

North Carolina: Rain Thursday and in west tonight, warmer tonight and in central and east Thursday.

NEUTRALITY BILL UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED IN SENATE

Report Distress In Relief And Public Works Circles

Mayor Could Use Hundreds Of Men On All Projects

Weather Man Has Relief In Grasp

Baber Seeks to Transfer PWA To WPA Projects; Contractors Anxious.

Seeking relief from the hardships enforced by the cold weather, halted activities of the WPA and PWA labor and construction projects, and the general increase in calls on the county and city for food, medicine and shelter, were the general problems facing officials here today.

Mayor Woodson said his city forces and the WPA people working with him were "faced with more work than 5,000 men can do" and added that if "the weather doesn't clear up or if we don't get more men to work, we will be so far behind with the projects we will never catch up."

Seek Transfer

C. M. Baber at the Federal Employment office was seeking a transfer of PWA labor, which has been unable to work on the rural school projects to the WPA, which projects have not been so much hindered by the weather. Kings Mountain workers have put in one day since Christmas.

A construction company working on the Fallston project hoped to be able to start by Thursday, but was uncertain. Others expect to start construction just as soon as temperatures rise sufficiently.

City Problems

Continuing on the city's problems the mayor said that "due to shal-

Deputy To Aid In Filling Out Income Reports

A deputy from the internal revenue service at Greensboro will be in the city February 24 and 25 for the purpose of aiding in filling out and filing forms for the payment of income taxes.

This announcement is made by C. H. Robertson, collector who said the deputy will be stationed at the city postoffice in the room formerly occupied by Federal Judge E. Y. Webb.

"If your net income is 1,000 or over and you are single (or if married and not living with your husband or wife), you are required to file a return. If you are married and living with husband or wife and your net income is over \$2,500 or over and your gross income is \$5,000 or over, you are required to file a return."

No charge will be made for the services of the deputy in aiding with filing returns.

Late Bulletins

Veteran Conductor

CHESTER, S. C., Feb. 12.—(P)—Capt. John Fraser Allen, 58, veteran conductor of the C. & N. W. railroad, died at his home here today after a long illness with heart trouble and complications. Funeral will be held from Bethel Methodist church at 3 p. m. tomorrow.

Surviving are six children, including Mrs. J. R. Hoover of Statesville.

Flu On Decline

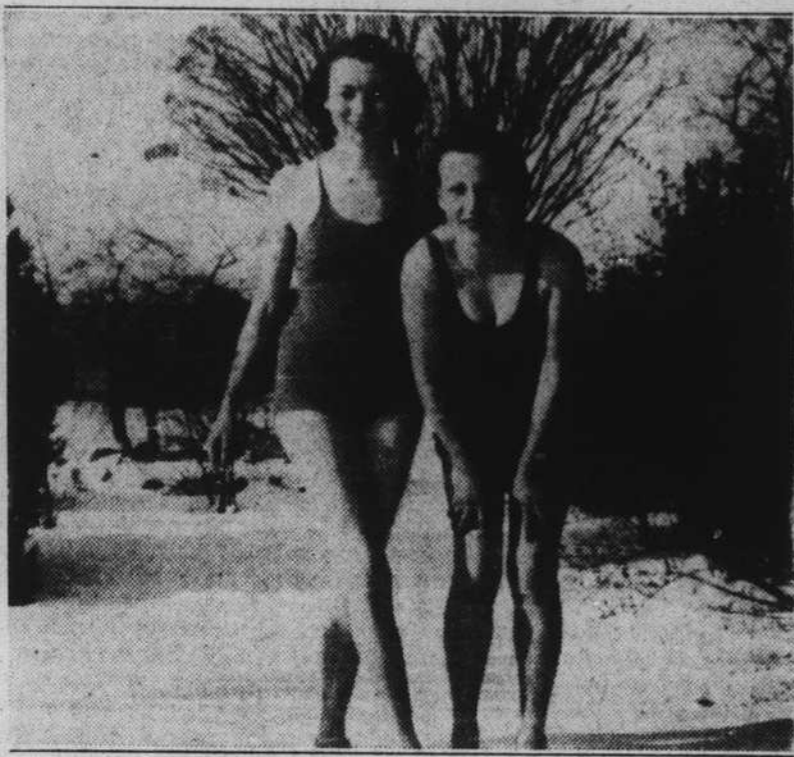
RALEIGH, Feb. 12.—(P)—"Influenza which has been prevalent at N. C. State college for several weeks is apparently on the decline," Dean J. W. Harrelson said yesterday, adding "we have been having around 70 boys in bed each day with flu but it dropped to 38 yesterday and seems to be diminishing now."

