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## Golf Course Is Formally Presented to The City And Its Club Members

### Hon. George W. Coan, Jr., WPA State Administrator, Delivers Presentation Address; Other Notables Present; Barbecue Picnic Dinner Enjoyed By Large Crowd

Wednesday was another red letter day for Farmville when at a public gathering and barbecue dinner served in the large dining hall in the Pecan grove in the city's recreational center near the Swimming Pool, the recently completed Golf Course, acquired by some fifty or more of our public spirited citizens with the aid of the Works Progress Administration, was formally presented by State Administrator, Hon. George W. Coan, Jr.

Mayor John B. Lewis presided at the ceremonies and George W. Davis, chairman of the Board of Commissioners and president of the Country Club, graciously accepted the course for the city and the club.

B. O. Taylor, one of the prime movers in securing the projects, and who has labored faithfully through to its completion, was presented and given a great ovation.

Among other notables present with a word of praise and good wishes were Edwin J. Hill, general director of WPA in this district and E. L. Winslow, assistant director.

Mrs. I. P. Hodges, of the Womens division, was also among the speakers of the day and delivered a most interesting talk on the proposed playground soon to be equipped here for children, and spoke in highest praise of the cooperation always received in Farmville, and in particular from K. A. Joyner, city clerk, who for several years has devoted much time and thought to various projects here.

### MAYOR LEWIS' ADDRESS

Mr. Coan, other distinguished guests, and fellow citizens, we are indeed glad to have with us as our guests today many public servants of the state and nation. We feel honored that they should come to help us to dedicate our golf course—it might well be a dedication of many other government projects and recreational activities, as we have not held any formal exercises heretofore; I would like to review just for a minute the accomplishments of the past three years along the line of public improvements; first we behold Farmville's magnificent swimming pool, built by CWA labor and material as supplemented by about \$2,000 public subscription and approximately \$5,000 invested by the Town through its governing officials, but we don't have to make apologies to anyone for our swimming pool. Since the inauguration of relief labor, we have constructed some 2 1/2 miles of sidewalks which has improved the value of property and helped beautify the Town as a whole—approximately \$5,000 for materials was paid for by citizens of the town for this project; Then a most wonderful project was undertaken and completed, namely, a concrete culvert through 600 feet of an open ditch right in the heart of town at a cost of about \$2,500 to town and adjoining property owners; another sanitary project was the paving of a 20-foot alley back of a whole block of stores, the material being paid for by the property owners and town as in case of paved streets; we have undertaken and completed several drainage projects which have been of untold benefit to the Town and its citizens; then one day about a year ago, it was suggested that labor might be obtained to construct a golf course if we had the land, tools, etc., and we found the greatest among these etc., to be determination and willingness to cooperate—we needed \$5,000, but could not get it—the Town treasury was unable to donate and felt that too few of an entire population would use the golf course to justify public expenditures—so the town agreed to go into the matter to secure a golf course if those interested would contribute the necessary funds, so some fifty or more people either paid or arranged to pay \$100 each, the application was filed and approved, land acquired and work started; difficulties were many, but no one thought of failure or quitting, it was merely backing up for a fresh start and try again; for three months it was too wet to cut the ground, and by time we got it cut, for 6 weeks it was too dry to plant the grass seed, and then when the grass did come up, it became too wet again to cut it and to open the golf course on the day planned, but we are here today, and no one begrudges any effort or difficulty; we are all happy that we now have a golf course in reality.

In the near future within the Pe-

can Grove adjoining the swimming pool will be placed a complete set of the finest playground equipment that is made; the Town of Farmville would rather its young people would work; but, if they can't find work then they must be given wholesome playground facilities — they must be kept off the streets, out of the alleys and in places where their character is in danger; there will also be two nice tennis courts that will be kept in good repair and ready for constant use—thus the circle is almost completed—you will notice that we lack one thing for a well rounded recreational center—that is a Community house—a place for public entertainments, for the local clubs to hold meetings, where a public gathering can be comfortably accommodated in the winter time. Here and now, I want the citizens of Farmville to point their community ambitions to a nice community house; and I want to ask that the WPA and other officials here today view our program in its entirety—and to assist us to round it out with a community building if and when such a thing is possible.

