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## Hauptmann's Execution Fixed for Friday Night

### However, Impression Prevails That Death of Condemned Man Is Likely To Be Delayed Again

Trenton, N. J., April 1.—The hour of death—8 p. m. Friday—was appointed again for Bruno Richard Hauptmann tonight, but there was a fair chance that his incredible luck would hold, and that he would live through the summer.

His clipped skull still gleaming from the hair cut he got in preparation for the electric chair, Hauptmann slept past 10 o'clock this morning and ate a substantial breakfast.

At 9 a. m. tomorrow, the Mercer County grand jury resumes its deliberations on the case of Paul H. Wendel, the disbarred Trenton lawyer who confessed the Lindbergh murder and then repudiated it. Hauptmann's life hangs on the decision of that jury of 22 men and a woman—plain, ordinary people who have shifted the spotlight from Trenton state prison to themselves.

Anything Can Happen. They can keep Hauptmann alive even past Friday, simply by sitting still and doing nothing about the murder charge against Wendel. If the jurors report "no indictment" against Wendel, Hauptmann will die; if they indict him, his life may be spared for six months, although no one was certain about that.

Attorney General David T. Wilentz walked down the state house corridor today, a cigar jutting out of his mouth, and said: "I am a very confused young man right now."

So was everyone else. Wilentz tried to bring order out of the confusion by asking the grand jury if it would allow him to appear before it tomorrow, presumably to help straighten them out on puzzling phases of the Wendel case.

Wendel made the same request. He had the reputation of being a brilliant lawyer before he got into trouble with the law. His letter to the grand jury was couched in precise legal terms.

"Having some knowledge of the law," it read, "I hereby state to you that I am willing to waive any rights or immunities that I may have, or any other protective cloak that the law may throw around or give to a defendant charged with crime."

"I also realize, and expressly agree that any statement or statements that I may make before your body, if so granted the right to appear, may be used either for or against me at any future time or at any proceedings."

Confession Untrue. "The alleged confession is untrue, made out of whole cloth, and I can demonstrate it to you conclusively if given the opportunity."

The grand jury recessed at 4:30 p. m., after a day of routine investigation of other matters, and there was no immediate indication whether Wendel's request would be granted.

John Kafes, Wendel's lawyer, said tonight that the Federal Department of Justice was investigating the story he told about being kidnapped in New York by three men who forced him, at the point of a gun, to confess the Lindbergh murder. Wilentz and Kafes believe there is no question that Wendel was illegally detained. The local office of the Department of Justice's Bureau of Investigation refused to comment on the report that they were investigating, but indicated no intensive effort was being made by them.

One of the most interesting rumors in Trenton tonight was that a local gambling syndicate made a killing by betting yesterday that Hauptmann would not be executed last night. There appears to be considerable basis for the report—incidents such as occurred to this correspondent yesterday afternoon. He was asked by a taxicab driver on the way to Trenton state prison whether he would like to bet \$50 that Hauptmann would be electrocuted before midnight.

Betting Incident. "I can get you two to one odds if you want to risk \$50," he said. "Where are you going to place this money?"

"With some fellows I know, and remember this—if you put up your money and the warden postpones the execution until later in the week, you lose."

The bet was not made, and today it appeared that the gamblers either had broken up or New Jersey law or had been tipped off to what was going to happen.

Indication of how vital the Mar-

## Autograph Contest Gets Underway

### Chief Scout Executive James E. West Signs Skin to Be Awarded East Carolina Council Scout Troops In Efficiency Contest

Scoutmaster Ed Nash Warren of Farmville Troop 25 this week received from the East Carolina Council headquarters city all details of the new Council efficiency contest. A South African Cape Skin will be awarded to the troop which wins three periods (a period consists of three months), of which two must be in succession. This skin has been made valuable because James E. West, Chief Scout Executive, has thereon autographed his name. This was accomplished at the National Training Conference at French Lick, Ind., at which all professional leaders were in attendance.

The Autograph Contest consists of seven major items with emphasis on Attendance, Advancement and Camping. The other items are Good Turn, Uniform, Program and Growth.

Beginning April 1st all 79 Troops of the East Carolina Council will strive to meet the requirements and score the highest points to win the coveted award. This contest is different from the previous contest held in as much as it begins all over again each three months and gives the new, or a troop that has not made a great deal of progress, an opportunity to have the troops far ahead begin again "from scratch."

