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To Begin Work On Reconstruction Of Highway 21 Soon

Official Announces That Highway From Roaring Gap To Twin Oaks Is To Be Rebuilt

An announcement that is welcome—an announcement that has been awaited for a long time was made here Monday to the effect that work on the reconstruction of highway No. 21 from Roaring Gap, through Sparta, and on to Twin Oaks is scheduled to begin within the next sixty days. The announcement was made by H. A. Noel, District Engineer for the State Highway Department, who was in Sparta Monday.

Surveying of the route has been completed and, while here, Mr. Noel posted a blue print of the route in the Court House. The new road is to be of the same type and width as the road up the Blue Ridge to Roaring Gap, and will be practically straight. The old route was followed in the survey wherever it was practical to do so, but in many places the new road will entirely leave the present route. All sharp curves will be eliminated and wherever curves are found in the new location, they will be so gradual that fast driving will be safe.

Those who have been looking forward to the construction of this road are immensely pleased with the news that work is to begin soon, realizing that it will mean much to Alleghany county and will add to the convenience, as well as safety, of highway travel in this section.

To Hold Jackson Day Dinner At Raleigh

Raleigh, March 13.—Plans have been approved by the North Carolina State Executive Committee of the Democratic party for a Jackson Day dinner to be held in the Raleigh auditorium on Saturday night, March 31. The affair is to be sponsored by the North Carolina Clubs of Young Democrats.

The plans call for the rally to be divided into three parts—a get-together meeting from six to seven o'clock; dinner, seven to ten, and a dance from ten to twelve. The get-together will be in the form of an informal reception.

The outstanding feature of the dinner hour is expected to be an address by Senator Bennett Champ Clark, of Missouri. There will be speeches by Governor Ehringhaus, for the state; Ed Hudgins, for the organization sponsoring the affair, and greetings from Chairman Winborne, Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, vice chairman, Mrs. Jerman, National Committeewoman, and others.

Tickets for the event may be obtained from Carlisle Higgins, Sparta.

BROOKS, HOLBROOK AND DOUGLAS GIVEN HEARING

Ransom Brooks, Odell Holbrook and Ves Douglas were given a preliminary hearing on Wednesday, March 7, at Sparta, N. C., before Justices Roup and Edwards, on charges preferred against them in connection with a series of thefts and highway hold-ups in Alleghany and Surry counties. The men were apprehended a few weeks ago during a raid conducted by State Highway Patrolmen and county officers.

Douglas waived hearing of evidence and Holbrook was dismissed because of lack of evidence. Several witnesses testified against Brooks on a number of charges and he was held for the action of the Alleghany county grand jury at the May term of Superior court.

Both Douglas and Brooks were returned to the Forsyth county jail in Winston-Salem where they will be held under bond of \$10,000.

Brooks has retained Attorney R. F. Crouse, of Sparta, to defend him and the defendants are being prosecuted by Attorney Sidney Gambill, also of Sparta. Douglas has not yet employed counsel.

Master Teacher



Fred R. Kirby, of the Hillsville High School, has been designated as the outstanding teacher of vocational agriculture in Virginia during the session 1932-33. Mr. Kirby won this distinction in competition with 118 Virginia teachers of agriculture.

Mr. Kirby's record will be submitted in the Southern regional contest in which the outstanding teachers of agriculture in the twelve Southern states will be reviewed and the master teacher of the South selected.

Marvin And Ralph Holbrook Murder Each Other Friday

Elkin, March 13.—Marvin and Ralph Holbrook, 25 and 27, respectively, are both dead as a result of a pistol battle which took place Friday night at the home of Mrs. Amanda Holbrook, an aged relative by marriage, who is 90 years of age. Marvin died about fifteen minutes after the shooting and Ralph died late Monday in the Elkin hospital.

The two, who were distant cousins, are said to have met at the home of the aged woman to settle a matter which had been the source of repeated fights between them, Marvin having been a patient in the local hospital last October, suffering from knife wounds said to have been inflicted by Ralph. According to reports, Marvin fired the first shot, the bullet entering Ralph's chest and passing through the spinal column. Ralph is said to have then fired two bullets into Marvin's body, one of which entered his neck, and the other his side.