THE MARKETS

Cotton, spot ————— 11% to 12%
Cotton seed, wagon, ton ——— \$33.00
Cotton seed, car lot, ton ——— \$36.00

No cotton today on account of Lincoln's birthday.

Lattimore Lassies Bathe In Snow



"Who is afraid of the big cold snow?" Not these Lattimore girls who ventured out in their bathing suits while the snow blanketed the ground. Reading from left to right, Lillian McSwain and Patsy Philbeck who prance in the snow and like it, even in their bathing suits.

Continues Cold And Snow Sees Olympic Winter Sports In City

Drivers License Statutes Given By Court Clerk

A copy of the drivers license law under which state driver's licenses are revoked at a rapid rate in all parts of North Carolina was presented today by William Osborne, clerk of recorder's court.

By law he is required to report to Raleigh each convicted violator of the law and the state department in turn notifies the highway patrol of the section and a representative goes to the violator and collects his license and informs him that he is not to drive during the suspension.

While Cleveland county has had comparatively few violations of the law and a minimum suspensions have been reported, the clerk feels that the general public will profit by reading the provisions of the law enacted by the last legislature. They are:

(a) Whenever any person is convicted of any violation of the motor vehicle laws of this state a notation of such conviction shall be entered by the court upon the license of the person so convicted. Whenever any person is convicted of any offense for which this act makes mandatory the revocation of the operator's or chauffeur's license of such person by the department, the court in which such conviction is had shall require the surrender to it of all operator's and chauffeur's licenses then held by the person so convicted and the court shall thereupon forward the same together with a record of such conviction to the department.

(b) Every court having jurisdiction over offenses committed under

Testimony In Statler Mystery Aided By Cleveland Medicos

Testimony which is this week being brought out in the mystery death of Mrs. Elva Statler Davidson is in a conclusive way being based on the findings of two people from Cleveland county.

Here is how: Allan Wilson and Yulan Washburn were at the time of her death last year medical students at Wake Forest college and were the internes assigned to the case with Dr. C. C. Carpenter, now testifying in the case.

Wilson and Washburn did most of the work, made the tests for carbon dioxide in the heart and blood, after they had taken specimens to Wake Forest laboratories. Wilson is

Change of styles, habits and games for the youth of Shelby has been noted the past few weeks as King Winter has reigned in white splendor as snow has remained on the ground for the longest period since 1918.

St. Moritz games are becoming quite popular and a visit to No. 8 hole at the golf course or the high school athletic park would give the impression that the Olympic Winter Games are in progress here.

Bob sleds, improvised skis, and other sleds made from barrel staves and rocking chairs are being used to slide on the snow.

Girls at the high school and about town have chagrined the gallantry of the boys by changing to men's attire and are now wearing riding pants, high topped boots and brilliant jackets, with slender necks wrapped in bright hued scarfs.

Others who desire speed are even tying sleds and old mattresses to the rear of their autos and strike out across the frozen fields, by roads and anywhere there is snow.

Meanwhile, the weather man promises still more snow for the city tonight or tomorrow, with the thermometer ranging slightly upward. For the past few days it has appeared fastened below freezing.

Drivers License Revoked By Court

According to records in recorder's court, Robert Dayberry has been convicted of driving drunk and sentenced to pay a fine of \$50 and the costs and to refrain from driving a motor vehicle for a period of 12 months.

There have been comparatively few other arrests this week and the county court has had unusually light dockets.

Showstock Is Here For 4-H Clubsters

The babes are here, and are proudly showing their royal arches and indulging in princess-like grunts for Cleveland 4-H club members.

To clarify the situation, nearly \$700 worth of 4-H club showstock in high class Poland China gilts and a boar have arrived in the county and have been distributed to the members who will keep them for breeding and exhibition.

The seven young specimens were bought last week by the Cleveland fair association and individuals in the county, after a party had attended a sale in Illinois.

