

ROOSEVELT SAYS AAA SUBSTITUTE "WELL ROUNDED"

Statements Give Clarity In "False Return" Probe

Clinic May Come For All Officers To Study Methods

Instruction Sheet Sent To Justices

Wish To Incriminate No One, But To Insure Law Efficiency.

Statements from the county commissioners, county attorney, the sheriff, chief of police, patrolmen and other officials today brought clearing skies to the situation brought to light Wednesday in which it was believed county funds were being diverted from regular channels by "irregularities," in issue of warrants, arrests and return of law processes.

It was believed today by observers that the attention called to the matter will result in a clinic or period of instruction for policemen, deputies and magistrates, to be given by the district solicitor before a regular term of superior court.

Use Commitment Blank

A special meeting of the commissioners yesterday resulted in decision to audit the books, warrants and other processes issued by magistrates and used by officers, and all officers will be required to present the sheriff with a commitment from a magistrate before jailing a person, which is according to law.

The governing body of the county said it did not wish to incriminate anyone, but merely wished things to be carried out according to law, and all officers to work in harmony. The move was made on

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Banking Group To Meet Wednesday

Two hundred bankers from Group 9 comprising seven counties will meet in Shelby at the Hotel Charlotte next Wednesday evening.

Group nine comprises the counties of Cleveland, Mecklenburg, Gaston, Burke, Catawba, Rutherford and Lincoln with B. S. Neal of Kings Mountain chairman. Mr. Neal will preside over the meeting and musical entertainment by a male quartet from Charlotte will be provided.

The principal speaker for the meeting will be C. T. Lineback, president of the North Carolina Bankers Association. Mr. Lineback is well and favorably known among the bankers of North Carolina and will no doubt draw a large crowd from the seven counties in the group.

Morning Cotton LETTER

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—The main operations consisted of switching operations, with January selling at substantial premium over March increasing quantities of cotton are being certificated for tender on contract. As soon as the government's agricultural program for 1936 is definitely known and with more stabilized cotton goods market following the irregularities due to abolition of processing taxes, we look for broader demand to develop, we believe the constructive side offers best opportunities.

E. A. Pierce & Co.

THE MARKETS
Cotton, spot — 11 1/2 to 12 1/2
Cotton seed, wagon, ton — \$31.00
Cotton seed, car lot, ton — \$34.00

New York cotton at 2:30: Jan. 11.70, Mar. 11.37, May 11.08, July 10.70, Oct. 10.25, Dec. 10.16.

Commissioners In Statement On False Return Violations

The statement from the county commissioners on the "irregularities" situation is as follows:

"It has been called to the attention of the governing body of this county that there has been on some occasions false returns made in the execution of criminal processes whereby fees due by law to the General Fund of Cleveland county have been diverted to other channels. While this practice has not reached any great proportions, we feel that those persons so violating this statute should have the matter called to their attention and in view of that fact we issue a statement.

"It is not our present intention to indict anyone for what has already taken place; but since we were elected by the people of Cleveland county and thereby required to take an oath to safeguard the funds of this county this practice should, must and will be stopped. As the elected governing body of the county we intend to see to it to the best of our ability that the funds required by law to come to the county are properly accounted for and placed in the county treasury. This will serve as a warning to all concerned that the next case like the one exposed by Mr. Falls Tuesday or any other similar case that is tried by a magistrate that is called to our attention all persons involved will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

"We are happy to say that only a very small minority have been suspected as being involved in this practice and are glad to know and feel justly proud of the fact that the deputies, city policemen and the magistrates as a whole are men with the very best character and reputation and believe in enforcing the laws of the State of North Carolina without consideration of the amount of money that they will receive.

Signed:
J. Lester Harndon,
Joe E. Blanton."

Production Credit Association Opens Branch Unit Here

A branch office for the Cherryville Production Credit association was authorized opened here yesterday in the annual meeting of the stockholders and officers at Cherryville.