Ralph is survived by the widow, Mrs. Sallie Vestal Holbrook; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Holbrook, Traphill; two small sons and several brothers and sisters. Marvin leaves the widow, Mrs. Leota Owens Holbrook; two sons, Fred and Sonny; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Minton Holbrook, Benham; a brother, Clyde; and two sisters, Mrs. Ira Dowell and Mrs. Bud Holbrook, Traphill.

Report Is Submitted By Textbook Group

Raleigh, March 13.—Following its week-end meeting here, the committee on high school textbooks submitted, in its report to the State Board of Education, a multiple list of three books in each of eight courses of study in the field of social sciences in the high schools of North Carolina.

The elementary commission had previously made its report on history students, except in the field of North Carolina history, which is expected soon. When this is in the State Board of Education will meet and plan for receiving bids from the publishers of both elementary and high school textbooks with a view of adopting new textbooks, always on condition that the prices are satisfactory.

The high school committee announces that it will proceed with its additional work of selection and recommendation of supplementary textbooks and work books for the social science immediately after the adoption of the basal books by the State Board of Education. The supplemental books are to be included in the provisions of textbooks, that the state board select them from multiple lists recommended by the commissions, and award contracts to publishers on the low bid basis. Formerly these were bought on county unit contracts.

To Hold Republican Conventions In Co.

Announcement has been made by Carl W. Cook, Chairman of the Alleghany county Republican Committee, that the Alleghany county Republican convention will be held in the Court House in Sparta on Saturday, March 24, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of selecting delegates to attend the district and state conventions and such other business as may come before the meeting.

Mr. Cook has also called meetings of the Republican voters at their various voting places to be held on Saturday, March 17, at 2 p. m., to select delegates to the county convention in Sparta. The district Congressional convention is to be held in Taylorsville on Friday, March 30, and the state convention will meet in Charlottesville on April 4.

Postpone Trial Of Tilley Family To Later Court Term

Judge Warlick Advises That Special Term Of Court Be Called, Possibly During June

North Wilkesboro, March 13.—Decision was reached Friday afternoon, when Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Tilley, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Tilley and Clyde Tilley were arraigned before Judge Wilson Warlick, to postpone the trial of the defendants for the murder of Leota Childress until a later date.

Judge Warlick advised that a special term of court be called on the first open date to try the case, possibly the two weeks following the regular June term of civil court.

After the defendants were formally arraigned and entered a plea of not guilty the question of whether or not the case could be started today and concluded this week was taken up. The fact was brought out that there are more than 100 witnesses for the state and that five days might not be enough for the trial and that Judge Warlick is scheduled to begin court in Mocksville on Monday, March 19. Attorney A. T. Grant, of Mocksville, a defense attorney, stated that he must attend to business before the supreme court on Wednesday and asked for a continuance.

However, Solicitor Jones, the private prosecution and the defense attorneys, expressed themselves as being ready for immediate trial and Judge Warlick ordered that a special venire be summoned from Caldwell county to report Monday at 10 o'clock.

Attorneys then conferred with each other and again Attorney Grant requested a continuance. Judge Warlick then ordered the case to be continued by consent of both the state and defendants.

The defense asked that the defendants be given bail, but Solicitor Jones refused to consider it for the present. It was intimated that habeas corpus proceedings may be instituted.

Luther Tilley and Winfield Stanley, indicted for the murder of Andrew Eldridge in 1927, were not arraigned Friday.

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"CIVIL SERVICE" TO BE PRESENTED HERE SOON

The play entitled "Civil Service" or "Old R. F. D." will be presented soon at Sparta high school by talent from the Twin Oaks community. Announcement of the date and further details will be made soon.

The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the school.