The winner of each period will have his name burned into the skin and the troop that finally wins the skin will not only have the troop number, but the entire membership burned in before being presented.

This contest is equally fair for the small units as well as the large and for the units that are located in urban centers as well as rural territory. Scoutmasters are enthusiastic over the challenge.

## Bands Will Hold Festival Sunday

### Eastern Carolina Organization To Stage Third Annual Concert

Wilson, March 31.—From 15 to 20 bands will take part in the third annual Eastern North Carolina Band Festival in Raleigh next Sunday, Millard Burt, secretary of the North Carolina Bandmasters Association, announced today.

The bands will present their concert in Memorial Auditorium from 1 until 5 o'clock and conclude their program with a parade.

Fifteen organizations have already signified their intention of taking part in the festival: University of North Carolina, Raleigh High School, Rocky Mount High School, Williamston High School, 120th Infantry at Raleigh, Greenville High School, Durham High School, Twin County Band at Rocky Mount, Farmville Band, Selma Band, Atlantic Christian College, Conway and Woodland high schools, Wendell High School, Fayetteville High School, Raleigh Junior Band.

Officers of the Bandmasters' Association are Wilkes S. Bobbitt of Williamston, president; Charles S. McCullers of Rocky Mount, vice-president; S. A. Braxton of Raleigh, treasurer, and Mr. Burt, secretary.

cer County grand jury is to Hauptmann was this comment from Principal Keeper Mark O. Kimbrell of Trenton State Prison, when he announced the death date:

"If the grand jury still is deliberating the Wendel case at 8 p. m. Friday, the execution will again be delayed. I can legally postpone it until the end of the week; and if, on Saturday night, there still isn't any decision by the grand jury, I will ask Justice Thomas W. Trenchard for an opinion on whether his death order meant that the end of the week is Saturday midnight or Sunday midnight."

Hauptmann was sentenced to die in "the week of March 30." At present, Kimbrell believes that week expires Saturday midnight. No one has questioned his authority to execute Hauptmann at any hour or day so long as it is within the limits of the week of March 30.

After thinking 15 words of wood for more 576 trees were left in the demonstration area and these will be thinned or harvested in the future.

Franklin County.

# TORNADOES HITS STATE

## Tornado In Greensboro Kills 7; Injures Scores Property Damage Heavy

### Cuts Narrow Swath For Distance of 2 1-2 Miles Through Center of City; Hospitals Crowded as Rescuers Work To Locate Victims

Greensboro early tonight. Nearly a score were discharged after first aid, but 21 remained for treatment.

TERRIFIC STORM STRIKES CONCORD  
Concord, April 2.—Two thousand homes were badly damaged, two persons were injured, and business was paralyzed for the greater part of the day when Concord was struck by the most severe wind storm in the city's history about 6 o'clock this morning. Various estimates placed the damage at between \$100,000 and \$200,000.

Striking with intense fury at 5:55 a. m., the storm first struck the power plant of the Duke Power Co., disabling it entirely, shifted next to the city's auxiliary power and water plant, which was rendered useless; and then spread over a wide section of the city.

Emergency crews brought in from Charlotte and Salisbury restored communication lines late in the afternoon.

The Poplar Tent community, eight miles west of Concord, was struck by the storm first, trees being torn from the ground, garages and other outbuildings destroyed and many homes badly damaged.

Wrecks Mill Village. Moving in a southeasterly direction, the storm struck Concord near the Gibson mill of the Cannon chain. In the mill village hardly a tree was left standing, scores of houses lost roofs and window panes, and barns and garages were leveled to the ground. Only the roof of the mill was damaged.

An hour after the storm broke, the Red Cross had workers in the field. At 3:30 this afternoon they were joined by Mrs. Mary Camp Sprinkle of High Point, field representative.

After a survey of the stricken areas Mrs. Sprinkle estimated the damage would run to \$200,000, reported that 43 Negroes had been left homeless, and that Ray Smith and Mac Forney, both Negroes were the only persons reported seriously enough hurt to require medical attention.

The Red Cross also made an insurance survey of homes damaged and the report indicates that at least 2,000 homes will have to be rebuilt or extensively repaired.

