

D. C. HIGHWAY AID NEEDS PRESENTED

Arguments Given by Whitehurst, Cottrell, Keneipp and Holloway.

By WILL P. KENNEDY.

Before the hearings which have been in progress for three weeks on the \$476,000 bill authorizing Federal aid for highway building were closed today, the needs of the District of Columbia were forcefully presented by H. C. Whitehurst, director of highways; Robert Cottrell, secretary of the Washington Board of Trade; George Keneipp, manager of the Keystone Automobile Club, and Shubert Holloway of the American Automobile Association.

Under this bill, which covers the fiscal years 1940 and 1941, the District would share in the same proportion as the States, and it is estimated would receive \$600,000 to \$750,000 each year.

Division Attacked.

The diversion of \$755,000 from the gasoline tax fund for street lighting as provided in the District appropriation bill for 1939 was assailed by the District witnesses. Chairman Cartwright of the Roads Committee, who is sponsoring the Federal aid bill, and Thomas H. MacDonald, chief of the Bureau of Public Roads, have contended this diversion imperils the chances of the District sharing in the Federal aid funds.

Secretary Cottrell told the committee Washington would be the only place in the United States or its possessions not getting benefits under the act. He argued that many States get more in road-building assistance from the Federal Government than they pay into the gasoline tax, while the District pays \$2,100,000 into the gas-tax fund and would receive only \$600,000 or less under the bill.

Mr. Cottrell emphasized that the District paid \$23,000,000 in Federal taxes for the last fiscal year, which is more than 24 States, so "Federal highway aid to the District of Columbia would not be a donation."

Cites Benefits to States.

He stressed the point that what the District would receive if included in the pending bill "would not reduce to any degree worth considering the amount available to any other State." He explained that "the Federal Government pays about 13 per cent as its share to the District budget (\$5,000,000) while a large number of States whose payments to the Federal Government are much less get much larger benefits. The District pays for most of the Federal Government's paving in the Capital, he pointed out.

None of the Federal Government's payment toward support of the Capital City goes for road building or maintenance, he emphasized, because the streets are supported entirely out of the gasoline tax fund. Congress has seen fit to include Puerto Rico and Hawaii in the highway Federal aid and there is a special act pending to also extend these benefits to Alaska.

WHEELER OPPOSES FREIGHT RATE HIKE

Sees Freight Charge Increase as Only "Temporary Palliative" to Roads.

Chairman Wheeler of the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee told the Washington Transportation Club last night that an increase in railroad freight rates would be only a "temporary palliative" to the roads.

The railroads have petitioned the Interstate Commerce Commission for a 15 per cent boost.

Addressing the club's dinner at the Mayflower Hotel, Senator Wheeler said: "Increased freight rates do not necessarily bespeak increased revenue. Railroads need increased volume to produce additional revenue."

What generally happens in a horizontal increase such as that now requested? For two or three months roads obtain some increases in revenue though by no means the full percentage of the rate increase. After a few months the increased rate begins to reduce the volume of traffic and the roads withdraw the increase one by one."

Benefit Square Dance.

VIENNA, Va., Feb. 9 (Special).—A square dance for the benefit of the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department will be held Saturday, beginning at 9 p.m., in the Town Hall.

Ross

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then stopped off in Washington for a visit. He said he registered at a small hotel in the downtown section, the exact location of which he did not know. For three days he wandered around the city, snapping pictures as mementoes of the visit.

"Did you take one of our inspection tours through the Department of Justice?" Director Hoover inquired.

"No," Anders replied, "but I guess I've got one coming to me now."

Anders said he went on to Miami, Fla., where he played the races at Tropical Park. He declared he won \$1,800 there.

He moved on to New Orleans, to Peas, Tex., and finally to Los Angeles, where he decided to try his luck at the races again.

