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## Armory In Greenville Dedicated Wednesday

### Governor Hoey Is Principal Speaker at Dedication Exercises at the City-County Armory Recently Finished.

Greenville, Dec. 1.—Using as the theme of his address "Community Spirit and its Progressiveness," Governor Clyde R. Hoey climaxed the exercises here this afternoon officially dedicating the city-county armory which was erected at an estimated cost of \$50,000 through joint appropriations of the city, county and federal governments.

Governor Hoey, who was introduced by Col. E. G. Flanagan of Greenville, praised the "united community spirit and enterprises" in North Carolina, and added that the construction and dedication of the armory represents a worthwhile achievement. He added that it is more than a home for the military unit of Greenville.

Enlarged Horizon. "In this day we are thinking in terms of community life. During recent years we have made substantial progress in broadening our view and enlarging our horizon above and beyond merely our personal interests or mental needs," said Governor Hoey "and we are constantly thinking in terms of our community, our county, state and nation."

"We realize the importance of cooperative efforts in education, agriculture, business and industry and the more we work together and understand the problems to be dealt with and solved in each line of activity, the better conditions will become and the greater success can be obtained," Governor Hoey added. Continuing his talk, he declared that there is no reason for hostility between labor and employees, farmers and mechanics, or any other profession or calling. He pointed out that we are all comprised in the term "community life" and the more contributions we make in thought and effort into solving community problems, the more unit and harmony will exist among all elements of the community.

Peace and Harmony. "North Carolina has no large cities but a great many prosperous and growing cities, towns and villages, and in addition to these many rural communities where the real life of a great people find expression in community activities in promotion of the common good," he said. "The peace and harmony prevailing throughout the states in towns and country, is more gratifying and is largely the result of united community spirit and enterprise," Governor Hoey added.

It was pointed out by the Governor that democracy protects the rights of the strong, the weak and the humble, and that our nation has thrived through these 150 years since its birth, irrespective of the gloomy outlook by some of our predecessors and that there should be no trouble about the extent of the patriotism of its people.

Governor Hoey concluded his address by saying: "North Carolina is a great commonwealth and looks forward to greater strides in the future than ever before. The spirit which existed among our fathers still exist, and it is my hope that the people of the State will continue their progress."

Coan Is Heard. George W. Coan, State Administrator of the Works Progress Administration, who turned the keys of the armory over to Mayor M. K. Blount, in behalf of the city and county co-sponsors of the project pointed out that the purpose of the WPA in the State has been to give useful work to the needy. He added that the federal government has employed an average of 30,000 people in the commonwealth.

The local armory is one of the 21 erected in this State. The WPA has also erected 40 art and agricultural buildings in the State, as well as more than 200 school buildings or additions.

Mayor Blount said that "the armory is a monument of peace and, we as a peace loving people hope that it will serve that purpose." He expressed appreciation in behalf of the city and county to officials of the WPA, and workers for their cooperation in developing the project. Mayor Blount turned the armory keys over to J. H. Walrop, commanding officer of Battery A, 113th Field Artillery, the local unit of the National Guard.

A street parade was staged by the members of the local battery at 4 o'clock, with music furnished by the Greenville High School band. The parade, which was followed by members of the Highway Patrol, police officers, fire department, and the official car.

battery chaplain of the local unit, presided over the exercises. In addition to Governor Hoey, and other state dignitaries, there were a large number of State WPA officials attending the exercises.

## Honor Roll Third Month Farmville High School

First Grade:—Marie Roberson, Jay Flanagan, Mary Allen, Ruth Moore, Elsie May, Joyce Perry, Fannie Quinn, Jo Ann Rollins, Janet Stansill, Evelyn Speight, Sallie Brown Tyson.

Second Grade:—Cedric Davis, Neal Howard, Jr., Charles Parker, Dora Mae Barrett, Ann Moore, Mary Ann Rouse, Vivian Scott, Jayce Tyson, Heber Worthington, Eli Godley.