Doughton Is Only North Carolinian To Oppose Bonus

All Other Members Of Delegation Support Patman Bill, Except Pou, Who Was Absent

Washington, March 13.—When the House voted yesterday on the measure providing for the immediate cash payment of the soldiers' bonus, Representative Robert L. Doughton, of the fifth North Carolina district, was the only member of the state's delegation who voted against the bill. Under the Patman bill, which was passed by the House by the tremendous vote of 295 to 125, the veterans' compensation certificates would be re-deemed at their face value with a new issue of treasury notes.

Representatives Abernathy, Hancock, Weaver, Kerr, Umstead, Lambeth, Bulwinkle and Clark supported the bill. Representative Pou did not vote but he left word at the desk that he wished to be paired for the measure and had Representative Bulwinkle state on the floor that if he were present he would vote for payment of the bonus.

The strength mustered by the inflation-veteran bloc in the North Carolina delegation as well as in the entire House came as a surprise in view of the frank statement made by President Roosevelt that he is opposed to the Patman bill and will veto the measure if and when it reaches his desk. If the proponents of the legislation can hold their lines, they have sufficient strength to override the veto with 81 votes to spare.

The measure now goes to the Senate where the chances are that it will pass. The bill will then be sent to the White House and if Mr. Roosevelt disapproves it Congress will vote on the question of sustaining the veto.

In explaining his vote this afternoon, Doughton said: "I started out with the President and I am going to continue to stick with him." He added:

"Everyone knows the passage of the bill is just an idle gesture. The President has stated he will veto the bill and there is not a chance in the world to pass it over his veto. The President says it will interfere with his recovery program and that was sufficient for me to vote against the legislation."

Doughton also expressed opposition to what he termed "printing press and fiat money provisions of the bill."

Proponents of the bill took an opposite viewpoint. Representative Hancock, who was one of the leaders in the bonus fight, said the treasury notes which the bill provides will have a 100 per cent. gold backing and the measure will provide some "controlled inflation" which he said the country badly needs. He said he knows of no better way to get money into circulation than by paying off the adjustment compensation certificates.

During the debate in the House it became quite obvious that the Patman bill received its greatest support because of the inflationary provisions in it. Speaker after speaker called for an expansion of the currency.

TO OBSERVE ARBOR DAY IN NORTH CAROLINA

Raleigh, March 13.—Exercises commemorating Arbor Day, March 16, will be built around planting programs to be held by most of the public schools of the state, although civic clubs, patriotic organizations and other bodies will take part in such commemoration. State Forester J. S. Holmes announces.

To further such programs Mr. Holmes has promised to furnish seedlings from the state forest nursery to schools wishing to plant trees in forest formation on school property, but they cannot be furnished for ornamental planting, and not less than 100 nor more than 1,000 can be supplied under the offer, conditioned upon recipients paying shipping costs. Seedlings available now are locust, loblolly and short-leaf pines. More than 200 schools have taken advantage of similar offers in previous years.

Furniture . . . Too Much



Kay Francis, of the screen, testified that her third husband, Kenneth McKenna, assumed a superior and sarcastic air; wouldn't even let her arrange the furniture to her liking in their home and tried to tell her how to dress. She was granted a divorce in Los Angeles recently.

Payment Of Bonus Voted Tuesday By House, 295 To 125

Measure Now Awaits Senate Action In Face Of Threatened Veto By President Roosevelt

Washington, March 13.—After suffering a crushing defeat in passage of the soldiers' bonus bill, which passed the House yesterday by a vote of 295 to 125, Administration leaders in the House today decided to risk another blow by forcing the issue on modification of the veterans' economy act and restoration of the Federal pay cut.

The Appropriations Committee decided to seek a "gag" rule, if necessary, to send the independent offices supply bill to conference with the Senate in the hope of effecting a compromise on the veterans' issue.

Under the program unanimous consent will be asked to send the independent offices bill, which contains the veterans' and pay-cut provisions, to conference. Failing, a special rule to accomplish this will be asked, and a vote sought in the House tomorrow.

Meanwhile, the bitterly contested soldiers' bonus issue was laid on the doorstep of the Senate after the House, in its first rebellion against President Roosevelt, passed the measure by a vote of 295 to 125.

