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Ehringhaus Is Not Disposed To Replace Jeffress

Is Inclined To Let Highway Chairman Retain Post In Name Only For Indefinite Period

Raleigh, Nov. 27.—Rumors that there is dissatisfaction over the state because something is not done to provide an active head of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, probably implying the resignation of Chairman E. B. Jeffress, who has been stricken at his home in Greensboro for three or four months, is believed to be as so much water on the duck's back to Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus, in whom the decision rests.

Belief is that the attitude of Governor Ehringhaus is that as long as there is hope of the recovery of Mr. Jeffress or as long as the department can continue to function without an active head, within reasonable limits, the resignation of Mr. Jeffress, even if tendered by some one supposed to speak for him, would not be acceptable or accepted by the Governor.

The Chief Executive apparently looks upon Chairman Jeffress as a casualty of his state service, seemingly believing that the work he has done as chairman of the department is largely responsible for the stroke coming from the abscessed tumor on his brain. It is a matter of common knowledge that Mr. Jeffress was an indefatigable worker, spending many hours, night and day, at his desk, in his room, on the highways, or elsewhere, doing the work that was required of him only in business hours.

It might be assumed, without much overstatement, that Mr. Jeffress has put in six months to a year of extra time on his job since he became chairman of the commission some three and a half years ago, and that, if for no other reason, he would be due that much time for recovery, if it should be needed or unless it became necessary to have an active head on the job all the time. It is also known that Governor Ehringhaus feels that if someone is needed to be on the job to make decisions for the commission, he would devote as much time as is necessary to the work of the Highway Department himself.

While it is admitted that the department might function some better with an active head and that there is a certain amount of unrest and uncertainty in that branch of the state's service, it is believed that it is running along as smoothly as is necessary and that it will be some time before Governor Ehringhaus will take any steps toward filling the place now held only in title by the stricken chairman.

Concrete, conservatives have been pleased at NRA changes, Treasury refinancing along conventional lines, refusal to openly endorse Upton Sinclair, the termination of the Home Owners' Loan Corporation, the Federal Housing campaign based on the response of private capital, opposition to cash payment of the bonus, restoration of full pay to government workers on the ground that recovery would warrant it by next June and on the lifting of the ban on the export of capital. Moreover, officials have taken repeated occasions to declare that the government, in many operations, is only acting until private industry or capital takes up the slack.

INSULL ACQUITTED

Chicago, Nov. 27.—Samuel Insull, who built a utilities empire in the American Midwest acquitted Saturday of swindling.

ROOSEVELT USES BRAKES

The speech of President Roosevelt (continued on page 2)

Fine Imposed On Doughton's Assailant Fri.

Albemarle, Nov. 27.—In superior court here Friday J. S. (Seph) Blalock, convicted of an assault upon Congressman R. L. Doughton several weeks ago, was required to pay a fine of \$50 and costs, and was placed under a 30-day suspended road sentence, effective at any time within the next eight years should Blalock be convicted of a similar affray. In pronouncing sentence, Judge J. H. Clement reversed the decision of the county court, Judge T. S. Mauney having sentenced Blalock to 30 days on the roads two weeks ago.

Blalock's case came up Tuesday morning, and following his conviction, Judge Clement remanded the defendant to jail, where he remained until the close of court Thursday at noon.

Reynolds Favors Old-Age Pension Law Enactment

Junior North Carolina Senator Says He Will Help Lead Fight For Passage In Senate

Washington, Nov. 27.—Senator Robert R. Reynolds recently predicted that the demand for old age pensions would sweep through the next Congress and he gave additional reasons why he thought this type of legislation should be enacted into law without delay.

Senator Reynolds favors a cooperative plan for old age pensions under which the federal and state governments will finance it. Asked how North Carolina stood on the subject the senator said: "There is a great amount of agitation in North Carolina for old age pensions. Old age pensions associations have been formed in Jackson, Franklin and Henderson counties. I am informed that these associations will be formed shortly in most of the other North Carolina counties."