Mrs. Frank Abernathy will be in charge and will be located in the jury room of the county court house. C. M. Spangler of Double Shoals and J. B. Smith of Waco will be inspectors.

Applications for farm loans on production only will be taken here and passed on by the directors and officers at Cherryville, and the loan will be authorized from the district office in Columbia, S. C.

The Cherryville office is one of 96 associations in the four states using Columbia as a center. It has been in operation for two years under the Farm Credit Administration and the report made yesterday indicated that collections thus far have been 100 per cent.

In the meeting yesterday Wayne L. Ware of Kings Mountain was re-elected to the board of directors. M. A. Stroup of Cherryville is secretary-treasurer and general manager.

Southern To Put On Pick-up Delivery

Pick-up and door delivery of freight in less than car load lots is contemplated by the Southern railway effective about February 1st. This is in line with an improved service by several of the larger railroads of the nation and means that freight in less than car lots would be picked up from the shipper and delivered to the consignee without additional charge, regardless of origin or destination of freight.

The improved service would be in line with that offered by express and trucking companies.

Cotton Mills In This Section Get Big Process Tax Refunds

Cotton textile mills in Cleveland and Rutherford counties are being refunded \$127,955.41 processing taxes impounded by the federal court, these processors having obtained injunctions to prevent the collection of processing taxes, pending the decision of the U. S. supreme court on the Agricultural Adjustment act. North Carolina processors are expected to ask the court for funds amounting to nine million dollars, plus all the processing taxes paid since, as can other tax payers who took the same steps.

It will be recalled that when a

test case on the validity of the processing tax was approaching final decision by the U. S. supreme court, many North Carolina mills obtained injunctions to prevent the Internal Revenue department from collecting the tax. The tax was ordered impounded in banks, pending the decision and now that the act has been held unconstitutional and the U. S. court has ordered a refund of \$200,000,000, nine millions will be recovered by North Carolina mills, \$127,955.41.

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Officer Stamey Is Absolved From Any Irregular Practice

In Wednesday's issue of The Star there appeared the name of Policeman Paul Stamey in a news story saying it was "suspicious" in that his name was on the warrant when Patrolman H. A. Greenway made the arrest of Ab Hamrick, charged with carrying concealed weapon.

The Star finds that it was misinformed and in error in the statement and not wanting to do anyone an injustice, wishes to make correction. Three officers, Greenway, Stamey and Hardin were together when the negro was arrested and disarmed and the name of Mr. Stamey appeared NOT as the one who swore out the warrant, but only as a witness in the case. This was in accordance with law. Mr. Stamey bears an excellent reputation as an officer and as a citizen and has never been charged with any irregular practice.

Mayor Woodson states that none of the city policemen are implicated in the broad charge made by the county officials that salaried officers turn cases over to officers on the fee system in order to augment their fees. All arrest fees due city officers are collected by the county clerk and justices and turned over to the city, hence only witnesses in which the defendant pays off goes to the city policemen.

Subjects Are Named At First Baptist

Subjects to be used Sunday by Dr. Zeno Wall, pastor of the First Baptist church have been announced as follows: At the 11 o'clock worship service, "A Spiritual Awakening" and at the evening service at 7:30 "Did Jesus Have A Program For The World?"

Sunday school will be at 9:30 and Training unions will meet at 6:30 in the evenings. A large chorus choir will have special musical numbers at both worship services.

Rev. E. W. Dixon, Native Minister Of County Dies

Funeral services were held today at 2 o'clock at Thomasville for Rev. E. W. Dixon, 68 year old Methodist minister of Winston-Salem who died at his home there Thursday of cancer.

Until 18 years ago Rev. Mr. Dixon was active in the ministry, but a physical ailment robbed him of his voice and not being able to preach, he became associated with the Reynolds Tobacco Co. in Winston-Salem. He was a native of Cleveland county and was twice married, the first time to Miss Dessie Gantt of Belwood, and children from this union who survive are Paul and Nellie, who live in Texas. The second marriage was to Miss Simmons Lambeth of Thomasville who survives, with one son, Marion, Dixon. E. W. Dixon, of Shelby, a namesake and nephew of Mr. Dixon is attending the funeral in Thomasville today.

