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WORK ON THE COUNTY ROADS PROGRESSING

Concrete Base Being Laid on Mayesville, Manning, and Bishopville Roads. May 31st Let in Day For Bids on Other Road Work

The work on the roads and on the bridges of the county is progressing very satisfactorily at all points in spite of the weather conditions which have not been altogether favorable for the carrying on of this type of work. The concrete culvert over the mill race at White's Mill has been completed for some time, as has also the concrete bridge over the Green Swamp stream on the Stateburg road. The bridge forces of the Manning Lumber company have concentrated their work in the building of the bridges in Rocky Bluff and Scape Ore swamps and soon these bridges will be entirely completed. Approximately a mile and three-quarters of the concrete base for the permanent road bed of the Mayesville road has been laid to date by the Slattery & Henry Construction company, and about a half mile of the concrete base has been laid on the Manning road, which work is being done by the Adams-Evans Construction company. The concrete base work has also been begun on the Bishopville road.

On May 31st bids will be received before the Permanent Road Surface Road Commission of the county for the grading and hard surfacing of about four miles of the Pinewood road. This road work will be begun at the city limits on Liberty street. The route chosen for hard surfacing will be from the city limits on Liberty street extending across Second Mill and turning to the left just over the mill will join the Pinewood road. This road work will then be carried to the Southern crossing at Old Ford. The bridge work called for will be the reconstruction of the Second mill bridge and the building of the bridge over Rocky Ford stream. Bids will also be received for the hard surfacing of the Stateburg road. This road will be paved to the Myers' corner at which point it will be paved for about a mile and a half further, on both the Camden road and the Stateburg road. Bids will also at this time be received for the relocating of Ballard's Hill and Chalk Hill. A road is proposed to the left of the present road bed on these hills. The present grade of Ballard's Hill is about 12 per cent grade. This grade can be cut down to about a 5 per cent grade.

TROUBLE FOR INCOME TAX DODGERS

Six Prominent Citizens Indicted in Federal Court at Anderson

Anderson, May 25.—The first bill of indictment handed the grand jury today when the federal court of the Western district convened was one in which the government charges Campbell Courtenay, St. John Courtenay, Ashmed Courtenay, Edwin F. Frost, Henry Redolice Elust and Francis J. Felzer with conspiracy to defraud the government. A separate bill charges Campbell Courtenay with perjury, and two additional bills charge St. John Courtenay and Campbell Courtenay with violation of the income tax law.

Judge H. H. Watkins explained the first bill to the grand jury by saying that when two or more persons agree or conspire to commit any offense against the United States, and that one of the party turns any act to effect the object of such agreement or conspiracy, then all are guilty of conspiracy. The indictment, he said, in part, charges these men, as officers and directors of the Courtenay Manufacturing company of making a fraudulent income tax return.

THE STATE CAMPAIGN ITINERARY

First Meeting For Candidates Will Be Held in Columbia June 20

Columbia, May 25.—Candidates for state offices and congress from the Seventh district will fire their opening guns in Columbia this summer, according to the campaign itinerary announced yesterday by a subcommittee of the state Democratic executive committee. This committee, composed of Gen. Willie James, George Bell-Timmertan and H. N. Edmunds, was named at the executive committee meeting in connection with the state convention and instructed to map out an itinerary.

June 20 is the opening day and August 25 is the closing day, the last meeting being in Spartanburg. From Columbia the campaigners jump in order named to Lexington, Saluda, Edgefield and Aiken during the first week. From July 8 to July 17 rest is provided for and again from August 5 to August 14 a rest period is in the itinerary. The schedule includes congressional speakers.