Ladies and gentlemen all these things didn't just happen, nor did one or two people bring it about; the accomplishment of these things here in Farmville typifies what has been done in these United States as a whole—the Federal Government in its new attitude toward humanity has found it right and just to assist the forgotten man to earn a livelihood for himself and his family; and it has cooperated with the local city and county governments to bring about such good and valuable projects as a town, or county needed for the work, and the local governments have called on their citizens to help see that we all do our part; such a program has brought about a situation where every American has come to realize that the happiness of one depends on the happiness of others; no man can live alone; no community can stand apart—and the federal government has rightfully taken its place as the leader and helper of all other governmental units in providing human needs for the unfortunate and protecting the economic rights of the fortunate.

Today we have with us, the State Administrator of the Work Progress Administration, who was at one time Mayor of Winston-Salem, N. C. He has made a record in Washington that the State can be proud of; his records show that he has kept a large number of men at work at a small administrative cost—which was exactly the idea of the WPA. Mr. Coan has come here today to assist us in dedication of our golf course and will present same to the Town of Farmville; I take great pleasure in introducing to you Hon. George W. Coan, Jr., State Administrator of the Works Progress Administration.

## State Professor's Niece Slain In Asheville Hotel

## Pretty 19-Year-Old Helen Clevenger Stabbed and Shot After Attack

Asheville, July 16.—Blonde Helen Clevenger, 19-year-old New York University honor student, was shot to death in her hotel room here early today by an assailant who escaped after mutilating her face with a sharp instrument and attempting to ravish her.

Asheville and Buncombe county officers said tonight they were without a definite clue to the slayer, but they sought an unidentified man who was reported to have been seen at the door of the girl's room about 1 a. m., when some guests heard a woman's scream over the noise of an electric storm.

Miss Clevenger, only child of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Sievenger of Great Kills, Staten Island, N. Y., came here two days ago for a vacation trip with her uncle, Prof. W. L. Clevenger of North Carolina State College at Raleigh.

## Hail Destroys Much Tobacco

### Farmers In Various Sections of County Suffer Heavy Losses

A hail storm which struck Pitt county Wednesday night about 10 o'clock did much damage to tobacco crops in various sections, but no estimate as to the loss was available from reports the city today.

W. H. Moore, who leases the large Foreman farm south of Falkland, said that on his farm at least 88 acres of the leaf was completely destroyed, and added that he had other fields which suffered to a great extent. The farm is located at Bruce center in Falkland township.

The planter declared that three separate clouds from different directions provided hail. He said hail fell for more than one and a half hours, and declared some of it was as large as partridge eggs.

He added that tobacco on the farms of Henry Pittman and Dr. Jennis Morrill, bordering on his place, was torn to pieces, but said the storm did not hit the Cotton Dale farm. He estimated a plot two square miles was hit severe enough to completely destroy the crops. Other nearby farms were slightly damaged, he said.

R. M. Manning of Belvoir, declared that a number of farmers in his section suffered heavy losses from the storm. He said that his crop was destroyed and added that tobacco was ruined or damaged on the farms of S. M. Harris, W. R. Tyson, T. C. Whitley, W. J. Everette, Jimmie Bryant, and on the Wiley place and Jesse Mayo farm.

He declared that it hailed for 59 minutes, rain falling for an additional one hour and 40 minutes. Windows were broken out in the section, the hail even breaking through screens to reach the panes.

"It was the most awful thing I ever saw," he said.

R. R. Bennett, county farm agent, began a tour of the county Thursday to investigate the situation and advise farmers what crops to plant where tobacco has been completely destroyed.

The hail and wind storm struck a section of Greenville township, but was not destructive as in the Falkland and Belvoir areas.

## MASONS HOLD DISTRICT MEETING IN GRIFFON

The Masons of the Fifth Masonic District of North Carolina gathered at Griffon on Monday, July 13, at 7 o'clock for their annual district meeting. Griffon Lodge was host to the meeting, and a sumptuous barbecue feast was served on the school grounds at 7 o'clock.

Prior to the supper, an Officers' conference was held at 5 o'clock in the Community Building, conducted by John H. Anderson, Grand Secretary, Raleigh.

The district meeting proper convened at 8 o'clock, and heard a timely and inspiring address by J. Giles Hudson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. Short talks were also made by the following: R. W. Smith, Ayden; J. B. Bunting, Bethel; John Hill Paylor, Farmville; J. F. Harrington, Greenville; Dr. R. C. Smith, Griffon; J. C. Galloway, Grimesland. The attendance award, a silver loving cup, was awarded Ayden Lodge for the largest percentage of members present. The meeting was presided over by W. J. Bundy, of Greenville, District Deputy Grand Master for the Fifth District.

