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### PACIFIC AIR LINES

Regular flights between California and China are expected to begin this summer as a result of the decision of the Pan-American Airways to inaugurate service. Operating airports will be established on each of a series of islands forming steps from Hawaii to the Philippines and splitting wide the mandated islands of Japan. That the new airway is viewed with suspicion in Tokyo is apparent. Navy officials there refer to the former German islands as "Japan's first line of marine defense," but no protest is expected in view of the development by Japan of harbors in which she permits no foreign visitors.

### JAPAN HAS OBJECTIONS

Commercial air bases will be erected on Midway, Wake and Guam, but it is felt Japanese apprehensions should not interfere with legitimate commercial aviation. Of course, everyone knows that such bases could serve military planes. Moreover, they will be sanctioned subject to the right of the Navy to take them over in an emergency. Flying schedules will be worked out after the giant clipper air liners begin their flights. They have been thoroughly tested in South American service and there seems to be little doubt of the technical success of the line. The air service will cover 8,500 miles, with five stops, reaching Canton, China, in about four days as compared to the three weeks now required by the best liners.

### REPORTS BUSINESS GAINS

The Business Advisory and planning Council, composed of fifty-two members, representing practically every phase of trade and industry, meets regularly to discuss the Administration's policies and to counsel on business affairs. Last week it gathered to report gains up to 30 percent for the first two months of this as compared to last year, with the exception of companies connected with heavy industries, railroads, cotton, and some milling projects. The housing program was expected to aid these in the near future. Significantly, the statement of the Council asserted the soundness of the American dollar "in either our own or in world markets" and that "based on its present gold value it is as sound a currency as exists today."

### ROOSEVELT LOSES GROUND

A few days before Henry I. Harriman, president of the United States Chamber of Commerce, "reported" that since the Fall elections President Roosevelt has lost ground with the people of the country, who, while still admiring him and wanting to have faith in his policies, want jobs and are beginning to wonder whether "the New Deal will give them work and the comforts of life." While this writer expresses no opinion as to the reasons given by Mr. Harriman he agrees with the conclusion, which was clearly set out in this column two weeks ago. The head of the businessmen's organization expressed the belief that the depression was over and cited statistics to bear out the point.

### HOOVER ADVISES PARTY

Following his recent statement, advising the country to return to the gold standard as the only means of effecting a permanent recovery, former President Hoover is represented as believing that if radical currency inflation can be avoided at this session of Congress the nation's monetary system will escape further disturbance. However, Mr. Hoover fears inflation if Congress piles the heavy added burden of paying the veterans' bonus upon the emergency expenditures now being met by borrowing, and feels that all Conservatives and sound money advocates should aid the Administration in defeating the immediate cash payment of the bonus. This suggestion, it is reported, has not met with any hearty response from Republican members of Congress, some of whom believe that the increased national debt might ultimately force easy money of a flat nature.

### REPUBLICANS PLAN FIGHT

Signs that the Republican party is getting ready to gird its loins for a battle next year are seen in the increased interest being taken by members in the threat of Senator Long to lead a third party movement and in his repeated attacks upon the Administration. Chairman Fletcher, of the Republican National Committee, chimes in with the observation that the schism in the party

## Sanity Hearing For Delp On In Grayson Court

### Defense Motion For Observation At State Hospital Is Overruled By Judge Sutherland

### DR. WRIGHT IS HEARD

### If Jury Returns Verdict Of Sanity, Murder Trial Is Expected To Follow. Campbell Is Defending

The case of Howard Delp, charged with the murder of the late Chief of Police Posey Martin, of Galax, was called Monday morning in Grayson county circuit court at Independence with Judge Horace Sutherland, Galax, presiding. Immediately preceding the calling of the case, a quick indictment was returned by the grand jury.

Stuart B. Campbell, Wytheville (Va.) attorney, asked Judge Sutherland for an order committing Delp to the Southwestern State hospital at Marion, Va., for observation. Dr. George A. Wright, head of the Marion institution, testified at length Monday, in the absence of the jury, concerning his short observations of the defendant and as to his opinions. Dr. Wright stated that he could not say definitely whether Delp was sane or insane, and that he would wish a period of 30 to 60 days before making a decision on the matter.

Apparently, the sole defense plea at present is that of insanity. After hearing the testimony of Dr. Wright, Judge Sutherland overruled the defense motion and, despite strenuous objection on the part of the defense, said he would let the jury decide as to whether Delp was sane or insane at the time of the crime and whether he is sane or insane at the present.

Most of Monday's court sessions was taken up in selection of the jury. A number of veniremen were excused from service because of fixed opinions concerning the defendant.