According to some, they appear to be "just seven other pigs," but farm leaders expect the purchase to boost Cleveland in the form of dollars and blue ribbons at future fairs.

Charge Collusion Of Catholics And Rhine Communists

Arrest 100 Suspected Of Treason

Nazi Leaders Say Robes Of Church Cannot Protect Offenders.

BERLIN, Feb. 12.—(P)—Charges of collusion between Roman Catholics and communists were heard in Germany today as at least 100 Catholics and communists were under arrest after simultaneous raids were made by secret police. Catholics particularly were charged with conspiracy with communists in the Rhineland, center of the police roundup.

The official organ of Adolph Hitler's blackshirt guards, Das Schwarze Korps, issued a sharp challenge meanwhile to charges that the Catholic church was being persecuted.

Points Suspicion

"The fact that the Catholic church feels its self menaced and persecuted by Nationalist, Socialist, German can be clearly seen in sermons and pastoral letters," the publication said.

In reality the organ asserted it was the old story, "as old as the church itself" which always raises a cry of "persecution" whenever its political ambitions are thwarted.

The organ said, "No Catholic priest has been arrested because of his spiritual or welfare work but priestly robes are not a safeguard against punishment for treasonable activities."

Farmers To Meet On March 28 In Annual Luncheon

More than 100 Cleveland county farmers will be among the 600 who will attend the annual better farmers luncheon at the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce building on Saturday March 28.

The parties are being selected and transportation arranged by the vocational teachers and leaders in the county. There will be numbers of the local vocational students who will attend. Some will be awarded prizes for work done the past year.

Counties In

Boys and men who have had the best results in carrying out the well rounded program of the vocational agriculture department will be guests at the dinner. They will be from Mecklenburg, Union, Cabarrus, Stanly, Anson, Montgomery, Gaston, Cleveland and Rutherford counties.

Speakers will include Clyde Erwin, State superintendent of public instruction; Dr. T. E. Browne, State director of vocational education; Roy H. Thomas, State supervisor of agricultural education and other leaders in the better farming movement in North Carolina. Agricultural teachers of the district will select the men and boys eligible to attend.

J. M. Osteen of Rockingham, district supervisor of vocational education, said that a similar dinner will be held in Fayetteville for the better farmers of the eastern half of the district.

Seek Information Of Missionary In War Danger Zones

ADDIS ABABA, Feb. 12.—(P)—U. S. Minister Cornelius Van H. Engert requested more information from the Ethiopian government today concerning the detention of the American missionary, Harold Street, in a remote Gamo province.

The minister indicated he was concerned over the possibility that a ruling, calling for removal of foreigners from Ethiopian danger zones, might be used as a tool for extortion.

Lincoln Day America Sees Two Parties Claiming Spirit

Today is Lincoln Day and thousands of meetings of various kinds in the entire nation are being held in honor of the Great Emancipator.

Political meetings have been holding the spot light as both Republicans and Democrats alike have been claiming the qualities of "America's Greatest Man" to be in their own ranks.

In Springfield, Ill., Secretary Ickes, speaking in the state which Lincoln made famous, declared that Lincoln was almost paralleled by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The address was delivered before the annual Lincoln commemoration club last evening.

He declared that Lincoln had been greatly criticized because he championed people's right against the constitution.

"It appears to have been Abraham Lincoln who scuttled the American constitution, set up a dictatorship, threw the Supreme Court into the Potomac river and declared a moratorium on Congress," he said.

Further north in Illinois it was learned that Col. Frank Knox will contest the Republican nomination of Senator Borah and wish the hon-

Night Fire Ousts Pneumonia Victim From Bed To Snow

Two Families Driven From House

No Lives Lost But Father And One Son Are Severely Burned About Their Heads.

The veritable last straw was added to the burden of Benney Owensby of Grover, seriously ill with pneumonia, when the house in which he lived with his family was burned to the ground early Tuesday morning, about 1 o'clock, and all his household goods destroyed.

The house, located on highway 205, between Kings Mountain and Grover, and just in the edge of the latter, was owned by J. G. White and occupied by two families, those of Benney Owensby and his brother, Columbus Owensby.

Columbus Owensby and one of his small sons received burns but no lives were lost. The former was badly burned about the face and hands when an electric light bulb exploded, in a freak accident, scattering fire about his head. The child's hair was burned from his head, and this was also thought to have been a result of exploding electric wiring or fixtures.