## LATE MILLIONAIRE ESTATE PAID N. C. NEARLY \$1,000,000

### Law Prevents Revelation By Department of Individual Payments In Inheritance Taxes

Raleigh, July 14.—The estate of the late Bowman Gray of Winston-Salem has paid the State of North Carolina in inheritance taxes indicated at about one million dollars, it was learned today.

Collection records of the Department of Revenue show that \$3,047,888.80 was received in inheritance tax payments between July 1 and 8.

Included in the total was the \$2,015,900 from the estate of the late Zachary Smith Reynolds, of Winston-Salem, and though it is against the law to reveal individual payments, it was learned the Gray estate figure was very close to one million dollars.

Eighteen farm boys and girls of Jones County have enrolled in the 4-H wild life and conservation project begun this summer by the State College extension Service.

## Soil Erosion Program Gets New Allocation

### North Carolina's Share Of Three Million Dollars Will Be \$156,600

Washington, July 14.— President Roosevelt today allocated \$3,000,000 to the Works Progress Administration to continue the WPA nationwide program of soil erosion, flood control, forestation and development of recreational areas.

North Carolina's share of the fund will be \$156,600.

The allocation is made from the funds of the Emergency Relief act of 1935.

At the same time this allocation of funds was announced, the WPA said that, because of drought conditions, many states which otherwise would have received a smaller amount would be given a larger share of the \$3,000,000.

South Carolina, 28 counties of which have been designated as emergency drought areas by the Department of Agriculture, was allotted \$110,908.

Resettlement Administration officials today also turned their drought-relief activities more fully on the South as the situation in the Northwest seemed to be well in hand and the relief program going forward. A preliminary estimate of farm families in South Carolina's 28 drought counties, all of them in the western portion of the state, who would be eligible to receive subsistence grants under the program set the figure at about 15,000. These grants, made for human subsistence only, average in the neighborhood of \$15 to \$18 per month.

No North Carolina areas have been designated as emergency drought areas as yet.

## Liar Charged To President

### Father Coughlin Attacks the President as 'Betrayer'

Cleveland, July 16.— The Rev. Charles E. Coughlin aligned himself with Dr. Francis E. Townsend today, and in an address to the Townsend national convention termed President Roosevelt a "betrayer and a liar."

The founder of the National Union for Social Justice told the two delegations "as far as the National Union is concerned, no candidate which it endorses for Congress can support the great betrayer and liar, Franklin Roosevelt."

"He promised to drive the money changers from the temple but has built up the greatest public debt the nation has ever had," he said. "Is that driving the money changers from the temple?"

He said he was forced to "repudiate" the philosophy of Governor Al M. Landon, Republican nominee for president.

A third party alliance bringing together Father Coughlin, Dr. Townsend and the Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith was formally announced after a conference of the three leaders.

The crusading Detroit priest said soon after his arrival here to address the convention that they had agreed to work to the same end.

"We will stand together against this unholy trinity of Landon, Roosevelt and Browder," Father Coughlin said.

Coughlin heads the union for social justice, Smith, share the wealth organization, and Townsend the \$200 a month pension plan.

Townsend said Chairman James A. Farley was "trying to throw bricks at us in our convention and Smith asserted the Roosevelt administration was a 'settled plot to communize the nation.'"

## ABC Stores In Pitt Make \$48,462 In Year

Greenville, July 14.—The seven Pitt county liquor stores showed a net profit of \$48,462.64 during the period, not quite a year, ending June 30th.

Sales for the period was given as \$223,733.45. The cost of sales was \$146,990.87 and the gross profit of \$76,742.68. The expense of operating the stores was given as \$28,280.04. The Pitt county liquor stores have paid a total of \$6,711.79 in sales tax to the State since they began operation 11 months ago.

Stores in Pitt county are located in Greenville, Farmville, Bethel, Ayden, Griffon, Grimesland and Fountain.

## Governor Replies To War Veterans

### Will Not Pay Interest On Interim Fund; Says Law Unconstitutional

Raleigh, July 16.—Declaring the law in question to be unconstitutional, Governor Ehringhaus made it plain yesterday, in answer to a rap taken at him by the United Spanish War Veterans of the State, that he has no intention of paying to the organization the interest on the interim fund held by him as trustee.

Closing their convention in Asheville, the veterans sharply criticized the Governor for "steadfastly refusing to obey the mandate of the General Assembly to pay interest on the interim fund which was voted for the North Carolina Department United Spanish War Veterans, by the General Assembly of 1933."

The interim fund was collected by Governor Glenn for the purpose of making payments in specific amounts to specifically named veterans of the Spanish-American War. Some of the money was never claimed and the balance, in the neighborhood of \$17,000, remains in the hands of the Governor, as trustee. From time to time, claims are still paid from it.