Reynolds in a prepared statement released a few days ago made these observations: "The movement for the federal government to take the leadership in formulating a plan for old age pensions is gaining momentum. In every section of the country groups are being formed to press this cause. It is a just one. Under our new social order, we (continued on back page)

Calves Bring \$5.55 At Galax Sale Monday

The top heifer sold for \$3.75 per hundred pounds at Monday's weekly livestock auction sale held at Galax by the Grayson-Carroll Livestock market. The top price paid for calves was \$5.55 per hundred, although there were no top calves offered for sale, and top fat hogs sold for \$6 per hundred. The run of stock on hand for sale Monday was comparatively light.

Next Monday, December 3, the regular special horse and mule sale will be held, in accordance with the regular custom of holding these special sales on the first Monday of each month. A special milk cow sale is to be held on Friday of this week, November 30, at the weekly auction at Columbia, S. C., livestock market, which is owned and operated by J. T. Horney, president of the Galax market.

DEPRESSION FAILS TO DETER LOVE IN BOSTON

Boston, Nov. 27.—In Boston, love has found a way, despite the depression. From January 1 to October 31, this year, there were 6,407 marriages—1,032 more than in the corresponding period last year.

Miss Ruby York Is Winner In Beauty Pageant

Is Awarded Title: "Miss Alleghany County" Friday Night. Annie Smith Wins In Juvenile Contest

At the beauty pageant held Friday night in Sparta high school auditorium, which was attended by a large audience that enjoyed the colorful program, Miss Ruby York, who was entered in the contest by Twin Oaks Motor company, was the winner of the title: "Miss Alleghany County" and is entitled to represent the county at the state contest to be held in Raleigh in March.

Other young ladies participating in the contest and the business firms, professional men or schools of the county sponsoring them were as follows: Mabel Andrews, Cash and Carry Store; Alma Caudill, Sparta Garage; Sadie Crouse, Senior class; Ora Goodman, Senior class; Marie Halsey, Piney Creek high school; Ruth Hines, Senior class; Irene Kilby, Mitchell's General store; Johnnie Mabry, Sparta theatre; Carolyn Maxwell, Junior class; Ruth McMillan, Sophomore class; Susie Osborne, B. and T. Drug company; Marie Perry, J. Hardin's store; Lucille Pugh, Freshman class; Irene Reeves, The Variety store; Jean Reeves, Alleghany Motor company; Grady Sue Spicer, Smithy's store, and Verna Weaver, Sidney Gambill.

Miss York, the winner, was presented to the audience by Mayor Floyd Crouse.

In the juvenile contest, the title of "Little Miss Alleghany County" went to Annie Smith, with Rosamond Doughton running a very close second. Besides these two, Bernice Jarvis, Kathleen Harris and Mabeline Richardson were participants in this contest.

TWIN GIRLS ARE BORN TWO DAYS APART

Brackley, Northamptonshire, England, Nov. 26.—Mrs. Leslie Daniels on Saturday gave birth to a daughter weighing 3½ pounds.

Today she gave birth to a second girl weighing 5 pounds. The mother and both children are doing well, doctors said.

Through State Capital Keyholes

By Bess Hinton Silver

LIFE AND LIMB—While sentiment for a State automobile drivers' license law is growing as a result of increased accidents taking tolls of life and property, there is one big obstacle confronting legislative action. It is money. Senator Allen H. Gwyn, of Rockingham county, introduced such a bill in the 1933 General Assembly but it didn't get to first base. The reason was that Raleigh, Winston-Salem and other cities have drivers' license laws for revenue purposes. Enactment of a State law would have knocked the cities out of their mazzama and some of them were then in default. The same situation will confront the coming legislative session and supporters of the drivers' license are agreed that it must be designed for safety and without thought of money beyond the cost of operation.

BIG QUESTION—How many eligible voters in North Carolina. You guess. Here's what a brief check of the registration book in one Raleigh precinct showed. Of 444 names checked 99 of them were found to be either duplicates or the names of persons dead. The Capital City is to have a new registration soon but what about books in other cities and counties of the State? The question has been raised in Raleigh as to how many persons in the books at two or more voting places and how many deceased persons are still recorded as eligible voters. Out of it all may grow a movement for State-wide registrations at regular intervals.

