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Windsor Agencies Giving Aid to 96 Left Homeless

Appeals for Aid In Rehabilitation Sent Out; Damage Set at Above $50,000.

Windsor, Feb. 22. — Windsor citizens today began the extensive task of rehabilitation in the nearby Green's Cross section, which last night was swept by a tornado that caused three deaths, sent nearly a score of persons to the Windsor Hospital, and left 96 persons homeless.

Local civic organizations, the Bertie County Welfare Department, the Red Cross, Boy Scouts, and other groups combined efforts to provide shelter, food, and clothing for the afflicted. Contributions from various sections of the state began coming in this morning following an appeal broadcast from the hospital.

Property damage in the storm, which swept a three-mile path through the thickly populated farming sectiton, was estimated at between $50,000 and $60,000. Mayor J. A. Pritchett of Windsor, who is directing relief work, sent an appeal to Senator Robert R. Reynolds in Washington asking him to seek Works Progress Administration aid in rehabilitation. Associates of the Senator said he will communicate with WUA officials tomorrow.

Woman Dies In Hospital.

The death toll of the tornado rose to three early this morning with the death of Mrs. George Lawrence, 66 in the local hospital. Robert Lawrence, 94, and Police Chief J. W. Brown of Colerain were other victims. Lawrence died in the hospital of injuries received when his home was destroyed. Brown was killed when his car struck a bus that had been stopped by a fallen tree.

Previously it was erroenously reported that J. S. Mizzelle, who was brought to the hospital last night, was dead. Mizzelle was discharged from the hospital this morning.

Two In Critical Condition.

Two other injured were reported to be in a critical condition. They are Mrs. J. S. Mizzelle and Mrs. Ernest Castello. Mrs. Mizzelle received a leg fracture and also other injuries; Mrs. Castello, who received a skull fracture, was paralyzed, attaches said.

The condition of six other patients, one of whom was brought to the hospital today, was said to be good or fair. The additional patient is Mrs. McKinnley Conner. Nine persons were discharged from the hospital today.

A survey by the Bertie County Welfare Department, with the aid of Boy Scouts, showed that 21 families—96 persons in all—were homeless. The rehabilitation problem was increased when the two-story home of C. J. Rhodes, which escaped damage in the tornado, was destroyed by fire early this morning. Eight persons lived in the house.

Red Cross workers from Norfolk, Va., special highway patrol details, and an augmented force of sheriff's deputies aided in caring for the victims. State police stopped sightseers from parking in the stricken area as a precaution against looting.

Two Will Stand Trial For Saratoga Robbery

Wilson, Feb. 22. — Two tiny spots of paint and a conflict in testimony regarding time in the case caused Walter Morgan, Farmville young man, and Mrs. Ida Pittman, Wilson County woman, to be bound over to the Superior Court Grand jury yesterday by Judge O. P. Dickinson in County Court on charges of conspiracy to rob, housebreaking, and stealing "approximately $500" from the safe of J. B. Owens, elderly Saratoga store keeper, on February 3.

Morgan was ordered held under $900; Mrs. Pittman was placed under $100 bond.

Defense testimony regarding an alibi which tended to place Morgan and Mrs. Pittman away from the scene at the time the robbery was committed as conflicting.

For the State, Detective R. L. Gay of the local police force, testified that he found a spot of green paint on one of the deposits boxes in the safe and found a similar spot on the tumbler of the safe, which apparently was knocked off inside the Owens home.

Gay said that Morgan had just recently painted his Farmville filling station the same color of green, although Gay said that he could not tell whether it was the same paint.

The robbers broke into Owen's home on February 3, according to testimony, and after attempting to open the huge safe indoors took it out in the yard and rolled it around until it opened.

Owens testified that he had no idea how much was in the safe. Estimates have ranged from $500 to $2,000.

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Italian sailors may be able to and Spanish Spain, but who will keep it sound?

House Approves Loan Agency Bill

Measure To Continue Export - Import Bank Two Years Gets Large Majority.

