



Adopt Charges For Banking Services At Meeting Tues.

Clearing House Association Committee Fixes Schedule Uniform In State. To Be Effective March 1

At a special session of the executive committee of the North Carolina Clearing House association held in the O. Henry Hotel in Greensboro Tuesday, a uniform schedule of minimum charges for banking services throughout the state, effective March 1, was adopted.

The schedule was adopted as a clearing house regulation rather than a code, but the committee announced that it would be submitted to the bankers' national code committee. It includes uniform regulations as to banking hours, interest on time deposits, analysis of accounts, service charges on certain types of checking accounts and charges for trust services, safe deposit and miscellaneous services rendered by banks and trust institutions.

Civil Power Supreme

President Roosevelt has been punctilious to ask Congress for such powers as he is exercising, and has never asked until he was assured in advance that the powers would be granted. And, up to now, there has been no suggestion or disregarding the Constitutional provision that the military shall always be subordinate to the civil power of the Government.

There are some, however, who are beginning to point out that Mussolini, who certainly ranks as a dictator in his own Italy, is careful to go through the form of consulting the Italian Parliament and obtaining permission to do what he wants to do.

The bankers' code for the entire country has been approved by the national recovery administration at Washington except in the matter of service charges, the NRA officials have referred the question of service charges back to bankers in their regional groups in order that appropriate charges might be suggested for the various regions by the bankers in those areas.

The following schedule of charges for "unprofitable checking accounts" was adopted:

Accounts averaging less than \$100 against which more than three checks are charged in any one month will pay a fee of \$1. Payment of this \$1 charge will entitle the depositor to 10 checks, and an additional charge of four cents each will be made for checks in excess of 10. Accounts

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MINSTREL AT SPARTA H. S. SAT. NIGHT IS SUCCESS

The minstrel presented Saturday night, February 17, at Sparta high school, was a decided success. The thirty or more dark comedians in their gala attire presented a very striking appearance and represented a wide range of talent.

Mildred Black deserves special mention for her execution of "Swing Low Sweet Chariot." A lively clog dance by Walter Hines was another feature of special interest.

USE POISON ARROWS Nairobi, Africa—One policeman was critically wounded when policemen crashed with native outlaws using poisoned arrows. The fight occurred in a deep forest and two natives were killed.

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Stratford Youth Is Killed By Tree Limb

James Williams, 20, of Stratford, was instantly killed on Thursday morning, February 15, when struck on the head by a decayed limb of a tree, which he was helping to cut down to be sawed into lumber at a sawmill operated by Robert Cummings. It is reported that the dead branch, which was very small, struck another tree in falling and was deflected from its original course, fatally injuring Williams.

The deceased youth, whose father and mother are dead, made his home with his grandfather, Monroe Estep. He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Elzie Reynolds.

Burial took place at Antioch.

CWA In State Is Reduced By 23,984 In Demobilization

Reduction Of Alleghany County Force Of Workers To Total 90. Other Figures Given

Raleigh, Feb. 20.—North Carolina's civil works payroll was cut by 23,984 workers yesterday as state CWA officials completed two days of work in the first step to demobilize the federal job program by May 1.

Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, state administrator, late last night released figures showing the reduction by counties. The retirements become effective Saturday, cutting the number of CWA workers in the state from 78,984 to 55,000.

Meanwhile, it was announced in Washington that \$600,000 had been allotted North Carolina for the purchase of materials and for other purposes than CWA pay rolls until May 1. It was not immediately determined what effect this will have on the state civil works program during its last days of life.

Doubt was expressed in some quarters that North Carolina's industries and the public works program in this state could absorb the 78,984 workers to be let off CWA pay rolls by May 1.

"Industry is beginning to take up the slack in unemployment, but it cannot be expected to care for that load by May 1," said Capus M. Waynick, state re-employment director.

Mecklenburg was the heaviest loser among the counties, 1,256 being dropped there.

The reduction for Alleghany county, according to the figures released by Mrs. O'Berry, was 90. Among the figures for the other counties of the state are the following: Ashe, 170; Surry, 252; Wilkes, 248; Yadkin, 149, and Stokes, 179.

Corn-Hog Meet To Be Held Saturday In Court House Here

Announcement has been made by W. B. Collins, County Agent, that another corn-hog meeting will be held at the Court House at Sparta on Saturday, February 24 at 10 a. m. for the purpose of explaining the reduction contract. Every farmer in the county, who has been keeping one or more brood sows during the years 1932 and 1933, should hear this contract explained so they can decide for themselves whether it will pay them to reduce the number of pigs on their farms.

