTMASTER

Friends of B. O. Turnage have been offering their congratulations since Saturday, when the announcement by Representative Lindsay Warren of his appointment as Postmaster here, was received.

Other eligibles mentioned in the announcement were B. J. Skinner and C. F. Baucom.

Three Countries Signify Approval of Naval Treaty

Land Use Agency To Aid Veterans

Mask Explains Requirements For Selection as Resettlement Client

Raleigh, March 26.—Preference will be shown World War veterans in the selection of clients for the rehabilitation-in-place and resettlement programs of the Resettlement Administration, Regional Director Homer H. E. Mask stated yesterday. Veterans' applications must be approved by the Veterans Administration.

"But veterans should be reminded that, while recommendation by the Veterans Administration is important, there is something else to be done," Mask said. "They must be otherwise qualified. They must satisfy the Resettlement Administration that they are suited to and probably will make a success of the new venture."

Farm experience or farm background is necessary. All applicants must be free from disabilities that would prevent them from fulfilling their obligations. Veterans, as well as all other applicants, must meet these requirements. Veterans should first apply to the Veterans Administration for special application blanks, said Mask.

"Some citizens, including veterans, have received the erroneous impression that the Resettlement Administration will lend them money to buy farms," he added. The general practice is to offer approved applicants a chance to buy on easy terms farmsteads selected and developed by the administration.

The rehabilitation-in-place program provides small loans and supervisory assistance to farmers who cannot get credit elsewhere. It does not involve purchase of land, though farms may be rented.

Farmers Organize Livestock Ass'n.

Organization of "Tri-County Livestock Sanitary-Health Association" at Fountain, N. C., March 23, 1936.

Organization called to order by G. E. Travathan, who was later elected president of the Association.

The remaining officers elected are: J. W. Reddick, secretary; J. M. Horton, treasurer. Directors: J. N. Fountain, Fountain; B. A. Pope of Fountain; J. W. Bass of Farmville; J. R. Galloway of Walstonburg; J. C. Parker of Fountain.

After a short talk by Dr. H. B. Smith, Veterinarian of Farmville, explaining the reason for the existence and operation of said livestock association, the time for monthly meeting of the association was fixed for the first Monday night of each month at 7:30 p. m., in the Agricultural Building at the High School in Fountain.

At each one of these meetings, Dr. Smith will give a lecture to the members on the care of animals and the prevention of disease after which there will be an open forum for the purpose of discussing the problems of the members in livestock husbandry.

The membership dues are \$5.00 per year for which the following benefits will be available to the members:

1. All Veterinary service free to the members excepting mileage and cost of medicines, etc.
2. Educational services consisting of one lecture each month to the members by Dr. Smith in the regular meeting at the school house in Fountain.

The pressing need of the livestock industry of this section is for more information from reliable sources by the owners of livestock in order to increase the possibilities of prevention of disease as well as to help in the greater diversification in agriculture. Towards this goal the "Tri-County Livestock Sanitary-Health Association" is dedicated, and in order that the organization will be of greatest possible benefit, a large membership is welcomed—come and join us.

Signed: J. M. HORTON.

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United States, Great Britain And France Formally Sign New London Pact; Italy Makes Attack Upon British Policy

London, March 25.—A "stop-gap" naval treaty was formally signed by the United States, Great Britain and France today in a ceremony unexpectedly enlivened by a vehement Italian attack upon Britain.

Prior to the signing, the United States and Britain agreed privately to keep their navies at the same level.

After American, British and French delegates expressed hopes that Italy as well as Japan would join the pact later, Dino Grandi, Italian ambassador to London, dashed cold water on this idea by proclaiming that Britain's Mediterranean mutual assistance agreements stood in the way of Italian adhesion.

Serving notice that Italy would raise an issue over these pacts—designed to prevent possible Fascist aggression against sanctionist nations—at "a more suitable moment," Grandi added:

"Agreements for the limitation of armaments cannot be disembodied from the framework of political relations between states."

For Five Years. The new treaty replaces for five years the expiring Washington and London pacts.

Japan and Italy, who were signatories of these more comprehensive treaties, refused to sign the new one—Japan because she was not granted parity and Italy because of sanctions and the attendant Mediterranean defensive pacts.

Ratification by the United States Senate will be necessary following the signing today by Norman H. Davis, chief of the American delegation to the London conference and President Roosevelt's special ambassador, and Admiral William H. Standley.

Despite the Senate's reputation as a "graveyard of treaties," the American delegation was confident the new agreement, filled with loopholes in the form of escape clauses, will be approved at this session of Congress.

These loopholes were put in with an eye to a possible extensive Japanese building program. It is the first large treaty affecting national defense signed by the United States since the 1930 London pact.

At Same Level. Restrictions on the sizes of navies are removed in the new pact. Great Britain and the United States, however, through letters exchanged between Davis and Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, agreed to maintain their fleets at the same level.

The signing ceremony was held in Queen Anne's drawing room of St. James' Palace, terminating the conference begun last December.

The smooth formality was broken when Grandi told the diplomats: "A potential naval menace exists in the Mediterranean. This is the first time in the history of United Italy that our people feel their lives imperiled."

Davis, the first delegate to sign the treaty and two protocols, smiled broadly as he did so. Japanese observers were present.

The chief American delegate, in an address at the ceremony, said: "The structure of naval limitation by agreement, built up by the Washington and London treaties, was badly damaged when it was found impossible to carry on these treaties."

"The treaty which we are about to sign lays the foundation of a new structure. I will go far to maintain friendship and understanding between the naval powers. It will serve as a bridge to future treaties of more far-reaching scope and the structure of international understanding will not have been destroyed."

A new feature which was not in the London or Washington pacts provides for the annual exchange by signatories of information concerning their building programs. Four months' notice will be given in advance before the laying of new keels.

Special Services At Presbyterian Church Sunday, March 29th

There will be Special Praise Vesper Service held at the Presbyterian Church Sunday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock. This is the last Sunday of the Church year, and a good attendance is desired.