The full itinerary as announced by the subcommittee is as follows: Columbia, Tuesday, June 20. Lexington, Wednesday, June 21. Saluda, Thursday, June 22. Edgefield, Friday, June 23. Aiken, Saturday, June 24. Barnwell, Monday, June 26. Allendale, Tuesday, June 27. Hampton, Wednesday, June 28. Beaufort, Thursday, June 29. Ridgeland, Friday, June 30. Waterboro, Saturday, July 1. Moncks Corner, Monday, July 3. Charleston, Tuesday, July 4. St. George, Wednesday, July 5. Bamberg, Thursday, July 6. St. Matthews, Friday, July 7. Orangeburg, Saturday, July 8.

ATTORNEY FOR LEVER'S BANK

Secretary John J. Rice Leaves Tax Commission to Go With Land Bank

Columbia, May 25.—John J. Rice, of Columbia, who for five years has been secretary of the state tax commission, will sever his connection with that body on June 1, to become an associate of Thomas & Lupton, Columbia attorneys, in the work of the legal department of the new First Carolina Joint Stock Land Bank, recently organized here, with former Congressman A. F. Lever as president.

FEW WORKERS WITHOUT JOBS

Steady Improvement of Conditions in the South

Washington, May 25.—Reports of the department of labor show steady improvement in employment conditions in the south, there being practically no unemployment in North Carolina.

Mass Celebrated at St. Peters for Pilgrims

Rome, May 25.—Pope Pius today celebrated mass in the basilica of St. Peters before thousands of pilgrims who are attending the inter-national Eucharistic congress.

MURDERERS STILL HOPE TO ESCAPE

Reporter Interviews Six Men Who Are in Death Cell Waiting Turn in Electric Chair

Columbia, May 25.—"I guess they'll clean this place out now soon," the warden looked through the bars of his death cell in the penitentiary and to a reporter who stood on the outside he spoke of the plans for sending him and the five other prisoners in the death house to the electric chair.

DATE SET FOR EXECUTION OF MURDERERS

Kirby, Fox and Gappins Go to the Chair June 16th, Unless There is Some New Legal Trick

Columbia, May 25.—Friday June 16, was set as the date for the execution of S. J. Kirby, C. O. Fox and Jesse Gappins, the trio convicted last August of the murder of William Brazzell, a Columbia taxi driver. This is the day after the electrocution date for F. M. Jeffords and Ira Harrison, convicted last Saturday of the murder of J. C. Arnette, proprietor of a Columbia filling station.

TRUCK TRAFFIC REGULATION

South Carolina Railroad Commission Formulating Rules

Columbia, May 25.—Rules for regulation of bus and motor truck lines operating between towns in South Carolina are being worked out by the South Carolina Railroad Commission, and the committee of commissioners, especially charged with drawing up these rules is meeting in Columbia today, at the commission offices, composed of Commissioners Arnold, Peerman and Conroy.

MONEY FOR COACHES' SCHOOL

Columbia City Council Approves \$750 for School at University

Columbia, May 25.—Columbia's city council has appropriated \$750 to add to the University in financing the "coaches' school" to be held at the institution during the coming summer. The first coaches' school was held last summer and it proved so successful that the President-elect W. D. Melton has started plans for repeating it this year.

VICE WAR IN COLUMBIA

Mayor Issues Orders to Clean Up City

Columbia, May 25.—William A. Coleman, mayor of Columbia, in a letter to chief of Police Stapleton has given strict instructions that there must be rigid suppression of all forms of vice in the city or he will severely punish the city or the individual houses, street of local women, suppression of "boardwalk" and driving of all motors from pool rooms. In this letter dated May 25, the police are informed that they are given a free hand. These instructions are to work in close harmony with the state and federal authorities in the suppression of the "third night" traffic.

"Grapefruit" in Bottles



The latest rum runner's trick—a canload of hooch in boxes labeled "grapefruit," seized by revenue officers at Jacksonville, Fla.

TRYING TO CHEAT THE GALLOWS

Petitions Signed by Several Hundred Filed at Governor's Office for Condemned Man

Columbia, May 25.—A petition asking that the death sentence against Jesse Gappins be commuted to life imprisonment has been filed with the governor. The petition carries several hundred names, including several who signed their names as "Christian workers."