## Local R. C. Campaign Continues

Under the following statement local canvassers for the Red Cross has raised \$114.64 to date. Realizing the great distress and suffering that the flood has brought upon many thousands of people recently, we, the undersigned wish to contribute the amount opposite our name to be sent to the American Red Cross, to be used for the benefit of these sufferers:

Woman's Club \$5; Farmville Literary Club \$5; Merry Matons \$5; Motor Inn Service Station 50c; Leah Crumpler 50c; Miss Emma Dale 75c; a friend \$5; T. E. Joyner \$5; a friend \$5; L. P. Thomas -1; N. Cannon 50c; a friend 50c; City Cafe 50c; a friend 25c; A. Q. Roebuck \$1; a friend 25c; W. C. Wooten 50c; a friend 20c; Mrs. J. L. Shackelford \$1; a friend 25c; J. M. Winders 50c; Herman Bandas 25c; Johnny Arnold \$1; J. M. Wheelers \$1; D. R. Morgan 50c; W. J. Rasberry \$5; J. W. Joyner \$1; J. W. Holmes \$1; George W. Davis \$1; Dr. W. M. Willis \$1; D. E. Oglesby \$1; Rev. J. C. Wooten \$1; P. R. McGregor \$1; Arch J. Flanagan \$1; Dr. P. E. Jones \$5; J. L. Morgan \$1; J. L. Junior Order A. M. \$5; M. F. Lewis \$2; Ben Lang \$2; Mr. and Mrs. Plato Monk \$2; John B. Lewis \$2; A. W. Bobbitt \$5; Junior Woman's Club \$3; Rev. Jack R. Rountree \$5; T. C. Turnage \$1; S. W. Garrison \$1; John T. Bynum \$5; J. L. Walston 25c; John D. Dixon 25c; Dr. C. V. Willis \$1; A. E. Romanus 50c; B. O. Taylor 25c; C. F. Baucum 25c; T. B. King \$1; W. E. Joyner 25c; Paul Tripp 10c; B. E. Wheeler 30c; J. Y. Monk \$3.50; Curtis Flanagan \$1; Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Wilson \$2; H. A. Kemp \$1; G. A. Rouse \$1; John T. Thoms \$5; J. M. Stancill \$1; Coy Monk 10c; S. A. Roebuck \$5; Mack D. Pollard \$1; E. C. Baucum \$1; D. F. & R. O. Lang \$1; Fred E. Davis \$1; M. Liles 50c; C. A. Lilly \$1; Miss Neva Owens \$2; Mrs. Blanche Paschall \$5; Mrs. the Lewis \$2; Kanonus 25c; Frown Delight 50c; Mrs. Ballus 10c; Lanie Parker \$5.

The storm cut a narrow swath for a distance of 2 1-2 miles, leveling numerous residences, damaging others and battering industrial plants. Several families were said to have been trapped in the basements of their homes. Late tonight rescuers feared some were still pinned beneath the timber.

The heaviest damage was done in the southern, southwestern and eastern parts of the city, which is bisected by the Southern Railway. The part north of the tracks escaped harm.

There were many rumors of casualties, but it was difficult to check them. One ambulance firm said it had taken 11 injured persons to a hospital and had handled two bodies.

Four members of the family of Mike Paschal were injured when their apartment over a store was wrecked. They were Paschal and his wife, their son John 16, and their daughter Mary 19. Another child was away from home and escaped.

Four members of another family were trapped in the basement of their home. John W. Sharp was unhurt but his wife was injured, and her mother was reported still in the wreckage of their home. The fourth member escaped without serious injury, it was reported.

Witnesses said some residences were "literally torn to splinters." Business structures damaged included the El Moro Cigar Factory, at West Lee and South Elm streets, and the Blue Bell Overall Company's big plant. The latter was described as "extensively damaged."

The storm struck about 7:15 p. m. and was over in a few moments. Some spectators said the tunnel-like cloud was accompanied by blue and red lights.

At least two large residences in the southern part of the city were destroyed by fire.

Relief measures were taken as soon as the storm swept away. City officials called upon Governor Ehringhaus to mobilize national guardsmen to help in caring for the injured and homeless.

Officials explained they asked for troops not from fear of disorder but because the task confronting the local authorities was so great.

## Cooley To Speak In North Carolina

### Will Address Annual Farmers' Night Meeting of Raleigh Rotary Club April 6

Raleigh, April 3.—Harold D. Cooley, Congressman from the fourth North Carolina District, will be the speaker at the annual Farmers' Night Meeting of the Raleigh Rotary Club which will be held here on Monday evening, April 6th at 8:30 in the form of a banquet at the Sir Walter Hotel.