Third Grade:—Billy Batton, Bruce Darden, Sterling Gates, Dan Morgan, Tommy Ramey, Harold Rouse, Jackie Willis, Sybil Barrett, Dora Speight, Treathan, Maxine Warren, Babbis Williford, Maynard Thorne.

Fourth Grade:—Clyde Elizabeth Brooks, Ethel Edmundson, Margie Johnson, Olive Johnson, Margaret Bynum, Flora Dean Johnson, Leah Kemp, Jonsie Mae Moore, Mary Leah Thorne, Jane Turnage, Sallie Ruth Jones, L. D. Braxton, Charles Carr, Harry Davis, Marvin Horton, Milton Williamson.

Fifth Grade:—Bobbie Smith, Etta Frances Harper, Jeanne Reese, Bob Taylor, Elizabeth May, Ralph Oglesby.

Sixth Grade:—Lois Jones, Alma Gray Lilly, Wilma Stansill, Agnes Quinerly.

Seventh Grade:—Annie Laurie Skinner, Dorothy Clarke, Ann Jones, Alice Harper Parker, Helen Rouse, Addie Ruth Taylor, Annie Laurie Wooten.

Eighth Grade:—Dorothy Lewis, Bill Rasberry, Bobby Rouse, Boots Thomas.

Ninth Grade:—Hettie Belle Turnage, Nellie Letchworth, Retha Mae Simpson, Pauline Farmer, Jesse Gay, William Pollard.

Tenth Grade:—Blanche Bryan, Graydon Jones, Mary Thorne Tyson, Hazeldon Liles.

Eleventh Grade:—Thomas Clarke, Julian Smith, Helen Allen, Frances Smith, Doris Rouse, Helen Judy, Vivian Lewis, Frances Newton.

Some people don't care how much money you spend if they can save a few nickels.

Washington, Nov. 30.—President Roosevelt's message to Congress recommending the virtual halving of Federal appropriations for roads of all kinds, which now total \$238,000,000 a year, was received rather coldly by the North Carolina delegation in the House, but was warmly received by Senator Josiah W. Bailey, who has opposed much New Deal legislation.

## Roosevelt Gets Bailey Approval

### Senator Likes Idea of Halving Federal Appropriations For Roads Built.

North Carolina now receives annually \$4,842,707 of the \$200,000,000 apportioned directly to the states, and in addition, receives its share of the \$38,000,000 spent for roads on Federal lands. The \$4,500,000 appropriated this year after a heard fight for the Great Smoky Mountains National Park comes from this latter fund, as does funds for roads within the park itself and roads in the numerous national forests.

The mechanics of the Federal legislation are so complicated as almost to defy a layman. In 1935 Congress authorized the expenditure of each of the fiscal years 1937-38, and 1938-39 of \$125,000,000 in regular Federal aid to primary roads in the states; \$25,000,000 for secondary roads and \$30,000,000 for highway crossing eliminations. In addition to this \$200,000,000 administered by the Department of Agriculture and apportioned directly to the states, there is also apportioned annually to the Department of Agriculture \$16,500,000 for forest highways and roads across public lands and \$21,000,000 for roads in parks and parkways connecting parks.

Urk in Law. The law is peculiar in that the Secretary of Agriculture is directed to make allocations to the states six months before the beginning of each year, but the actual appropriation is not made until the money is available from the budget.

## Reveals Grounds For Power Peace With New Deal

### Utility Executive thinks 'Satisfactory Relationship' Can Be Arranged To Meet Need Of Private Investment.

Washington, Nov. 30.—Major concessions to the New Deal power policy and a series of compromise proposals, were advanced as the basis for an administration-utilities "peace pact" by Wendell L. Wilkie, president of Commonwealth and Southern Corporation in his recent conference with President Roosevelt, it was recently learned authoritatively.

In a memorandum, Wilkie informed the president he believed a "satisfactory relationship" could be worked out "without injury to legitimate investment and well within the broad framework of your social objectives."

The memorandum was submitted by Wilkie at a White House conference November 23, and President Roosevelt has it under advisement. He made no reference to the specific proposals in the memorandum itself although at a subsequent press conference he discussed his conversation with the utility executive.