The following is a brief example of the payments made for pig reduction: A farmer who has been keeping during the years 1932 and 1933, 2 brood sows which have produced 2 litters of pigs each for both years, and averaged 8 pigs to the litter, would have produced an average of 4 litters and 32 pigs for the two years. By agreeing to reduce his pigs by 1 litter and 8 pigs for the year 1934, he will be paid \$5.00 per head on 24 pigs which would be \$120.00 for making the reduction.

This payment will apply for one or more sows and it will apply where the reduction has already been made by killing sows.

George Washington 1732 ----- 1799 EDWARD EVERETT said of him, "He knew no glory but his country's good." In this is a pattern for real Americanism that can and should be applied today . . . to submerge self-interest to that type of patriotism upon which the prosperity and destiny of our country depends today.

Big Blizzard Hits Northern Seaboard Tying Up Traffic

Trains Between Boston And New York Forced To Abandon Trips Tuesday. Snow Blankets Territory

What is reported to be the worst winter weather in years clamped down over the northeastern seaboard Monday night, crippled ships on the Atlantic and on Tuesday left several hundred thousand New Yorkers without transportation for hours, tied up the railroads throughout New England, delayed the air mail, and caused deaths and intense suffering.

Sixty-mile-an-hour winds put coast-wise shipping in distress. Thick ice locked doors in New York City and made skating rinks of streets. The New York Stock Exchange opened an hour late, and thousands of workers were much later at offices, shops and factories.

Whistling gales swept snow ranging in depth from six inches to a foot into drifts that trains between Boston and New York, and in many other sections of New England, could not negotiate. Ships were battered by high winds, ice floes, and pounding waves. Lives of crews aboard were endangered.

Long Island and its thousands of residents who work in Manhattan were virtually isolated. Long Island railroad traffic was almost at a standstill, tracks and third rails piled under great drifts of snow, but by late afternoon special crews were beginning to open some of the lines.

All railroad communication between Boston and New York and Springfield and New York was halted. Not a single train got through from Boston to New York during the day.

The Pennsylvania railroad announced that traffic on its main line to Philadelphia and Washington was normal.

From points in New Jersey and other suburban centers the traffic was slow, with trains, those that moved at all, being from 15 minutes to hours late.

The storm started with rain Monday afternoon but it turned into snow that blew and drifted through the night as the temperature dropped, finally reaching 9 degrees at 11 a. m. Tuesday. The weather bureau said the snowfall varied from four to 13 inches.

There were three deaths in which the weather was a factor.

Equipped with shovels and picks an army of 35,000 men worked in New York City to clear the streets. The Rockaway peninsula was isolated by drifts five to six feet deep.

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Johnson Asks For NRA Criticism In Place Of Attacks

Administrator Makes Radio Speech In Preparation For Public Hearings To Start February 27

Washington, Feb. 20.—In a radio speech delivered here tonight prefacing general hearings beginning next week in which operation of codes is to be studied as a basis for remaking administration policy, General Hugh S. Johnson made an appeal to the country for criticism of NRA, by letter or in personal appearance.

The recovery administrator attached just one condition: NRA will not, he said, receive "un-supported assaults" and it will take "academic conjectures not backed by facts x x x only for what they are worth."

"We want your help," he said, "whether you are on the industrial, labor or consumers' side of the argument. Tell us on February 27 where the codes are not working right, where they bear unjustly on you, where they could be improved. Come to Washington to engage in the discussion if you can. Write to us giving us facts and figures if you can't."

Johnson termed his message the most important one from NRA since last summer's blue eagle campaign appeal. He spoke over a combined network of the National and Columbia radio chains.

Mistakes and flaws in codes were admitted freely by the administrator, who pointed out how hastily his organization was thrown together, started on an uncharted path and had, since July, placed 300 industries under codes and nearly completed codes for 200 more. Of course many things were wrong, he said, but:

"The important thing is that 3,000,000 people have been put to work, that \$3,000,000,000 has been added to their purchasing power, and that if we had sat around like buddist lamas contemplating a lily bud to attain perfection by conjecture before action, none of these results would have been achieved. x x x The ultimate aims to have the industrial control organization spread out like the keyboard of a piano whereon by concerted action economic harmony can at last be had."

Johnson said his plan for a "first economic conference of NRA"—a succession of a week's hearings open to public critics from February 27 on, and another week of meetings of code authorities to act upon the accumulated reactions and independent studies of NRA—was unprecedented.

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Worst Criminal Gang In Alleghany For Years Apprehended In Recent Raid

Jail Keys, Policeman's Outfit And Parts Of Stolen Cars Among Articles Found In Possession Of Men Arrested

The State Highway Patrol, assisted and directed by Walter M. Irwin, Alleghany County Deputy Sheriff, swooped down in Alleghany and Surry counties last week and frustrated what is thought to be one of the worst gangs of criminals heard of in Western North Carolina for many years. The raid came as a complete surprise to the people of the county and was so carefully planned that even county officers did not know that it was coming.