A large crowd was present in the courtroom Monday when Delp was taken in for the first time. The prisoner had the look of a hunted animal as he gazed about the room indifferently, it seemed. He got up from his seat many times during the day and at one time it was necessary for an officer to return him to his seat. He kept putting his hat on and off his head until he was finally warned by Chief of Police J. I. Snow, of Galax, who was in charge of the prisoner for a part of the day, to leave it off, which he did. It is the contention of the prosecution that he is merely feigning insanity, and a large number of witnesses have been examined in an effort to bear out this contention.

All of Tuesday's session and up until near the time of the latest reports from Independence yes-

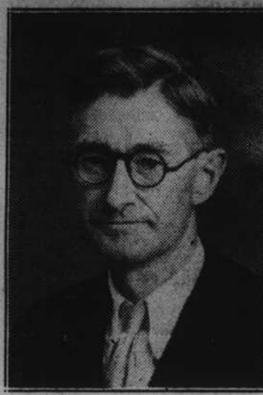
## Five Are Held In Connection With Recent Thefts

Many of a series of depredations on private property in Alleghany county, which have been taking place over a considerable period of time, are expected to be cleared up with the arrest of a number of persons who were taken into custody last week by Sheriff Walter M. Irwin, assisted by Deputies Chap Edwards and Charlie Shepherd.

Sheriff Irwin has spent much time and effort during the past few weeks to obtain evidence to convict the guilty parties, and has been commended for his perseverance.

Those arrested were: Porter Wagoner, Rouser Murray, Ardell Hawkins, Emmett Wolfe and Gilbert Atwood. Wagoner, Murray and Hawkins, who are said to have broken into M. L. Richardson's store at Whitehead, are charged with store-breaking and larceny; Wolfe is charged with receiving stolen property, and Wagoner and Atwood are charged with breaking into Smithy's store here and stealing more than 500 pounds of hams. All the prisoners were bound over to Alleghany Superior court at a preliminary hearing.

## Slain Police Chief



Above is a photograph of the late Chief of Police Posey Martin, of Galax, who was allegedly slain by Howard Delp on Thursday night, February 21, at the door of the jail in Galax.

## Senate Passes Relief Bill Saturday 68-16

### Measure Is Sent Into Conference Carrying Mild Inflation Rider. Byrd, Glass Vote "No"

Washington, Mar. 26.—A senate torn and weary for eight weeks of tussling with the largest single legislative appropriation in world history, Saturday capitulated to big stick pressure from Democratic leaders and passed the administration's \$4,880,000,000 relief bill.

The measure, carrying a mild silver inflation rider, was speeded to a conference with the house for a settlement of differences by the decisive margin of 68 to 16.

The \$375,000,000 silver rider, advanced by Senator Thomas (D., Okla.) was accepted only as a parliamentary move to prevent a filibuster. Leaders expect it to be stricken out in the senate-house conference. Decisively, the senate defeated before a final vote a proposed amendment for a \$4,000,000,000 greenback issue to pay for the whole program.

Designed to provide work for 3,500,000 employables now on relief rolls after the \$880,000,000.

## Auto Accident Claims Victim Well Known Here

Wadesboro, Mar. 26.—Frank Bennett Jr., 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bennett, of this place, was instantly killed Sunday morning just before 6 o'clock when his automobile, driven at high speed, left the road a few miles east of Cheraw, S. C., on the Darlington highway, and went down a fill some 25 feet high. Young Bennett held a position with the Atlantic Coast Line at Florence, S. C., and was coming to Wadesboro to spend the week-end with his parents. He was alone.

No one saw the accident, but the wrecked car, with the body still in it, was discovered in a short while by a Negro living in the vicinity, and this Negro notified persons at a filling station some distance away. News of the tragedy reached Wadesboro about 7 o'clock.

Mr. Bennett was educated at Fishburne Military School and at the University of North Carolina, and for some time had been connected with the railroad at Florence, being just embarked on a promising career. He was well known throughout North Carolina and in adjoining states. He is survived by his parents and by one sister, Miss Martha Clarke Bennett, student at Women's College of the University of North Carolina.

Mr. Bennett was very well known in Sparta, having spent several summers in the home of R. E. Hawthorne.

## Roosevelt Off On Vacation In Tropical Waters

### Length Of Stay Away From Capital May Depend On Condition Of Howe, Who Shows Improvement

Jacksonville, Fla., Mar. 26.—Carrying with him detailed plans for his \$4,880,000,000 works-relief program, President Roosevelt late today boarded the trim destroyer Farragut for a two-week cruise of work and play in tropic seas.