On the question of property valuation—a point long at controversy between utility interests and the administration, and which is the basic factor in making rates for electric power—the utility executive suggested a two-point formula, containing concessions of far-reaching significance:

1. He proposed that utilities should eliminate immediately from their capital structures all of the "write-ups" in property value which have heretofore been claimed by the Federal Trade Commission;

2. He recommended acceptance of the "prudent investment" theory of valuation, as desired by the administration—which contemplates, as the Federal Power Commission views it, what was prudently and honestly invested in physical property—instead of the present method, which takes into account the reproduction cost new.

If Wilkie's suggestion on "Write-ups" were accepted by other utilities, it would mean the scaling down of the utility industry's present capital structure of around \$12,000,000,000 by almost 15 per cent.

In its final report of 1935, the Trade Commission estimated that in about 85 per cent of the industry—or 18 top holding companies 42 subsidiary holding companies and 91 operating companies—there was around \$1,491,000,000 in "write-ups, improperly capitalized intangibles and inflation included in the capital assets."

Other "clarifications," Wilkie said are necessary "in order to establish a relationship between the government and utilities which will restore investment confidence in the industry."

## Injuries Prove Fatal To Pitt County Man

Greenville, Nov. 30.—Injuries received by William Lafayette Ross some time ago when the cart on which he was riding was involved in a collision with an automobile driven by Ralph C. Murray of Spring Hope proved fatal to Ross, who died at his home at Fleming's Cross Roads today. He was 66 year old.

Funeral services will be conducted at the home Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Rev. F. F. Pittman of Ayden, assisted by the Rev. M. A. Woodard of Winterville. Burial will be in the family cemetery.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Sadie Clemmons Ross, surviving are two daughters, Mrs. M. L. Sutton of Macesfield and Mrs. F. V. Stokes of Greenville; two sons, Clifton Ross of Ayden and Hubert Ross of Greenville N. C.

Mr. Ross was an influential farmer. He had spent his entire life in Pitt County and was a member of Parker's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church.

## Local Market Closes Best Season Today

The Farmville Tobacco Market, which will close its most successful season with today's sale, has sold to date 23,039,852 pounds for \$6,025,594.90; average \$26.15.



THE TWO AMERICAS DEMOCRACY LEADING 13 DICTATOR NATIONS IN CENTRAL AMERICA ISLAND REPUBLICS COLOMBIA DEMOCRATIC SOUTH AMERICA LAND-OWNERS CONTROL FUTURE COMPLICATIONS

(Hugo S. Sims, Washington Correspondent.)

While waiting for Congressional action on the major measures now pending before the special session and for business and the Administration to conclude their process of adjusting differences, we are going to make a rough survey of the situation in the Western Hemisphere, where more than a score of nations are grappling with serious domestic problems while their foreign problems relationships become increasingly important.

At the start we are going to write off, so far as this discussion is concerned, all the territory to the north of the United States, including Canada and other British areas. There is, we think; no cause for alarm over the lands that separate the United States and Alaska. Relations have rarely been better and the future outlook is bright for sensible cooperation in the improvement of trade and cultural intercourse. To the south, however, when we cross the Rio Grande, we face a different situation, and it does not change much as we pass through Central America and go into the nations of South America.

Altogether, including the island republics to which we refer later, there are twenty republics in Central and South America. In a vague way the people of the United States think of them as "American" in the sense that they think of the institutions of the United States. There is a general idea that they are developing along the same general lines, that they sympathize with our ideals and that they incline to follow in the footsteps of this country. The other republics admire democracy like the United States as a protector, and are doing what they can to make the two Americas shine as an example to a troubled world.

Well, let's see about it. To begin with, out of the twenty republics, only four can be classed democratic, three would be classed as radical or of the left, and the other thirteen are definitely of the rightist or dictator type, with tendencies toward the dictator fascist forms. These classifications are somewhat general but they represent reasonable approximations. In the thirteen republics now ruled by strong-arm dictators there is practically nothing left of representative government, the opposition is almost universally outlawed and the administration in power is supported by the military. Significantly, the land-owning classes in almost all of these republics are the chief beneficiaries of the conservative governments and the main prop to their support.