The 1933 Legislature passed an act directing the Governor to turn over to the veterans' organization the accumulated interest on the fund.

"I have nothing to say about it except what I've already said, publicly and to the veterans themselves," the Governor said yesterday. "The Attorney General informs me that if I pay out that interest money, I then become personally liable for the amount if future claims are made."

"He says the act is unconstitutional. I think that's a good enough answer to their demands. The Legislature was without authority, as anybody can see, to appropriate the money that didn't belong to the State; money that is merely held in the custody of the Governor as trustee. Why, they might as well order you to pay the rent on your house to an organization, or order me to pay the interest on funds held by me, individually, as a trustee for a private estate."

The Governor said he was willing to go into the courts and have a successor trustee appointed and turn the money over to him, but that the veterans did not favor this course of action.

## Allot \$10,000,000 To Employ Youth

Washington, July 14.—Distribution of \$10,000,000 for Youth Administration work projects during the first three months of the new fiscal year was announced today by Aubrey Williams, NYA director.

This was the first allocation from the year's fund of \$71,250,000. Williams announced modification of the recent ruling establishing 18 as the minimum age, saying persons between 16 and 18 years who already have NYA jobs would hold them but no new applicants under 18 would be assigned to work.

Allotments by States include: North Carolina \$217,200; South Carolina \$164,500.

## Kinston Radio Station Approved By Examiner

Washington, July 16.— Examiner Ralph L. Walker recommended to the Communications Commission today that permission be granted to construct a new radio station at Kinston, N. C.

The application, filed by Jones Weiland, asked unlimited operating time, but Walker recommended operation be permitted for day-time only. Night operation, he said, "would cause objectionable interference to and curtail the good service area of station WYVA, Lynchburg, Va."

Day operation, Walker held, would result in no objectionable interference.

Weiland asked permission to operate on a frequency of 1,200 kilocycles with power of 100 watts night and 250 daytime.

Walker said in his report the area which the station proposed to serve did not receive service of a primary character.

## Effort To Shoot British King Staggers London

### Good Program Planned For 4-H Short Course

Rural boys and girls attending the 4-H short course at State College, July 22-27, will represent "the cream of the North Carolina 4-H club members," according to L. R. Harrill, state club leader.

These outstanding members who have been making good in their club projects at home, will be given a program of informative, inspirational, and recreational activities, he added.

Arriving on the afternoon of the 22, they will spend four full and busy days at the college, then leave for home on the morning of the 27.

The general theme of the short course will be "training farm youth in the art of living," Harrill stated. The program will cover many aspects of farm life, including working, playing, and wholesome, more abundant living.

Specialists of the State College extension service will offer a varied course of instruction, including selecting and judging farm crops; feeding, fitting, showing, and judging livestock; forestry, wildlife and conservation, parliamentary procedure; music appreciation, program planning, and recreation leadership.

The boys and girls will also study personal improvement, organization life saving, foods, clothing, room improvement, home beautification, arts and crafts, and other subjects of value to rural youth, Harrill stated.

Daily radio broadcasts, the health pageant, the candle-lighting ceremony, and visits to the State capitol and other places of interest will be features of the short course.

Delegates from every club in the State are expected to be present, Harrill added, and every effort will be made to give them a good time that will be educational and entertaining.

## GOLDSBORO AGAIN BIDS FOR U. S. STOCK YARD

Goldboro, July 16.— The Old Wayne County Fair Grounds north of Goldboro, which were equipped for government stock yards in 1934, may be used again this year for the same purpose.

After it was learned here that the Federal government had appropriated funds with which to buy cattle from farmers in the drought area, F. R. VanNorden, secretary of the Goldsboro chamber of commerce, wrote Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, head of relief corporation that has a lease on the stock yard here, asking her to give consideration to Goldsboro when stock yards are needed in this section.

In 1934, twenty-seven thousand cattle brought from the West were cared for in the stockyards here.

## M. F. Reges Dies, Patent Engineer

### East Orange Man Worked For Patent Office Before Joining Westinghouse

East Orange, N. J. — Marimilian Frederick Reges of 349 Rutledge avenue, East Orange, died Saturday in Homeopathic Hospital after a short illness. Mr. Reges, who was 48, was in charge of the patent office of the Westinghouse Lamp Co., Bloomfield branch.

Mr. Reges was born in Philadelphia, attended Washington public schools and was graduated from George Washington University, where he studied engineering and law.