The Chief Executive lost no time in setting out, once he was on the deck of the warship, the newest of her class in the navy. Orders were quickly given and the grey-hulled fighter slipped away from the dock ten minutes after he had been welcomed aboard by officers and crew manning the rail.

Mr. Roosevelt arrived in Jacksonville at 3:30 p. m. from Washington and almost up to the time he went aboard the Farragut spent his time in perfecting the administration of the works-relief program with Harry Hopkins, FERA head. Hopkins, who came south on the presidential special, boarded a train for the capital shortly after he saw the President on his way.

Hopkins was reticent concerning the set-up of the new program, insisting that announcements, if any, must come from Mr. Roosevelt. It was learned, however, that additional administrative machinery is in the process of creation that will point first of all toward the development of a diversified works schedule that would be functioning at top speed within six months.

Adequate provision will be made, it was understood, for white collar workers as well as the jobless that in normal times would be absorbed by heavy industry.

Mr. Roosevelt's itinerary calls for fishing excursions in Florida and Bahama waters, his stay, of course, depending on the condition of Secretary Louis McHenry Howe, who is critically ill at the White House. During the week he will transfer from the Farragut to the Nourmahal, the big yacht of Vincent Astor.

### WOULD USE LETHAL GAS

Raleigh, Mar. 26.—The General Assembly's joint committee on penal institutions decided tonight to report favorably a bill introduced by Representative C. A. Peterson, of Mitchell, to substitute lethal gas for electrocution as a means of capital punishment in North Carolina.

## Through State Capital Keyholes

By Bess Hinton Silver

NEW JOB—Speaker Robert Grady Johnson, presiding officer of the present House of Representatives, is said to have his sights leveled on even higher marks. The current talk around Raleigh is that he will toss his hat into the ring for Lieutenant Governor when the primaries roll around next Spring. The head man of the House isn't having much to say about the matter for publication these days but his friends will tell you that he is getting his ducks in a row to give the other boys a run for their money in 1936. There are some who say that the name of Johnson on the ticket for two offices in one election might not be so hot but do not be surprised if State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson, a cousin of the Speaker, finds other fields in which to graze before next Democratic primary day.

EXPECTANCY — Friends of Clyde R. Hoey, brilliant Shelby Democrat, expect him to announce his candidacy for Governor in the Democratic primaries of next year almost any day now. They will tell you that he can command at least 90 per cent of the votes of his native Cleveland County without even issuing a command. Still there are a lot of people who would like to see him run for the Senate against "Our Bob" Reynolds in 1938. Mr. Hoey is accustomed to making up his own mind and fighting his battles in his own way. The best thing to do is to watch him and his smoke

## Rep. Doughton Supports Vinson Bonus Measure

### Bill Is Reported Favorably To House By Ways And Means Group Headed By Him

Washington, Mar. 25.—Congressman R. L. Doughton, of the Ninth North Carolina District, voted for the Vinson bill in the bonus battle in the House of Representatives last week. The Vinson bill had the support of the American Legion and was reported favorably to the House by the Ways and Means Committee, of which body Mr. Doughton is Chairman.

Three major bonus bills were voted on by the House: First, the Vinson bill, introduced upon the request of the American Legion and supported by that group of veterans. This bill received the support of the Ways and Means Committee and the vote of Mr. Doughton. It calls for the immediate payment of the adjusted-service certificates of the veterans of the world war, to be financed as other obligations of the Government are met. This bill was defeated by a small margin.

The second measure was the Patman bill, calling for the immediate payment of the adjusted-service certificates to world war veterans with "printing press money." This measure was designed primarily to bring about inflation rather than obtain payment of the bonus to assist the veterans, it was charged. President Roosevelt and leaders of the House and Senate have openly expressed opposition to this measure, declaring it would bring financial chaos to this country should it try to pay its debts with printing press money. This

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## Nichols To Be New Postmaster Here On April 1

G. Glenn Nichols' appointment as postmaster at Sparta has been confirmed and Mr. Nichols expects to take charge of the postoffice the first of April.

Mr. Nichols succeeds Mrs. Lula Choate who has served as postmistress for the past 12 years, with great popularity.

Mr. Nichols is welcomed into his new position by the patrons of the office and is expected to serve the public in a highly satisfactory manner. He will be assisted by Odey Joines.

## Chatham To Play Duke Baseball Team In Elkin

Elkin, March 25.—The Chatham Blanketeers will open the 1935 baseball season here Friday and Saturday, March 29 and 30, with the strong Duke University Blue Devils baseball team, in the first college baseball game.