Beginning at the Rio Grande and continuing to the Panama Canal there are seven republics starting with leftist Mexico and its 17,000,000 people. The next four nations, in order as they come, are Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua ruled by dictators who seized their power by arms, aligned behind an anti-communist pact of their own and working together to suppress their political enemies as "communists." The most popular, Guatemala, (2,250,000) and El Salvador (1,500,000), under German and Italian influence, respectively, quit the league of nations and the former was the first nation in the world to recognize Manchukuo. The other pair, Honduras (900,000) and Nicaragua (800,000) are just as firmly fascist, and now in dispute over a boundary line.

If we look eastward we see the island of Cuba (4,000,000) under a military dictator and the Dominican Republic (1,500,000) were ruled by force has been carried to its greatest extent. Between these two, on the same island with the Dominican Republic, lies Haiti (2,500,000), now under a democratic president after long years of dictatorships. The recent killing of a number of Haitian laborers (Continued on Page 4)

## Report Japanese Have Huge Force In Canton Region

### Missionaries Say 50,000 Men In South China; Fear Drive Against Canton.

Shanghai, Thursday, Dec. 2.—Japan today was reported to have landed 50,000 soldiers in South China in an apparent drive on the great metropolis of Canton, a principal source of Chinese Military Supplies.

Foreign military attaches said that if Canton is taken, a vital blow will be struck at the huge trade of the British Crown colony of Hongkong; and that already tense relations between London and Tokyo would be strained further.

Hongkong exists almost exclusively on commerce with Canton, the financial and commercial center of South China.

Dispatches from Hongkong said that Dr. Henry Blader of New York, a widely-known worker for the relief of Chinese lepers, reached the British colony after an automobile trip thru Toishan and reported that approximately 50,000 Japanese soldiers had landed on Chekai Island, 70 miles southwest of the British city. The island is in the southern delta of the Pearl River system and would be an ideal base for a drive inland on Canton, Wuchow and other South China cities.

The Japanese army landed near Hongkong was reported supported by a cruiser and four destroyers lying off Chekai Island as well as the air force from Japanese aircraft carriers in the vicinity.

A group of Catholic priests from the interior confirmed the landing. Developments.

Other developments during the past 24 hours included: 1. In Shanghai, Japanese naval authorities returned the American-owned tug Feiting and apologized for its seizure Monday. Admiral Kiyoshi Hasegawa was understood firmly to have apologized for the seizure, which he said, was based on reports that the tug was really Chinese owned and had been transferred to American registry illegally. An Italian tug also was freed by the Japanese.

Return of the seized American and Italian tugs followed vigorous protests by both powers. Admiral Harry E. Yarnell was particularly indignant at the Japanese action in lowering the American flag and informed them this must not be done again under any circumstances without first informing the United States consulate general. The Japanese restored United States and Italian flags to the ships before towing back to the wharf from which they had been seized.

William Hunt, representing the United States shipping concern from which the Feiting was taken, announced that "our steam launch has been returned by the Japanese navy and we are gratified and appreciative of the manner in which this mistake was corrected."

2. In Nanking, the United States embassy transmitted to American Consul General Clarence Gauss in Shanghai a proposal of the international committee in the partly-avacuated Chinese national capital for establishment of a neutral refuge zone around the city of Wuhu, southwest of Nanking on the Yangtze River. The zone would accommodate Chinese non-combatants certain to be caught in the Japanese military drive on Nanking. The consulate was to deliver the proposal to the Japanese authorities in Shanghai, asking their consent to the plan, which already has been accepted in principle by the Chinese military authorities.

TAR HEELS ARE SAFE IN CHINESE TERRITORY. Shanghai, Dec. 2.—(Thursday)—Alarm was felt here today for the safety of 13 Americans, mostly women and children, marooned in an isolated region in the center of Chinese-Japanese fighting.