MONEY AND MUD—Advocates of diversion of highway funds point to the large surplus in cash on hand while farmers and others living on the secondary roads point to the mud-holes, bumps and delapidated bridges over which they must drive. The surplus came about because of limitations placed on the highway department by the last Legislature and not because motorists are paying more money than can be spent in building and maintaining roads. The money was collected to provide a highway system for use by those who kicked in but as a result of the legal restrictions motorists are having to pay about all they can and ride as best they can.

Chief Executive Moves To Keep Down U. S. Costs

Outlines "Safe And Sane" Legislative Program To Congressional Lieutenants At Warm Springs Monday

Warm Springs, Ga., Nov. 26.—A "safe and sane" legislative program for 1935, designed primarily to keep normal government expenditures within the income, was outlined to the new deal's chief congressional lieutenants today by President Roosevelt.

For more than four hours, Mr. Roosevelt sat around the conference table with Senators Joe T. Robinson, majority leader, and Pat Harrison, chairman of the powerful Senate finance committee, exploring the entire picture. When all was said and done, it was clearly indicated that the entire program pointed to a tapering off of the governmental deficit as a prime objective.

Robinson, who explained that he would see the President again tomorrow to continue the discussions, issued a formal statement that revealed a decision to stand as nearly as possible on present taxes and an effort to overcome the strong sentiment that now prevails in congressional quarters for immediate cash payment of the soldiers' bonus amounting to more than \$2,000,000,000.

"My conference with the President has not been concluded," Robinson said. "He asked me to remain over and see him in the morning after which I will leave for Little Rock, Ark., my home.

"I can only add that we are discussing the general conditions that prevail and that we also are considering some measures relating to important subjects. I have no detailed statement to make at this time on prospective legislation."

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR NEWSPAPERMAN HELD MON.

Greensboro, Nov. 26.—Alexander Lowrie Stockton, 58, managing editor of the Greensboro Daily News for 23 years, was buried here today.

Funeral services were conducted at the First Presbyterian Church here by the pastor, Dr. Charles F. Myers, and Dr. W. A. Stansbury, Methodist minister.

Edsel Ford Tells Roosevelt Business Is On Upgrade

Warm Springs, Ga., Nov. 24.—Edsel Ford, one of the nation's outstanding industrialists, came to the Little White House here today to tell President Roosevelt that business was on the upgrade. "We are very hopeful and optimistic about business conditions," he said, "it is certainly true in our industry and I hear favorable reports from all over the country. In stepping up our production to 1,000,000 cars in 1935, we are confident we have come out of the trough and are headed for sustained recovery."

Edsel Ford, son of Henry Ford, who has consistently and successfully opposed some of the new deal's recovery tenets, explained that "we have not signed NRA compliance certificates and we have no intention of doing so."

Farley Present At Dedication In Charlotte

Expresses Disappointment Over Fact That Democrats Failed To Carry Vermont In Nov. 6 Election

Charlotte, Nov. 27.—Postmaster-General James A. Farley, at a banquet held here last week, told city officials he was disappointed in results of the November 6 election.

"We expected to carry Vermont," he said. "We felt sure we would and we are disappointed because we didn't, but will get it next time." The cabinet member left Charlotte for Washington after delivering a dedication address at the new \$500,000 Charlotte post office.

In his speech of dedication Farley explained that one of the chief aims of the administration is for large industries to follow liberal and wide policies.

The post-master general made a formal announcement that he would ask Congress to retain the three-cent postage rate for the present. He pointed out that the volume of business is not sufficient at present to pay expenses if the two-cent rate was returned.

"I believe the people will prefer to pay this extra penny on each letter than to place such a burden on the taxpayers," the speaker said after pointing out the deficit would amount to about \$75,000,000 annually.