The Blue Devils will bring to Elkin a veteran team composed of college stars and a wonderful catcher in Wagner; a strong pitching staff composed of Ken Weaver, Pete Naktensis, George Barley and Reynolds May, all carried over from last year's pitching staff. Others more widely known in football are Corkey Cornelius, All-Southern halfback, in centerfield, Earl Wentz in leftfield and Sammie Bell, Duke star-little basketball and baseball star on third base, and other college stars.

Coach Jack Coombs, veteran Big League and World Series star, with Herb Pennock of the New York Yankees, holds the record of never having been defeated in pitching in World Series, having pitched five games without defeat; three at Philadelphia in the series of 1910, one in 1911 and the fifth with Brooklyn in 1916. Coach Coombs will have a real baseball team here Friday and Saturday that will be well worth seeing.

On the other hand, the Blanketeers will put on the field a team of veterans, winner of 67 games against 16 defeats last season; and several new men have been added to strengthen the weak spots of last year.

The Chatham Blanketeers, offering one of the fastest amateur teams in the State, hope to amass another great record for this season and to get under way at the expense of their collegiate rivals.

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## New Galax Officer



Chief of Police Joe I. Snow, new head of the Galax Police department, who succeeded the late Chief Posey Martin, allegedly slain by Howard Delp.

## Three Per Cent Sales Tax Back In Revenue Bill

### House Passes And Sends To The Senate Tuesday The 1935-37 Revenue Measure

Raleigh, Mar. 26.—Riding rough shod over strong opposition the powerful administration machine in the House of Representatives today passed on final reading and sent to the Senate the 1935-1937 revenue bill with a 3 per cent, general sales tax.

When the bill reaches the Senate tomorrow, it is confidently expected it will be re-referred to the finance committee because of certain House amendments.

Outside of these amendments, only one of which is of consequence, the bill is exactly as reported out of the joint finance committee.

The Senate, meanwhile, passed an amendment, reducing the cost

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## Patman Bonus Bill Passed By House Fri.

### Measure Providing For Payment Of Veterans By Inflationary Method Is Adopted In Lower Branch

### APPLAUSE GREET'S VOTE

### Climax On Long-Contested Issue Comes When Byrns Votes To Break Tie. Bill Now Goes To Senate

Washington, Mar. 26.—A double blow of veto-overriding proportions was struck at the president Friday when the House voted not only to pay the \$2,000,000,000 soldiers' bonus but also to use the currency inflation method of paying.

Applause and window-rattling cowboy yells greeted preliminary decisions which led to final passage of the Patman bonus payment bill by a 318 to 90 vote.

And the 207 to 204 choice of the Patman currency expansion plan against the orthodox Vinson-American Legion bill created an uproar that looked and sounded like a riot.

The Patman bill now goes to the Senate, and none knows what will happen to it there although polls have shown a majority in favor of cash payment. Even leaders concede the House could muster the necessary two-thirds to override a presidential veto. The senate is another story.

Months ago, the president expressed his opposition to paying the bonus now on the ground that it would interfere with his recovery program and at the same time give the soldiers something they were not due to receive until 1945. He informed party leaders he would veto it, although there have been suggestions of compromise.

Only recently, Donald Rieberg, the No. 1 Roosevelt spokesman, said that so long as President Roosevelt was in the White House there would be no inflation.

Despite knowledge of the president's position, the House went right ahead. When it met, its first vote was on a motion to substitute the Vinson bill, which would use the orthodox appropriation method of paying the bonus, for the Patman bill, with

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## Students From Alleghany Are On Honor Roll

The names of Robert Martin Carico, Ennice; Eugene Fender, Whitehead; Johnson Sanders, Stratford; Bryan Taylor and Robert Taylor, Laurel Springs, and Clarice Thompson, Glade Valley, are included on the Honor Roll of Appalachian State Teachers college at Boone for the term just closed.

To be classed in this group is counted a distinctive honor. Among other things, it requires creditable conduct and average grades of from 90 to 100%.

A total of 141 students out of an enrollment of 1016 are classed as honor students, and they come from 46 counties and six states.

## ALMANAC

- ☀️ "A false friend and a shadow attend only when the sun shines."
- MARCH
- 26—Indians attack and sack Marlboro, Mass., 1676
- 27—P. Blake gets his patent on the corkscrew, 1860
- 28—"Mr. Dooley," popular song hit, published 1902
- 29—Vera Cruz, Mexico, surrenders to General Scott, 1847
- 30—Alaska is purchased from the Russians, 1867
- 31—Perry signs "open door" treaty with Japan, 1854
- APRIL
- 1—England imposes a tax on all institutions, 1861