Mission headquarters and the United States Consulate General expressed anxiety after more than a week had passed without a word from the Americans.

They were last known to be in a missionary rendezvous at Mokanshan near the Chekiang - Anhwei province border. Chinese and Japanese have been fighting on all sides of Mokanshan and deserters from the Chinese army, turned bandits, have been reported looting there.

The Americans are professor and Mrs. D. L. Shertz and four children (address not given); Mrs. W. H. Park, Hawthorn, Fla; Mrs. H. L. Sone and two children, Chillicothe, Texas; Miss L. B. Edgar, Lawrence, Kansas; Miss G. S. McCulloch, Jackson, Miss.; Mrs. E. J. Peterson, New Sweden, Me.

The Japanese consulate at Shanghai reported five Americans were

## Descendants Tysons And Mays Gather For Annual Reunion

### Found safe at Kwangfoh. Their names were given as Mason Young, Anderson, S. C.; Henry H. Millian, of Blackstone, Va.; H. A. McNulty, New York; and Lucy Grier, Montreal, N. C.

## Presentation Of "The Messiah"

### To Be Musical Event Of Year; Keen Interest Is Being Shown In This Section In Chorus Rendition.

The presentation here of Handel's immortal masterpiece, "The Messiah," on Sunday afternoon, December 12, at three o'clock by the Eastern Carolina Symphonic Chorus, which is the announced contribution of the Chorus to the Christmas spirit in this section of the State, will doubtless be greeted by a capacity audience in the Methodist Church.

Keen interest and enthusiasm is already being manifested in the prospective presentation of this mighty work, which the great Handel has woven into a perfect word and tone tapestry revealing the prophecies; "The Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in; Behold, He shall come, saith the Lord of Hosts"; the Nativity, "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given," the life of the Messiah, His Crucifixion and Resurrection, all of the important events of His earthly existence included in this greatest of all oratorios.

Sidney A. Bullock, the director of the hundred voices in the Chorus, has been striving for the past three months to perfect its rendition and it is his sincere intention to make it fulfill its purpose by the inspiration caught from the dramatic beauty of the words and the rich and colorful harmony of the voices, which grips and uplifts the hearers and the singers and the director as well. Mrs. Laywood Smith, as accompanist, lends her exceptional talent and her knowledge of music in the instrumental support of the Chorus.

This presentation will be the highest achievement of the Symphonic Chorus and is a musical event indeed for Eastern Carolina.

The oratorio will be given again in Ayden that same evening, in Snow Hill on Sunday afternoon, December 19, and in Goldsboro that evening.

The following committees have been appointed to serve in connection with the rendition here; Stage—Pierson Hassell, C. F. Baucum, Bill Worthington; Decoration—Mrs. H. M. Wilson, Miss Florence Lewis, Mrs. Ralph Collins; Transportation—Mrs. C. F. Baucum, Mrs. Daisy H. Smith and Mrs. Chas. W. Shackelford.

## Christmas Seal Sale Underway

The local Tuberculosis Christmas Seal Sale, which is being sponsored by the Farmville Literary Club, with Miss Tabitha DeVisconti as its chairman, is now well underway and is chairman announces her gratification at the splendid cooperation she is receiving from the various clubs and church organizations, which are assisting in the sales daily and from the citizens of the community who are readily purchasing the seals in response to appeal, and have swelled the fund to \$71.05 during the first three days of this first week.

The following workers representing the Literary Club, Junior Woman's Club, American Legion Auxiliary, Merry Matrons, Presbyterian Auxiliaries and the Methodist Missionary Society have worked in the Seal Sale this week; Mrs. A. B. Moore, Mrs. P. E. Jones, Mrs. Henrietta M. Williamson, Mrs. J. Y. Monk, Mrs. W. M. Willis, James Darden for Mrs. J. H. Darden, Miss Edna Robinson, Mrs. Mac Carraway, Mrs. James Smith, Mrs. Blackwood, Miss Vernice Lang Jones, Mrs. R. C. Thornton, Mrs. J. T. Pierce, Mrs. Westley R. Willis, Mrs. A. C. Monk, Miss Elizabeth Fields, Mrs. Pearl Johnston, Mrs. W. E. Joyner, Mrs. J. L. Shackelford.