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Where 17 Lost Lives In Air Liner Tragedy



It was a plane similar to above which crashed in swamp near Goodwin, Ark., shown on map, taking the lives of 14 passengers and 3 in the crew. Jerry Marshall (right), veteran pilot, reported all was well shortly before the crash. Investigators believe lost propeller may have caused the disaster.

Lincoln Ellsworth, Polar Aviator Thought Dead, Found Alive And Well

\$4,200 Paid Out To WPA Workers; Add Sewing Room

Payment of more than \$4,200 to 350 WPA workers and the establishment of two more sewing rooms to run the Cleveland total to seven were among the most important things done by the Works Progress Administration of this county yesterday.

John Hudson, supervisor of the county said the men were all paid on time and that if there were any who are sick, their checks will be delivered to them as soon as possible.

Next On February 1.

The next pay period will be February 1, as promised to be effected on the 1st and 15th of each month. Mr. Hudson said that there is still room on his rolls for persons eligible for relief, if they want to work. The projects now in operation in Cleveland could use more than a score of men and several women, if anyone needs and wants to work.

The two sewing rooms came as a result of crowded conditions in the five now in operation, and one will be located in the South Shelby school building under the supervision of Mrs. T. W. Hamrick and the other will be for colored seamstresses under Bertha Price, to be in the "hall" on Buffalo street.

In making the payments of \$12.10 per person yesterday Mr. Hudson pointed out an increase of \$2.20 per month in wages for unskilled labor. He also said he was instructed to see that all back time within a given day period will be made up by the laborers. There are only a few who seek to get "something for nothing" but the government expects each person to work the full quota of time.

Defends Action

COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 17.—(P)—State Relief Administrator Fulp denied today that relief work had been discontinued at Greenwood because the city council refused to co-operate. He said the action was taken when they understood that the city had arranged a more satisfactory way of caring for its needy. His statement was issued in reply to one made by Mayor Devore Andrews saying that the city had been discriminated against.

Jewels Stolen

WINSTON-SALEM, Jan. 17.—Jewelry, valued at several thousand dollars, was stolen from Mrs. Thummond Chatham, wife of a wealthy textile manufacturer here last Wednesday, police disclosed today. Mrs. Chatham reported the jewels were in a box at her home at noon and were missing at 10:30 p. m. when she returned from a visit to friends. Servants were in the house during the entire time.

By Associated Press

LONDON, Jan. 17.—Lincoln Ellsworth and his co-pilot, Herbert Hollick-Kenyon, missing since they started a daring antarctic flight November 23, have been found alive and well in the frozen wastes of Little America, the British colonial office announced today. A seven-word message from the master of the rescue ship, Discovery II, ended seven weeks of anxiety for the safety of the two.

Ellsworth and Kenyon both alive and well.

Members of Hollick-Kenyon's family in London had given up hope two weeks ago for his rescue. H. R. Mull, London meteorologist, commenting on the announcement, said it is an extraordinary coincidence that exactly two years ago the Discovery went to the rescue of Admiral Byrd, getting a doctor to him from New Zealand.

The Discovery carries two airplanes, fitted at the expense of the Australian government, several floats, and a number of sledges, which would be hauled by men if necessary. The ship brought no dogs. The vessel's hurried trip to Little America was made with the authorization of the British government. The explorers were last heard from November 23 when they started a hazardous airplane flight across Antarctica from Dundee Island to the Ross sea.

The British and Australian governments launched the rescue expedition January 1.

Late Bulletins

Kipling Alive
LONDON, Jan. 17.—(P)—Rudyard Kipling's gallant will kept the spirit of life flickering today but attaches at the hospital where he lay in a coma said the end apparently was a matter of hours.