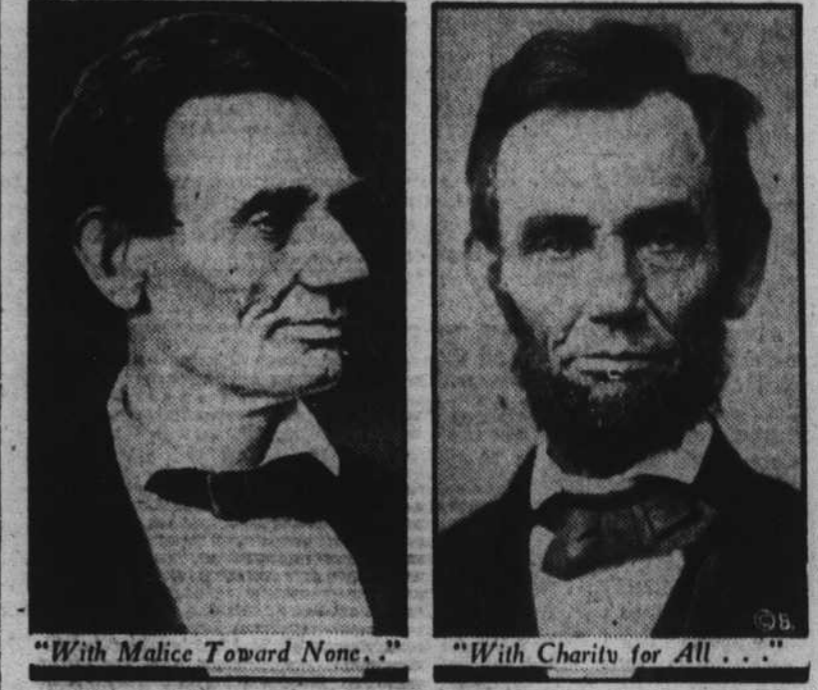
Mrs. Joe Owensby, mother of the two young men, and her brother, Howard Owensby, and his wife, all living nearby, were "sitting up" with the sick man when they heard a noise in the other side of the house, occupied by the Columbus Owensby. They thought that some members of the other family were up and stirring about and did not investigate immediately. However, as the noise increased and seemed to be coming from the other kitchen they went in to see about the other family and found them all still sound asleep and the entire kitchen in flames.

Calls for help brought two neighbors, Frank Westmoreland and J. D. Waterson who wrapped the pneumonia victim in blankets and moved him to the Waterson home. He was later moved to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Owensby.

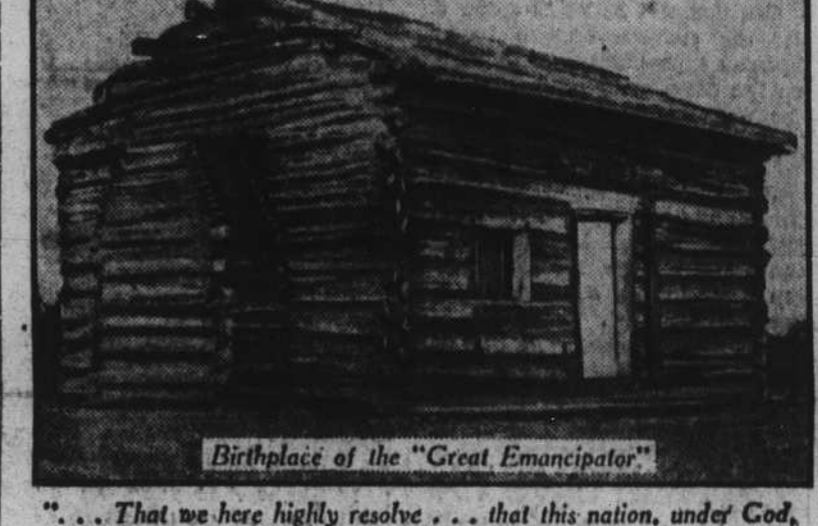
The Columbus Owensbys and their four children were all awakened and gotten out of the house and a few pieces of their furniture were saved. The Benney Owensbys and their two children escaped from the burning house but all their belongings went up in the flames. The house was burned completely to the ground.