Seals, amounting to \$25, have been placed in the hands of Superintendent J. H. Moore to be sold by the members of the faculty.

The colored school teachers under the supervision of Principal Sugg is selling their quota of \$10.

L. H. Ray, Yancey County grower, has secured good results from planting sericea lespedeza of steep land which was subject to severe erosion.

## Tyson - May Reunion Held At The Christian Church Here Friday; Many Heirlooms Exhibited.

More than two hundred descendants of the pioneer families-Tyson and Mays, gathered here Friday in the Christian Church for their annual reunion, held jointly as the two families were united in Colonial days by the marriage of Miss Mary Tyson to Major Benjamin May.

Invocation was offered by Rev. C. B. Mashburn, an adopted son, and the address of welcome by John B. Lewis, former president.

The Rev. J. N. Bynum, of Roanoke Rapids, presided and spoke on the value of reunions; the hardships of the olden days; the heritage left by ancestors of the two families, and the obligations and privileges of their descendants, appealing to them to regard aristocracy as "something not to be lived on but something to be lived up to." The President, a native son of this community, also recalled his childhood days and related several amusing incidents connected with his family.

Miss Tabitha De Visconti presented the family tree, introduced families present for the first time, and upon motion was given a rising vote of thanks and upon motion of Dr. J. Y. Joyner elected for life as genealogical chairman of the organization.

Walter G. Sheppard, of Snow Hill, a former president, led the round table discussion and made a timely address on "Peace," as the theme of the day's program, picturing world conditions and urging Americans to "think, practice and pray for peace."

Pointing with pride to the Tysons and May pioneers as peace loving men, he summoned several famous fighters of the Indians and heroes of other wars to testify to their courage and valour but prayed them as men whose peaceful demeanor predominated, and who preferred to beat their swords into ploughshares, giving an example of their traditional spirit of forbearance a true incident relating to young turkeys, beheaded and sent home by an irate neighbor, who was to feel great chagrin next day when his family received a large tray of baked turkey with all the accessories from the adjoining plantation.

Though a World War Veteran, Mr. Sheppard did not advocate "peace at any price," but deplored "the unspeakable methods being used in modern warfare, which may force the world into strife in order that peace and security may prevail in the future."

Mrs. Mary Moyer Patterson, Reunion secretary related several true stories regarding temperance and prohibition in the old and present day families; Fred Sutton, of Kinston, recounted some interesting experiences of his travels through England during the Coronation of King George, and paid a tribute to the family forefathers, pointing out the opportunities their descendants have "to preserve the peace for which they fought so valiantly," and calling attention to the unique position in which the United States finds herself today—the hope of the world.

Mrs. Annie Barrett, Wilson, speaking, as she said, in behalf of the D. A. R.'s, the U. D. C.'s, and War Mothers expressed her desire for peace but at the same time stressed the need for adequate defense.

Joe May, of Kinston, and Dr. Lee Carr, of LaGrange, spoke briefly on family ties and of peace from their viewpoints.

Bringing the round table discussion to a close were the remarks of Dr. J. Y. Joyner, of La Grange, introduced by Mr. Sheppard as "the grand (Continued on Page Four)

## WHO KNOWS?

1. Is airship travel more comfortable than in heavier-than-air ships?
  2. What is the latest estimate of the population of the United States?
  3. Can the President declare war without the consent of Congress?
  4. What portion of the United States has been covered in the topographical maps of the Geological survey?
  5. How many homes are annually constructed in the United States?
  6. Is there any ratio for park areas in cities?
  7. How much has the cost of living increased in the past year?
  8. What are our annual exports to Great Britain?
  9. Is there any law in the United States to prevent a President from serving a third term?
  10. How does the world wheat supply compare with that of last year?
- (See "The Answers" on Page 2)

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