Washington, Feb. 21. — A bill to continue the Export-Import Bank for two years emerged unscatched from a rough and tumble, partisan scrap in the House today and was dispatched to the Senate by a vote of 280 to 77.

Raising cries that the bank might lead the nation into war by making loans to beligerent countries, Republicans tried to kill off the agency, and when that maneuver failed, to limit its activities.

But with the Democratic majority operating in steam-roller fashion for the first time in this Congress, every Republican attempt to amend the measure was brushed aside.

The bill would advance from June 30, 1939, to June 30, 1941, the date when the bank's powers expire. It also would place a $100,000,000 limit on the amount of loans the bank may have outstsanding.

Another provision would continue the Commodity Credit Corporation for the same period and raise its borrowing capacity from $500,000,000 to $900,000,000.

(This corporation was set up to lend money to farmers "to finance the carrying and orderly marketing of agricultural commodities." The Export-Import Bank was established to finance trade with foreign nations and U. S. dependencies).

While the House was in the midst of a hot debate over the legislation, the Senate Banking Committee approved an almost identical bill.

In that committee, too, Republican criticism was directed at the measure on grounds the Export-Import Bank loans were made to implement foreign policy.

The committee heard Jesse H. Jones, chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and the bank, assert that he was especially desirious of stimulating exports to South America.

"Otther countries are making a strong drive for trade down there and are extending liberal credits," he remarked. "If the South American countries are going to trade with us they have got to have credit. If we don't want that trade to get away from us we must give them credit."

Representative Wolcott (R.-Mich.), chairman of a Republican committee which is working out party policy on the continuation of expiring New Deal agencies, led the futile House fight against the Export-Import Bank.

But on the vote on passage, several Republicans pulled out of line to vote for the legislation, and not a single Democrat voted against it.

Chanel Project To Begin April 1

Government Calls For Bids On Dredging Tar From Washington To Hardee's Creek.

Greenville, Feb. 22. — Work on the Tar River channel has been advertised and bids will be opened March 7, according to advice received here today from Congressman Lindsay C. Warren. He said that the project is expected to be started April 1 and be completed by September 1.

Representative Warren said that all requirements of local cooperation in connection with the proposal have been completed. Completion of the project, calling for a 12-foot channel from Washington to Hardee's Creek will be the culmination of plans launched a number of years ago.

Although turned down twice by the Federal government, the proposal was reopened by Congressman Warren. War Department engineers last year approved the project, and Congress made an appropriation exceeding $300,000.

The Norfolk - Baltimore and Carolina Steamship Line, operating to North Carolina points, plans to begin a regular schedule of operations to the new terminus as soon as it is completed. A turning basin and docks will be about three miles below Greenville. The channel will be 100 feet wide.

Outclasses Dad

C. S. Windley of Pinetown, Beaufort County, received an average of 17.5 cents per bird from his flock of 250 White Leghorn hens last month, while his son, C. B. noted 27 cents from each of 22 hens in his flock. Feed and other costs were deducted.

France Reported Ready To Accede To Rebel Wishes

Indications Are That Bonnett Has Decided Upon Unconditional Recognition.

Paris, Feb. 21. — The French government was reported tonight to have decided to accord unconditional recognition to the Spanish Nationalist regime and to send a French general as its first ambassador to Burgos.

Diplomats, who reported that Foreign Minister Bonnet had dropped all conditions for granting formal recognition, said General Georges Catroux, commander of French troops in Algeria, is the leading candidate for the Burgos post.

General Franco, however, apparently is in no hurry to conclude even simple recognition arrangements with France.

Senator Leon Berard, French semi-official envoy, announced his scheduled meeting at Burgos with the Nationalist foreign minister, Count Francisco Gomez Jordana, had been postponed from tomorrow until Thursday.

Count Jordana notified Berard that "communications are too difficult between Burgos and Barcelona" for him to keep the appointment, at which the French senator was expected to inform the Nationalist of French recognition.

After talking by telephone with Premier Daladier, the French emissary, waiting at Saint Jean de Luz, on th border, told correspondents that "there can be no question of France's setting conditions for resumption of arrangements with Nationalist Spain.