For several years he was a civil engineer, later entering the U. S. Patent Office as legal examiner. He remained there nine years and then joined Westinghouse at Bloomfield.

Mr. Reges was an enthusiastic golfer and bowler. He was a member of the Supreme Court bar of the District of Columbia and the New York Patent Law Association.

Mr. Reges leaves his wife, Mrs. Louise Reges; a daughter, Mrs. Miriam Gresham; a sister, Mrs. G.A. Jones of Farmville, N. C.; a brother, George Reges of Washington; half-sister, Miss Mary Reges of Washington, and one grandson.

Funeral services were conducted at 2:30 Monday afternoon from the Coty Funeral Home, Montclair, N. J. Entombment was at Fairmont Memorial, Fairmont cemetery, East Orange, N. J.

Mr. Hamilton says the Democrats will do well to win six states and Mr. Farley, privately, admits that the Republicans might win three.

Obviously, two national chairmen can be wrong.

## London Daily Mail Says That Sturdy Constable Knocked Gun from Assailant's Hand; Terrific Tussle Follows—King Cool In Face Of Danger During Procession

London, July 16.— King Edward VIII was saved from assassination today by the prompt intervention of his shocked and outraged subjects.

"The damned fool."

That is what his King had to say by way of comment on the attempt of Andrew Mahon to shoot him. The curt remark was all His Majesty had to say.

The King made his remark to his equerry, Major Sir John Aird, when they returned to Buckingham Palace after the incident.

Mahon, crippled, middle-aged, slightly-bald journalist, was jailed on charges of possessing firearms with intent to kill. An Irishman with what he considered a grievance against British justice, he pointed a revolver at His Majesty at 12:21 o'clock this afternoon.

Newspapers and officials were unable to agree whether the assailant was correctly named George Andrew Mahon, George Andrew McMahon or Jerome Bannigan. He was called Mahon for the most part and so booked at the Bow Street Court. Scotland Yard officials said today were continuing to determine the assailant's identity definitely and to decide just who prevented him from shooting the King.

According to the Daily Express, the man, who was engulfed by throngs before he could shoot, was Jerome Bannigan, 34, an Irishman who made his home at Glasgow with a nearly blind, 80-year-old father. He has a brother, named Patrick Bannigan, who is a Roman Catholic priest in Dublin.

The News Chronicle said the assailant was George Andrew Mahon, a Scotsman who has lived for the last three years with his wife in the basement of a one-room flat at Westbourne, Terrace, Paddington, London. His wife is employed in a dress shop. Neighbors described McMahon to the News Chronicle as "a man with a pleasant manner, devoted to his wife. He is an idealist." The newspaper understood he had a grievance against the police and wrote frequent letters to Scotland Yard.

McMahon also was known as Mahon. The Daily Press said that the assailant's father, upon hearing the news of the attempt on the King's life, bowed his head, as his eyes filled with tears, said:

"This is too terrible. My son's drinking bouts may have turned his head. He needs medical examination. His brother, Patrick, the one who is a priest, did all he could for Jerome. But Jerome gradually drifted from home. We lost sight of him entirely."

According to the Daily Express, the Bannigan family are natives of Cookston, Tyrone, Ireland.

Police indicated they know in advance that there was to be trouble when His Majesty led his crack guardsmen on parade.

Special Constable Anthony Gordon Dick, was identified by the London Daily Mail as the man responsible for saving the life of King Edward.

## Four Signify Desire For Post In Congress

Greenville, July 14.—With Lindsay C. Warren authoritatively reported to be in line for the post of Comptroller-General of the United States, at least four Pitt County citizens are in the running to succeed him as Congressman from the First District.

J. Con Lanier and F. C. Harding each declared they were out for the post. W. J. Bundy declared that he would like to have it, and Mayor M. K. Blount declared he would welcome the appointment if Mr. Warren resigns.

Should Mr. Warren resign from Congress, the First congressional district executive committee would select the nominee to come up in the November election. This committee is composed of Herbert Bonner, of Beaufort; W. W. Jarvis, of Currituck; M. R. Daniels, of Dare; W. O. Crump, of Gates; O. L. Williams, of Hyde; L. L. Stevens, of Camden; J. G. Stanton, of Martin; N. P. Parker, of Pasquotank; J. E. Morris, of Perquimans; W. I. Bissett, of Pitt; C. J. Cohoon, of Tyrrell; W. R. Hampton, of Washington, and A. J. Ely, of Hertford.

It begins to look like nature wants to see how dry it can make America.