The two families, stripped of all their worldly goods, with the exception of their nightclothes, are being taken care of at the homes of relatives and neighbors. The Star was unable to learn whether the pneumonia victim was greatly set back by his harrowing experience.

His Birth Celebrated Today



"With Malice Toward None..." "With Charity for All..."



Birthplace of the "Great Emancipator"

"... That we here highly resolve... that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

Abraham Lincoln

Engineer States \$160,000 Allotted For Highway 18

Two letters, one from Capus Wayne of Raleigh and the other from J. S. Williamson, of Columbia, S. C., both highway officials of the respective states, indicated today that the strip of highway 18 from the state line to Gaffney will be paved within the next year.

Mr. Williamson in a letter to W. Vance Baise, of the N. C. state highway department declared that "we have included in our regular federal aid program for the two fiscal years ending June 30, 1937, an allotment of \$160,000 for bituminous surfacing of this road."

He added that as yet no provisions have been allotted from the regular state funds, but what he expects this to be done shortly.

A protest was raised a short time ago by the North Carolina road officials for the unfinished "dead end" piece of road toward Gaffney, this state having paved highway 18 or U. S. highway No. 111 years ago, in fulfillment of an agreement.

The road is part of a link in direct line from Detroit to Miami, and the short unpaved part toward Gaffney has been detrimental to through traffic.

Bob Gantt, of Durham, visited friends in the city today.

Out For Senate

COLUMBIA, S. C., Feb. 12.—(P)—W. T. McKinnon of Columbia, youthful state secretary of the Townsend old age pension clubs said today he planned to run for the United States senate this summer.

Jackie Coogan, Fiancee Held Up Robbed of Money

CHICAGO, Illinois, Feb. 12.—(P)—Jackie Coogan and Betty Grable, film players, reported to police today that at the end of a 50-mile an hour chase, through the Chicago loop, two gunmen stopped their car and robbed them of \$50 and jewelry they valued at \$5,000. One of the robbers saw Miss Grable attempt to hide on the floor the five carat diamond engagement ring Coogan gave her on December 9 and threatened her, she said.

Coogan said he and Miss Grable, who had been dancing at the Congress hotel started to drive back to the Sherman hotel where they were staying during a stage engagement when they saw a car following and, becoming suspicious speeded up. The car followed and finally forced him to the curb.

One of the robbers, armed with a pistol, entered Coogan's car, the actor said and told them, "Take it easy now Jackie, this is a stick-up. Miss Grable give me that ring."

Miss Grable put the ring on the car floor but the robber growled, "Give me that ring or I'll blow your brains out," she said. She then handed it to the gunman. Coogan also gave up a diamond ring and a watch.

Senator Reynolds Will Make Address

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—(P)—Senator Robert R. Reynolds, of North Carolina, today accepted an invitation to address law enforcement officers of North Carolina and South Carolina, on March 29, at Statesville.

Farm Bill Study Is Being Advanced By Fiscal Heads

See \$900,000,000 Fund For Farmers

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The senate foreign relations committee today unanimously approved an abridged neutrality bill, extending the present arms embargo features until May 1, 1937, but exempting American Republics from its application when attacked by non-American nations, a compromise which brought several divergent factions into line.

It completely omitted two major provisions of the administration's act: one would have permitted the president to impose peace time quotas on such materials as oil and cotton, and one would have permitted the chief executive to require that trade proceed with belligerents at the shippers' risk.

Attachment To Bill

Attached to the bill as agreed upon by the committee, however, was an authorization to embargo credits to belligerents.

A move to force consideration of permanent legislation at this session apparently awaited the bill on the senate floor.

Farm Program

Prior to the passage of the neutrality bill in the senate committee administration fiscal experts studied plans today for a composite tax bill, which, if submitted as such, would seek to raise \$900,000,000 for obligations under the invalidated AAA and to finance a new farm program.

There was talk among the officials concerned of seeking only \$500,000,000 immediately. The higher figure, however, would be required to meet all pending farm demands upon the treasury.

An authoritative source said the program under consideration embraced three tentative divisions:

1. Excess on processing of farm commodities, intended to raise about \$40,000,000 annually, and comparable in form to the outlawed AAA processing taxes.

2. New levies, possibly through revision of income tax exemptions, to raise from \$230,000,000 to \$250,000,000 annually.

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