Prisoners Sent Back.

At Perpignan, it was announced that 500 Nationalist prisoners handed over to France by Spanish government forces fleeing from Catalonia already had been sent to Franco territory.

The question of the prisoners had been one dispute standing between France and Nationalist Spain.

Berard was expected to promise surrender of quantities of arms and munitions deposited in France by the fleeing Spanish government army.

(Since February 6, when Generallissimo Franco demanded unconditional surrender of the Spanish government, British officials have admitted that they are in no position to demand conditions before recognizing the Nationalists.

(Sir Robert Hodgson, British representattive in Burgos, has emphasized British hopes that Franco would show mercy to government leaders, but this no longer is regarded as a condition for recognition).

Diplomats believe the French cabinet will vote full recognition at a meeting this week end, unless some unforseen complication arises.

The foreign office, taking cognizance of opposition press assertions that the United States opposes immediate recognition, issued a statement declaring that "American diplomacy is not at all opposed to French and British recognition of the Spanish Nationalist government when they judge fit."

President Manuel Azana of Spain, who is residing in the Spanish embassy here, was said to have assured France and Britain that he will make their course easier by resigning his post as soon as the Nationalist regime is recognized.

Such a move would weaken the already shaky legal position of the Spanish government.

Reports from Montpellier, in Southern France, said Azana's family had taken a villa and that he would join them soon. By leaving the Spanish embassy, technically Spanish soil, Azana would relinquish all legal standing as chief of the Spanish state.

By Bonnet's reported decision, France would drop her original demand that Franco promise amnesty for Republican leaders and refrain from military or diplomatic pacts with Germany or Italy in return for full recognition.

Bonnet's decision to bow in the face of Franco's refusal to outline his future policy was said to have been reached last night in a conference with Premier Daladier.

With early recognition of Nationalist Spain, France's most pressing problem would concern disposition of some 250,000 Spanish refugees still in France.

The chief aspect is financial—it is costing the government 3,500,000 francs ($91,000) a day to care for the refugees.

The government was disclosed today to have officially asked the United States, Great Britain, and Russia for aid both in financing this work and in taking the refugees off its hands.

The foreign office announced the United States and Britain has agreed to help French refugee organizations mainly through the Red Cross, both countries said they could not help in taking refugees.

Hoey Defends Big Increase in Budget

Declares Expanded Services Demanding Revenue.

Charlotte, Feb. 22. — A joint session of the North Carolina Senate and House, meeting in the Charlotte armory-auditorium heard Governor Hoey promise today that the state's budget would be balanced, and express a belief that business should work together for the general welfare.

A guest of honor at the session was South Carolina's youthful Governor B. R. Maybank, who spoke briefly.

Governor Maybank complimented North Carolina for its "liberalism" and said the Carolinas had "gone along side by side for generations in a steady march to progress."

The joint session dissolved at 12:15 p. m., on motion of Senator Lumpkin of Franklin.

The Governor defended the rapid increase in the state's budget during the past eight years, saying the money "has not been extravagantly spent," then counselled "there can be no such thing as expanding public service and contracting tax levies."

There is a general feeling, Hoey said, that conditions do not warrant major changes in tax policies now, neither in the way of new levies nor general increases, therefore the budget may only partially meet the real needs of some agencies and institutions.

"When this General Assembly adjourns," the Governor stated empatically, "we will have a balanced budget provided for the next biennium."

"I am happy to greet the splendid citizenship of Charlotte and Mecklenburg county on this memorable occasion," the Goovernor told the legislators and hundreds of visitors in the Armory. This is the first time the general assembly ever convened in Western North Carolina. It is appropriate that we come to the birthplace of the American revolution, where the first declaration of independence was made, to celebrate the birthday anniversary of the first president of the republic."

The nation, the Governor said, has become Government conscious.

The legislature upon the arrival in the Queen City of Charlotte, participated in a parade to the county court house where formal sessions were held. Afterwards, they were taken to the auditorium for speeches by North Carolina leaders and Governor Maybank of South Carolina.