Mr. Cooley was secured as speaker by M. G. Mann, chairman of the Rural-Urban committee of the Raleigh Club. "I think we are indeed fortunate to have Mr. Cooley as our speaker," Mr. Mann said, in making the announcement. "We have asked Mr. Cooley to discuss farm legislation now pending in the nation's capital, and as the first North Carolinian ever to serve on the House Committee on Agriculture Mr. Cooley reviews carefully all legislation affecting the agriculture and will be in position to bring us a vital message."

Not only will members of the Raleigh Club with their farmer guests be present, but the Rural-Urban committee also has invited Rotarians from the other clubs in the 57th district to be present also. The following clubs are in the district and are expected to send delegations:

Chapel Hill, Clayton, Clinton, Dunn, Durham, Farmville, Fayetteville, Greenville, Henderson, Kinston, Oxford, Rocky Mount, Sanford, Siler City, Tarboro, Wilson and Zebulon.

## Hon. Hoey To Speak In Pitt

### Opens Campaign in This County Monday evening, April 6

Hon. Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, candidate for governor of North Carolina, will begin his campaign in Pitt County with a speech to citizens of the county in the courthouse on Monday evening, April 6th.

In the Charlotte address with which he opened his campaign for the Democratic nomination for Governor, Clyde R. Hoey made clear his position on all matters of prime importance to the people of North Carolina. He did not mince words in an effort to please everybody. He did not make promises impossible to carry out. He stated his position clearly, saying in part:

"I am a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor of North Carolina in my own right. I am not the candidate of any group or faction. My candidacy is not sponsored by any organization or association. I have made no promises or pledges to any person or interest. I am not the candidate of the 'ins' or the 'outs.' I have not and shall not promise to reappoint any person now holding office in North Carolina, nor to appoint any person not holding office. If elected, I shall consider every appointment on the merit, worth and efficiency of the applicant without regard to whether he is now holding office or not. I make but one promise, and that is to the whole people of North Carolina: If elected, Governor, I shall dedicate myself wholly and unreservedly to their service for every day of my term in office."

The Greensboro Red Cross opened an emergency station. Various civic groups organized to assist in caring for the stricken.

The clinic hospital here reported two deaths among the forty patients taken there after a tornado struck

## Gov. Asks Board to Accept Cherry Measure

### Pro-Easter Services Start Wednesday

Rev. A. E. Simerly To Preach During Meeting At The Christian Church Here

Pro-Easter services began Wednesday evening at the Christian Church, and will continue throughout this and next week, coming to a climax in the special services on Easter Sunday. The community is cordially invited.

Rev. A. E. Simerly, pastor of the First Christian Church of Rocky Mount, who is recognized throughout the State as a Bible student and fine speaker, will deliver the sermons each evening and the song service will be conducted by C. F. Baucum.

Rev. C. B. Mashburn, pastor of the local Christian Church, in announcing the services, expressed his pleasure at a recent "pounding" given him by his congregation.

## Blind Survey Has Begun in County

The State Commission for the Blind is making every effort to contact every person with badly defective sight in the State and determine his or her condition and needs.

Pursuant to this purpose, Dr. Roma S. Check, Executive Secretary has a representative, Miss Alice B. Kerr of Clinton, N. C., in Pitt County to begin a survey of the blind. In order to plan an intelligent and effective program for persons with defective sight, it is necessary to know the number and needs. The State Commission wishes to contact every person who cannot see to read print with the aid of glasses.

At the present time contacts will be made through organizations, churches and the public schools. The public schools are the most important sources in rural sections.

The survey is being started in the schools, both white and colored. Cards will be given to the children to be taken home, filled out and returned. Much interest and splendid cooperation is being manifested by all the superintendents.

The Farmville Light and Water Department has been very cooperative with the State Commission for the Blind in making their survey here, granting them the privilege to enclose cards in each light bill sent out. In this month's bills the patrons of the power company will find an enclosed card to be filled out if they know of anyone totally blind or with seriously defective sight, and the State Commission asks that these cards be returned to the office of the Farmville Water and Light Department when they pay their bills. Later a representative of the State Commission will visit each one, whose name has been handed in, and see what help is needed and what can be done for them.