As a result, Ransom Brooks, 29, and Odell Holbrook, 18, of the Bull Head section of Alleghany county, and Vess Douglas, 30, of the Mitchell's River section of Surry county, are lodged in the Winston-Salem jail charged with several serious crimes ranging from highway robbery to impersonating officers of the law.

Trial Of Tilleys Is Expected To Be Held During March

Solicitor Jones Expresses Belief That State Has Sufficient Evidence To Convict Girl's Murderer

After a week spent in tracing down clues in Wilkes, Surry and Yadkin counties, Detective F. G. Sides stated Tuesday that there was abundant evidence to convict the murderer of Leota Childress. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Tilleys, the girl's foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Tilleys and Clyde Tilleys are being held in the Wilkes county jail in Wilkesboro in connection with the girl's death.

Mr. Sides stated that the past week had been one of the most fruitful of the many weeks the officers have devoted to the case, although he declined to reveal the nature of the latest evidence. The detective intimated that he had obtained information which will throw a stronger light into the mysterious death of Andrew Eldridge seven years ago, as well as into the Childress death which occurred on December 30.

Solicitor John R. Jones, who has headed the investigation, and conducted the many inquests which have been held in the case is now busy with a prosecution in another county but has stated that he feels sure he has enough evidence to convict the murderer of the 20-year old orphan girl. The case is expected to come up at the March term of Wilkes county Superior Court. The Tilleys have waived preliminary hearing.

Cora Sue Collins Has Important Film Role In "Queen Christina"

Little Cora Sue Collins, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Richardson, Baywood, has stepped into the limelight again. This time she "doubles" for no less a personage than Greta Garbo.

Cora Sue takes an important part in the new picture "Queen Christina" which has just been released by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer and which will be shown at the Colonial theatre, Galax, in the near future.

In a large photo reproduction in Monday's Baltimore News, little Cora Sue is shown alighting from a coach drawn by six ponies as she attended the first showing of the picture at Grauman's Chinese theatre in Los Angeles. The caption under the picture says "Little Cora Sue Collins, star at six, creates a sensation (no easy thing in Hollywood) when she arrives in royal state with coach and six ponies, footmen and all, for the first showing of new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer production "Queen Christina."

Little Cora Sue seems to be traveling with motion picture celebrities for mention is made in the caption under another photo reproduction in the same paper that "Nearly all the rest of Hollywood's Who's Who was on hand."

FIVE FIREMEN KILLED Trenton, N. J.—Five firemen were killed in a collision between a fire engine and a heavy motor truck.

Several thousand dollars worth of stolen property has been recovered and it is expected that a series of hold-ups, automobile thefts, store breakings, etc., will be explained. Douglas has admitted his part in the crimes and has implicated the other parties being held.

For several months this gang has been preying upon the people of this section. Several motorists have been stopped on the Sparta-Elkin highway and relieved of their automobiles and valuables. Several people have been stopped and allowed to go on unmolested after having been identified by members of the gang. They have made a specialty of liquor laden cars, and in all cases where liquor was found on the car the driver was allowed to escape and the car and liquor confiscated.

In Brooks' home was found a complete patrolman's uniform, including cap, badges, a John Brown belt, hand cuffs, etc. A complete set of perfectly fitting keys to the Alleghany county jail was in a dresser drawer in the home of Brooks. The search also revealed burglary tools, a large amount of dynamite taken from the road camp near Independence, a stolen gas lamp taken from a nearby church and a set of chains taken from the car of Mack Edwards, of Whitehead, the night before the arrest of Brooks and Holbrook, when the car of Mr. Edwards was towed four miles from his home and stripped of tires, lights, tools, etc.

Brooks and Holbrook were arrested in Sparta Wednesday night of last week in a carefully arranged plot. In their automobile were found a sawed-off shotgun, one other shot gun, two high-powered rifles, burglary tools and a coil for starting cars without a key. The car was equipped with a police siren. A pistol was taken from the person of Brooks, which he attempted to use when arrested by Sergeant Guy Duncan of the State Patrol. The trio are also charged with breaking into the Cash & Carry Store at Sparta in November when six thousand pounds of sugar, a cash register, etc., were taken, and Douglas has admitted his part in this theft.

The body of the car of J. M. Persons that was stolen from Independence last fall was found within a few feet of Brooks' residence, hidden under some brush. The car which Brooks was driving when arrested con-

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ALMANAC FEBRUARY 19—Ohio is admitted to the Union as a State, 1802. 20—First through train from East reaches Chicago, 1852. 21—World famous Washington Monument is dedicated, 1885. 22—George Washington, warrior and statesman, born 1732. 23—Manufacture of the first telephone completed, 1875. 24—U. S. President Johnson impeached by Senate, 1868. 25—Col. Clark captures Vincennes, Indiana, 1779.