Farmville High Wins Three More Basketball Games

During the past week the boys from Farmville High School added three more teams to their list of victories to bring their total for the season to an even twenty. Last Wednesday in a game which was in doubt all the way from the beginning to the end they finally downed a stubborn team from Greenville High School by the score of 26-25. The high scorer for the Farmville team was again Robert Pierce who made a total of 17 points followed by Arthur Joyner who made four field goals for a total of eight points.

On Friday night the local boys gained sweet revenge on Ayden for their defeat earlier in the season by handing them a neat 21-15 reverse. Robert Pierce was also the chief point maker in this game. He made four field goals and one foul shot for a total of nine points. Before the boys game, the girls team defeated Ayden by the score of 14-6 to make the evening complete success. The feature of the girls game was again the superb teamwork of three forwards.

On Tuesday night the boys and girls of Farmville were host to two teams from Walstonburg. The boys won their game by the score of 19-16 with Robert Pierce again leading the way by making four field goals and two foul shots for a total of ten points. Although the girls played a very good game and were only one point behind at the end of the first half they finally lost to their more experienced opponents.

On March 1, the Pitt County tournament will be held in Greenville. Farmville has entered both of its teams and because the tournament will probably last for two or three days there will be no games in Farmville next week. If suitable opponents can be found there will be some more games held the following week and all of those interested in seeing the team in action are advised to watch closely for announcements.

Almost Complete

Farmers of Wilson County have practically completed the seeding of tobacco plant beds, since heavy rains and resulting wet grounds have made late plantings difficult.

Japanese Wreck British Property

Nine Persons Killed As Planes Bomb Depot In Crown Colony in Hongkong.

Tokyo, Feb. 21. — Japanese relations with third powers in China were believed by neutral observers tonight to be naring rapidly a definite showdown as the result of a tense situation in Shanghai and the bombing of a railroad station in British Hongkong by Japanese airplanes.

In a two-hour emergency session, Premier Baron Kichiro Hiranuma, Foreign Minister Hachiro Arita, War Minister Lieut.-Gen. Seishiro Itagaki, and Marine Minister Admiral Mitsumsa Yonai considered drastic action to check anti-Japanese terrorism in Shanghai, where the 53rd political assassination in the past 15 months occurred with the slaying of Marquis Li Kuo-Chieh, reported to have been associated with the Japanese-sponsored Nanking reformed government,

Replies given by the four ministers to angry interpellations in the Japanese Diet showed they agreed that Japan must risk international complications to "restore order" in the international settlement of Shanghai.

Premier Hiranuma declared that the latest terroristic acts "compel Japan to take fundamental measures to maintain peace and order" in both the settlement and the French concession of Shanghai. Arita said that "nothing could prevent Japan from exercising the right of self defense where necessity demands."

General Itagaki told the turbulent parliament:

"Terrosist outrages have occurred frequently and the council (the Shanghai Municipal Council, which administers the international settlement) has given varioous explanations, but it is very slow in putting into practice what it says. To me this signifies lack of sincerity. If things are to continue like this, I am convinced of the necessity to take effective measures of self defense.

Arita and other ministers previously expressed the opinion that all foreign settlements, concessions and leased territories in China must "come under the jurisdiction of China's new government."

The bombing of the Lowu railroad station, just within the boundaries of the British Crown Colony of Hongkong—in which nine persons, including a British Indian policeman were killed—was not reported tooday in the Tokyo press.

Mention of instructions to Sir Robert Leslie Graigie, British ambassador, to make a vigorous protest against the attack was forbidden.

THIS IS BETTER SPEECH WEEK

"Sure nuff," "Yeah," "I'm comin'," "Where you goin'," "Umph humph," and like expressions, together with all short cuts, slang, dropped endings, slurred words, hazy pronunciation, lazy enunciation, grunts and sign language, used by seeing and hearing citizens, are to be labeled "TABOO" by the club women of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs.

This week is being observed as Better Speech Week, and throughout the nation, civic, literary and patriotic organizations are combining forces in an effort "to bring forth upon this continent" a more perfect universal use of spoken English.