The State Commission wishes to stress the importance of this survey. It is very necessary to know the number, need and location of every blind person in order to plan an adequate program of training and medical treatment. Prevention of blindness is also one of the main objectives.

## DR. ENNETT HOLDS PRE-SCHOOL CLINIC HERE WEDNESDAY

The annual pre-school clinic was held Wednesday at the Farmville High School. It was conducted by Dr. Ennett, Pitt County Health Officer and the health department nurses, assisted by Dr. Paul E. Jones, who made the dental examinations.

The examinations included, eyes, ears, nose, throat, teeth, lungs, heart, nutrition, orthopedic defects, skin and scalp.

A total of 43 children were examined with the following results: One was found to be suffering from malnutrition; five from diseased tonsils, two from orthopedic defects and thirty-three needed dental attention.

Smallpox vaccination was given 35 and diphtheria vaccination to 5.

The health officer congratulated Supt. J. H. Moore and the citizens in general on the success of the clinic. He commented on the fact that there was only one undernourished child in the whole group of 43, which he said spoke well for the home care of the children.

Described as one of the quickest blights ever seen in Pamlico county, about 75 per cent of the potato crop is now in the ground.

## Mission to Capital in Behalf of Social Security Not Believed Successful; Refuses to Commit Himself on Session

Washington, April 1.—Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus was here today in an apparently unsuccessful effort to have the National Social Security Board approve the Cherry enabling act of 1935 on social security. Success in that effort would remove one of the occasions for a special session of the Legislature.

The Governor declined to commit himself on whether or not he would convene a special session of the North Carolina General Assembly in the event that Congress passes the pending tobacco compact bill, which took another definite step forward when arrangements were made for its consideration by the House Rules Committee today.

Although he and Attorney General A. A. F. Seawell concluded their conference with members of the Social Security Board before lunch, the Governor did not confer with members of the North Carolina delegation concerning the tobacco legislation or any other matter.

Governor Ehringhaus also failed to discuss with members of the Social Security Board questions of aid to the aged and dependent children which will presumably be considered at a special session of the Legislature if one is held. However, he did ask to be furnished with any statistical information available on those subjects. The Board will advise him later of its official ruling on unemployment insurance.

Has Grave Doubts. While carefully withholding any definite opposition to the adequacy of either the bill pending in Congress or the act already passed in Virginia, which will necessarily furnish the basis for flue-cured tobacco this year, the Governor intimated that he had grave doubts as to both, particularly the revised Kerr bill now pending in Congress, which has been shorn of two original sections regulating interstate commerce in tobacco grown in compact states.

All of these circumstances, combined with the Governor's statement to newspapermen that "you would be amazed if you went through my files and saw how little demand there has been for a special session," caused some observers to believe that Governor Ehringhaus is unlikely to call a special session under any circumstances.

However, the Governor himself made no statement of that kind and members of the North Carolina delegation in Congress are convinced that there is an overwhelming demand for compact legislation in the tobacco-producing counties and that once Congress acts, there will be widespread demand for a special session of the Legislature that will be well-nigh irresistible.

When asked if he planned to confer with any members of the North Carolina delegation, the Governor said:

No Business. "I have no business with the delegation and I do not suppose they have any business with me."

He added that he planned to spend the afternoon in relaxation and attend a moving picture show, but that if he encountered any of the delegation, he would be glad to see them.

By accident, the Governor and Senator Josiah W. Bailey came to Washington on the same train and had quite a chat. However, they did not discuss the details of the tobacco compact legislation, and the Senator is heartily supporting the House bill which the Department of Agriculture has declared enables the states to "effectively regulate the production and marketing of tobacco."

## AT THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Palm Sunday, April 5, will be observed at the Episcopal Church with appropriate sermon by the rector, Rev. J. R. Rountree, Holy, and with a celebration of the Holy Communion at 11:00 o'clock.

The Lenten Study Class will meet for the last session on Monday afternoon April 6, to conclude the study of St. Luke's gospel, which has been conducted by the rector each Monday during the Lenten period.

On Thursday evening, April 9, which is Maundy Thursday, a special service with Communion will be held in commemoration of the Last Supper.

The community is invited to any and all of these services of worship and study.

The FOX service has been organized in Transylvania County with W. W. Brittain as manager of the local cooperative.