The bill, Administration spokesmen predicted, will not become law during the present session. They foresaw either defeat in the Senate or upholding of a promised Presidential veto.

Leaders of the "veterans' bloc" in the Senate appeared reluctant to make a fight for the bill pending settlement of the battle over the veterans' economy act.

The most militant Senate backers of the bonus-inflation bill, including Robinson (Republican) of Indiana, Long (Democrat) of Louisiana and Thomas (Democrat) of Oklahoma, were expected to oppose firework, which may cause the session to end in a spectacular fight over the old issue.

The Senate only recently voted 64 to 24 against the bonus, but its backers said the unfavorable vote reflected the desire of the Senate to avoid complications in the veterans' economy controversy.

N. WILKESBORO FIRE SUN. CAUSES \$15,000 DAMAGE

North Wilkesboro, March 13.—Fire, which swept the Horton Drug company here Sunday caused a damage of \$15,000, it is said. The stock and fixtures of the firm were destroyed by the flames.

Insurance is said to have partially covered the loss.

CHANGE IS MADE IN SUN. MAIL SCHEDULE HERE

Due to a recent change in the local Sunday mail schedule, the mail will arrive an hour earlier than in the past. According to the new schedule, the mail will arrive on Sundays at 11:30 o'clock and leave at 12 o'clock.

Mrs. Roosevelt Is Royally Received By Puerto Ricans

First Lady Greets Many Natives At Reception Given In Her Honor At Governor's Palace

Ponce, Puerto Rico, March 13.—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt rounded out her studies of housing conditions, child feeding, and needle work in this island today, but found time in a busy day to think of home.

Returning from a two-day inspection tour of Puerto Rico, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt presided at a public reception at the Fort Aleza this afternoon. Inhabitants called it the largest gathering in San Juan "since Ponce de Leon came to town."

More than 2,000 persons attended the reception, which was the most important social function this city has witnessed in years. Mrs. Roosevelt stood in the mirrored hall of the governor's residence, shaking the hands of those who came to greet her.

Gov. Blanton Winship, newly appointed to rule here, received with Mrs. Roosevelt, and the first person to greet the First Lady as she descended the staircase was a young woman seeking treatment at Warm Springs, Ga., made famous by President Roosevelt.

Mrs. Roosevelt barely had time to change her clothes for the reception following her six-hour drive from San German through hilly tobacco country, during which she was delayed in passing four funerals on the road. Her car also was forced to ford two streams.

But she did not appear tired. Women attending the reception took careful note of her gown, a blue, flowered costume. It

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Corn-Hog Reduction Progresses In County

Announcement has been made recently by W. E. Collins, Alleghany County Agricultural Agent, that eighty farmers of the county have signed the Corn-Hog Reduction contract and have had their work sheets corrected. Mr. Collins requests that those who have not had their work sheets corrected come to his office on or before Monday, March 19, so that he may go over the sheets and make necessary corrections.

Farmers who sign the contract are urged to obtain their supporting evidence of sales of pigs as rapidly as possible in order that the reduction campaign may be closed at any time the officials may be called upon to do so.

Reduction blanks can be obtained at Mr. Collins' office in Sparta and are available to any farmer wishing to sign up. The farm agent expresses the belief that any farmer in the county who has raised more than a dozen pigs in the last two years can make money by signing the contract. He also expresses a hope that every eligible farmer will take advantage of the liberal payments and get the money which is due him.

ALMANAC

Now what have you been up to?

"When children stand quiet they have done some mischief."

MARCH

- 12—U. S. Grant made general in chief U. S. Army, 1864.
- 13—First man wounded in Revolutionary War, 1775.
- 14—First blackhander threatens Julius Caesar, B. C. 44.
- 15—Czar Nicholas of Russia is forced to abdicate, 1917.
- 16—James Madison, 4th President of U. S., born 1751.
- 17—Boston bars pasturing of cows on Commons, 1830.
- 18—Grover Cleveland, 24th U. S. President, born 1837.