To acquire perfection in oral speech an early interest and ambition must be aroused in the individual. Therefore, the parents of the children of Farmville could cooperate greatly with the teachers in detecting and correcting common grammatical mistakes their children are tempted to make.

The one request made by the president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, Mrs. Howard G. Etheridge of Asheville, is, that each club furnish every one of its members with a typewritten copy of the Better Speech Pledge, and that she then read it aloud to her family every morning throughout the year.

The pledge:

I love the United States of America, I love my country's flag, I love my country's language.

I promise: 1. That I will not dishonor my country's speech by leaving off the last syllable of words.

2. That I will say good American "Yes" and "No" in place of an Indian grunt, or a foreign "Ya" or "Yeh" or "Nope."

3. That I will do my best to improve American speech by enunciating distinctly and by speaking pleasantly and sincerely.

4. That I will try to make my country's language beautiful for the many boys and girls of foreign nations, who come here to live.

5. That I will learn to articulate correctly one word a day for one year.

Junior Woman's Club,
Mrs. A. C. Monk, Jr.
Miss Maxine Long,
Committee.

Guam Base Urged Sharp Answer to Dictatorship

Income Payments Now Rowling In

Preliminary Estimates Indicate Budget Estimates Will Be Met

Raleigh, Feb. 21. — Early returns from the income tax, one of the big question marks of North Carolina's current fiscal situation, indicate it will yield at least the $8,775,000 estimated for this fiscal year, revenue officials said yesterday after studying returns to date.

Returns are being filed with about average speed, they said, and most so far are from individuals. Returns from the larger corporations will be made near the closing date of March 15 and definite knowledge as to how much the recession of last year affected the tax will not be available until late in March.

Through the first 17 days of this month, income collections were $237,904.84, a decrease of $18,473.21 as compared with the collections during the same period of last February. During the last fiscal year, total collections were $11,296.381, a record amount for North Carolina but the estimate for this year was cut to $8,775,000 during the recession.

Revenue officials said returns are not being filed fast enough now to warrent hope that the usual last-minute rush between March 1 and March 15 will be avoided. Though there will be a rush, no additional helpers will be employed, but clerks will be transferred from other divisions of the revenue department for the rush period.

Field men will be stationed in larger towns and cities from March 1 to March 15 to aid in filling out returns.

Approximately 80,000 returns were filed last year, 60,000 from individuals, 10,000 from corporations and 10,00 from partnerships, fiduciaries, public service corporations, etc.

The rate for individuals ranges from three to seven per cent and for corporations it is a flat six per cent. Single persons are allowed exemptions of $1,000, married persons of $2,000 with a $200 exemption for each dependent. There is no earned income exemption such as is granted by the Federal Government.

Winery At Grifton To Cost Large Sum

Kinston, Feb. 21. — A Grifton report today said a winery on a large scale will be established near the town, financed by a resident: The plant will be a $50,000 or $60,000 investment, the report said. A large vineyard has been started. The plant will be the first on a commercial scale in this part of North Carolina.

Interest Shown In New Air Line

Prospects Brighter for Cross-State Route, But Many Obstacles Remain.

Raleigh, Feb. 22. — Prospects for the cross-state air line envisioned by the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce grew brighter yesterday, but a leading advocate of the proposed aerial route cautioned hopefuls that at least six months to a year and a half would be necessary before the first commercial flight can be made.

L. H. Duncan, secretary of the Chamber and also of the Car-Va-Tenn Air Association, sponsors of the proposal, returned to Raleigh from a week end meeting in Norfolk, Va., and announced that officials of the Penn Central Line had shown great interest in the master brief prepared for cities along the route.

Secretary Duncan said the brief would be put into its final form within 30 days, for presentation to the Civil Aeronautics Authority and the Post Office Department. The brief now consists of 23 pages of typed material and 50 letters of approval. Still other letters are being awaited.

Although about 40 applications for permits to establish new air routes are now before the authority, sponsors of the proposed line are hopeful of exerting enough influence to expedite their request in Washington.