WANT LIFE TERM FOR HARRISON

Columbia, May 25.—Petitions that the death sentence passed upon Ira Harrison late Saturday be commuted to life imprisonment were said to be in circulation in Columbia yesterday afternoon. The report was to the effect that several of the petitions were being circulated and that they were being signed by quite a number of citizens.

MONEY FOR FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Insurance Commissioner McMahon Distributes \$100,000

Columbia, May 25.—Approximately \$100,000 is being sent by State Insurance Commissioner McMahon this week to the cities and counties of the state, as shares for local communities of the fire department equipment tax imposed by the state insurance department, and also as proceeds of the tax on insurance premiums for the last half of last year.

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GREAT RIOT RAGING IN BELFAST

Swarms of Police Sweeping Through Ulster Rounding Up Sinn Feiners Who Have Been Raiding

Belfast, May 25.—The greatest riot in recent history of Ireland was carried out today. Swarms of police were sweeping through Belfast and rounded up two hundred Sinn Feiners, most of whom were Irish republican army officers.

CRISIS AT BELFAST

Premier of Ulster Declares Irish Republican Army Outlaws

London, May 25.—Sir James Craig, the Ulster premier, announced in a meeting of parliament that the Irish republican army would be proclaimed an illegal assembly, says a Central News dispatch from Belfast.

AGREEMENT AT DUBLIN

Sinn Fein Organization Ratifies Plan for Elections

Dublin, May 25.—The national Sinn Fein organization has ratified an agreement regarding elections and composition of the government.

South Carolina Man Wins Prize

For High Record in School of Journalism—Other Awards Made

New York, May 25.—Booth Tarlington again has won the Pulitzer prize of \$1,000 for the American novel best presenting "the wholesome atmosphere of American life and the highest standards of American manners and mores."

ATTACK ON DAUGHERTY

"Abused" Mr. Taft's Confidence, Says Senator

Washington, May 25.—Renewing his attack on Attorney General Daugherty in the senate today, Senator Caraway, Democrat, Arkansas, placed in the Congressional Record alleged copies of two more letters purporting to show that Mr. Daugherty was active and directly interested in obtaining the contract for the Atlanta pentonite plant of Charles W. Morse, the contractor.

FREIGHT RATES ARE REDUCED

Inter-State Commerce Commission Files Decision Reducing Freight Rates Ten Percent

Washington, May 25.—A reduction in freight rates averaging about 10 per cent has been ordered by the interstate commerce commission in a decision resulting from an inquiry into the general rate structure of the nation. The cut is fixed at fourteen per cent for the eastern territory, thirteen and one-half in the western, and twelve and one-half in the southern and mountain Pacific territories. All reductions effective July 1, and constitute a greater cut than was generally expected.

GEORGIA MOB LOSES ITS VICTIM

Jim Denson Escapes After Being Forcefully Taken From Jail

Irwinton, Ga., May 25.—An automobile accident early this morning cheated a Wilkinson county mob of Jim Denson, 29, a negro who had been dragged from the local jail a few minutes before he was to be put to death by mob violence for a crime he is alleged to have committed three years ago.

MERCHANTS TO MEET IN COLUMBIA

Retail Merchants' Association To Hold Annual Convention in July

Columbia, May 25.—Plans for the largest gathering of merchants the state has ever known are being held in Columbia during the month of July. Columbia having been selected as the place for a gathering of the directors of the association some months ago.

NEW OFFER FOR MUSCLE SHOALS

Alabama Power Co. Proposes to Pay \$2,500,000 for Government's Interest in Plant

Washington, May 25.—An offer to comply with terms of the contract negotiated between the war department and the Alabama Power company when its plant at Muscle Shoals, Ala., during the war, has been made to Secretary Weeks by representatives of the company.

MASS CELEBRATED AT ST. PETERS FOR PILGRIMS

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