Dies In Chair
RALEIGH, Jan. 17.—(P)—Robert Dunlap, 27, divorced Buncombe county negro, was electrocuted here today for the poison murder of his sweetheart.

French Troops Move If Rhine Threatened

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The disclosure followed the publication of a Berlin dispatch which said the French ambassador to Berlin had served notice on the German government it must keep German troops out of the Rhineland or face appropriate measures from France.

Fall Of AAA Doesn't Matter, If Hens Pay Like Mr. Wright's

The story of how 600 hens on the farm of G. P. Wright of Earl are making nearly \$4 per day for the owner and last month cackled their way to the best record of any supervised flock in the county was revealed today at the office of the farm agent.

Up at work before daylight, scratching for feed in well ventilated, modern equipped houses, and with an egg laid before most lazy hens are even up is the thing that caused the exactly 508 White Leghorns to lay 660 dozen or 7,920 saleable eggs during last month.

Bruno Reprieve Starts Hunt For Later Evidence

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 17.—(P)—Bruno Hauptmann's 30-day reprieve stirred a defense search today for new evidence and raised the possibility that Governor H. G. Hoffman might question Dr. John F. Condon about his often told story of the Lindbergh ransom negotiations. The governor has expressed a desire to question Condon on purported discrepancies between his court testimony and a series of articles on the crime.

Condon and his daughter, Mrs. Myra Hacker, arrived today at Cristobal, Canal Zone, their first stop on a southern cruise. He was reported to have read accounts of the reprieve without comment. The reprieve period and the additional four to eight weeks required for legal processes would make it possible for Condon to return here before the new date for Hauptmann's execution. The governor divulged no details of his plan.

"What I will do during the next 30 days, even I don't know," he said, and would not amplify his declaration that the reprieve was motivated by "divers reasons, which I do not care to disclose at this time."

Convict 9 Of 20 In Paris Scandal

PARIS, Jan. 17.—(P)—France's great Stavisky scandal closed today with the conviction of only nine of the 20 defendants accused of complicity in the vast swindles which resulted in rioting in the streets of Paris and the overthrow of a French cabinet.

The widow of Stavisky and ten others of the 20 defendants were acquitted of the charges of complicity in the 10 million dollar frauds.

Small Amendments To Be Proposed; Cost 300 Millions

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Intimates New Taxes To Become Necessary; Lauds Erosion Ideas

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Fascist Command Claims Slaughter Of 4,000 Troops

(By Associated Press.)

The fascist command in Africa today claimed the slaughter of 4,000 Ethiopians in a great battle on the southern front, but official Ethiopian sources ridiculed the claim. In some sections Italy reported armored cars advanced 75 miles from bases with Italian losses slight and many prisoners captured.

In Addis Ababa, however, officials said a major engagement was impossible because of the scattered position of the Ethiopian army in that area.

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Coon Hunter Falls From Tree And Is Fatally Injured

(Special To The Star.)

CASAR, Jan. 17.—While coon hunting somewhere in the South Mountains early Thursday morning, Mr. Clyde McNelly fell from a rock cliff several feet, and was seriously hurt. He was brought to Casar about 11 o'clock, and later in the day he was taken to the Shelby hospital where he died a short time before midnight. The accident happened about two o'clock in the morning. He was with several other men on the hunting trip.

He was 36 years old, and leaves a large number of children, several of which are small. He is survived by his wife who was Miss Dona Hoyle, and the following children: J. T. Mildred, Ganda, Genevieve, Jeanette, Wayne, Robert and Jene. He also has four sisters, and one brother. His father and mother preceded him to the grave several years ago.

Funeral arrangements had not been made yet, early this morning.

Eagle Flour Mill Choose Officers

The annual meeting of stockholders of the Eagle Roller Mill was held Thursday afternoon and officers for the year were named as follows: President, George Blanton; vice-president, R. T. LeGrand; secretary-treasurer, W. W. G. Smart.

The mill has just completed one of the most successful year's work since its organization and has just made a substantial payment in dividends to its stockholders.

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