Among those who met in Norfolk with Duncan and Penn Central officials were J. L. Horne, Jr., Rocky Mount, W. T. Ritter, of Winston-Salem, Herbert Peele of Elizabeth City and W. S. Harney of Norfolk.

Not every school child who refuses to salute the flag is disloyal, and not everyone who clamors for flag-salutting is a loyal American.

Proposal Is Center of House Fight on $53,800,000 Naval Air Post Bill.

Washington, Feb. 21. — The House began debate today on the $53,800,000 naval air base program and critics of administration foreign policy immediately centered their fire on a proposal to establish a naval seaplane outpost on far-away Guam.

Party lines were disregarded. Some Democrats and some Republicans denounced the $5,000,000 project as fraught with the danger of leading the nation into war, and other members of both parties supported it.

Chairman Vinson (D.-Ga.) of the House Naval Committee tackled the issue soon after the debate began and warned the House that although the Navy has no intention at this time of fortifying the tiny island—less than 1,500 miles from Tokyo—its security someday might prove "indispensible to the success of United States defensive operations."

Declaring that the United States must prepare its defenses so it will be able to stand alone, Vinson said:

"Let no one think that with the world being overrun by the dictator powers—Germany and Italy in Europe, and Japan in the Far East—it is not of the utmost importance that we be forever vigilant in looking to our defenses. . . .

"America now finds it necessary to answer the dictators in their own language. The world might just as well know that America is not going to submit to being destroyed with other unprepared democracies."

Attacks "War Hysteria."

Representative Fish (R.-N.Y.) criticized the Guam project as the most dangerous that could come before the House "in these days of war hysterian."

"If we were ever looking for war," he shouted, "this is the way to get it. It's a dagger at the throat of Japan."

Rep. Crawford (R.-Mich.) ridiculed as "all bushwa" fears that Japan would "jump on us" because of the proposed improvements at Guam.

"I don't think Japan will pay any more attention to this project than we would to the landing of another 1,000 Japs in the Phillipines," he added.

Fish contended that passage of the bill would change the nation's foreign policy from "one of defense to one of offense."

"It would lead directly to war if Japan did the same thing we propose to do," the lanky New Yorker added.

Representative Colmer (D.-Miss.) told the House he is "afraid" the Guam project is the "entering wedge" for fortification of the island.

Points to Defense Needs.

Meanwhile, the Senate Military Committee heard the Army's Chief of Ordinance, Maj. Gen. C. M. Wesson, assert that day and night factory shifts would be required to "initiate protective force" of 400,000 soldiers with sufficient anti-aircraft weapons in less than two years.

Chairman Sheppard (D.-Texas) said Wesson told the committee during a closed session that even the $110,000,000 recommended by President Roosevelt to supply the Army's "critical" equipment needs would not provide enough artillery, ammunition and other supplies for the 400,000 men in the Regular Army, National Guard, and reserves.

No other Congressional authorization is needed for the $100,000,000 expenditure, and Sheppard said it probably will be placed in a deficiency bill to supplement the $40,000,000 for similar purposes which President Roosevelt included in his regular estimates for the War Department.

Reynolds Attacks Britain.

Foreign affairs came in for some discussion on the Senate floor. Senator Reynolds (D.-N. C.) arose to describe Great Britain as "the bloodiest aggressor the world has ever known." And yet, he added, that nation "has the audacity to censure Mussolini and Italy for their conquest of Ethiopia."

At the other end of the Capitol, The House Military Committee heard George T. Messersmith, Assistant Secretary of State, assert that European nations are using every means to "press the services of their experts" on South American governments.

He testified that most of those governments prefer to use United States experts and pay for their services. Asserting that the government should be ready to provide such services whenever the President deemed it proper, Messersmith urged amendment of the law permitting such transfers so that when the foreign governments reimburse the United States, the funds can go to the departments furnishing the men.

At present, the money goes into the Treasury's general fund, and Messersmith said, it handicapps the departments' regular activities. The committee unanimously approved the change.

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