The new deal calls for business to observe its duties to the country, Farley declared, as much as it calls for protection of property.

Democratic Congressman A. L. Bulwinkle introduced the post-master-general to his 5,000 listeners.

During his hurried jaunt to North Carolina Farley visited (continued on back back)

Sparta Churches To Hold Service Of Thanksgiving

Union Thanksgiving services for the churches of Sparta are to be held at 10:30 o'clock this (Thursday) morning in the Baptist church, of which Dr. G. A. Martin is pastor. All Sparta people, according to Dr. Martin, are asked to go to this church at the hour named and give thanks unto God for his gracious blessings upon us in this good year.

"Surely we have much to be thankful for," said Dr. Martin, "Peace and plenty. Health and happiness."

This service will also be in the nature of a welcome service for the two new pastors of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches, who are expected to have something to say at the gathering.

"We need to come together," said Dr. Martin, "to thank God that we are not at war, and to pray to Him to keep us out of one."

TO HEAR GOVERNOR

Kinston, Nov. 27.—Governor Ehringhaus will address convention of the Seaboard Medical Association here December 4-6.

Sparta Makes Progress After Fire Of 1933

Story In Winston-Salem Newspaper Tells Of Fast Recovery From Catastrophe Suffered By Town

The following story concerning the progress of Sparta since the disastrous fire which swept the town early in 1933 appeared in the Winston-Salem Journal and Sentinel for Sunday, November 25:

Out of the ruins of a disastrous \$70,000 fire which swept Sparta in 1933 is arising a new and greater town.

Paced by the county of Alleghany which replaced the burned courthouse with a handsome brick and stone structure, Sparta has practically completed a business block more in keeping with the thriving little county seat than the one razed in the flames.

Under construction at the present time is Sparta's new theatre building, an attractive stone and brick structure, which will have a seating capacity of 300. Owners W. D. Reeves and W. C. Halsey will start in business in the near future.

Across from the courthouse is the new office building of Governor Rufus A. Doughton, one of North Carolina's best-known solons and attorneys. It stands on the site of the one burned.

South of the theatre building is the new home of the Alleghany Motor Company. D. C. Bledsoe, Ford dealer, is having the building erected of native stone. The building is 58x122 feet with a large basement. It will be ready for occupancy by January 1.

In the residential section and near completion are the modern six-room brick home of Brown Collin and the modern nine-room brick home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Halsey. Another attractive residence is that of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Bledsoe, just completed.

Numerous buildings destroyed in the fire have been replaced by new and more modern structures and have been occupied by the owners for weeks.

The highway from three miles north of Sparta and two miles to the south has been graded and widened to regulation width and a stone put on, giving this section a full-width road from West Jefferson via Sparta, Roaring Gap and Elkin to Winston-Salem.

This entire section is rejoicing that the \$60,000,000 scenic boulevard is to cross this mountain range. Engineers are here now making surveys.

Governor Doughton added the final comment upon the progress of Sparta and Alleghany county: "Did you know that Alleghany county only owes \$200,000 and has accumulated against this a sinking fund of \$40,000? Our bonds cannot be purchased even at par. Yes, we are proud of our county and town, and rightly should be."

TIMES BEING PUBLISHED A DAY EARLY THIS WEEK

Because of the Thanksgiving holidays the TIMES is being published a day earlier this week in order that the force may not have to work on Thanksgiving Day. However, next week the paper will make its appearance on the customary day, as usual.

ALMANAC

9 bells and that dumb dove was supposed to meet me at 7:30!

"People count up the faults of those who keep them waiting."

NOVEMBER

- 26—First long distance telephone call is made, 1876.
- 27—Famous Hoosac Tunnel is formally dedicated, 1873.
- 28—First post office in United States opened, 1783.
- 29—Admiral Byrd flies over the South pole, 1929.
- 30—Wilton Lackaye scores hit in "Trilby," 1905.

DECEMBER

- 1—Henry Ford drives own car mile-a-minute, 1903.
- 2—John Brown is hanged for part in raid, 1859.