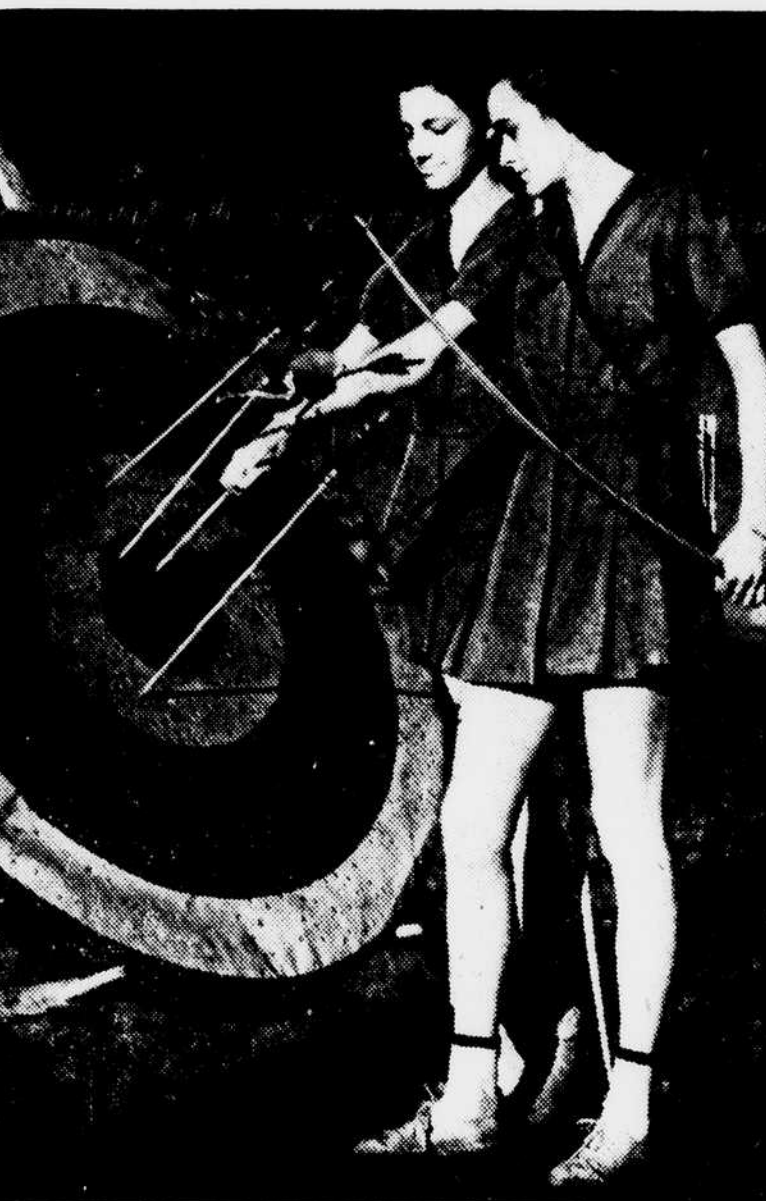
He bet on some races with good results on Thursday, January 15. That afternoon the Federal Reserve Bank in Los Angeles reported to the F. B. I. that Ross ransom money had been received from the Santa Anita race track.

Mr. Hoover ordered a dozen agents to prepare a trap at the track the next day. Since there were several hundred betting windows to watch, track authorities were enlisted to aid in the plan. It was agreed that when any one tendered a Chicago Federal Reserve Bank note—which was the type of bills used chiefly in preparing the ransom bundle—the man at the window would make a gesture with his hand as a signal. It was pointed out that would take too long to attempt an immediate check of the serial numbers.

Anders bought a ticket on the third race, handing over one of the counters a \$10 note of the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank. The counter man signaled the G-men, who quietly walked up to Anders, identified themselves as Federal officers and announced their desire to question Anders about the bill he had just passed.

Anders made no effort to resist.

Co-ed Archers on M. U. Card



Every student activity will be demonstrated when the University of Maryland stages its annual all-university night program at College Park Friday.

Archery, now a popular sport on the campus, will be represented by Lydia Ewing (left) and Lucille Weller.

—Star Staff Photo.

MOTORMAN IS REQUIRED TO POST BOND OF \$300

Judge Refuses to Release John A. Scott in Custody of Company Counsel.

Continuing his campaign against traffic violators, Police Judge Hobart Newman today refused to release a street car motorman, charged with failing to give the right of way, in custody of counsel for the Capital Transit Co.

The defendant was John A. Scott, formerly employed by the company. At the time of his arrest he was released in custody of the utility's attorney, but when it was necessary to continue the case in court today, Judge Newman refused to accept a recommendation by Assistant Corporation Counsel John O'Day that the defendant be again released in custody of his attorney.

Asserting that there was no more reason for releasing the employee of large concerns in custody of an attorney than there was in the cases of average citizens, Judge Newman required the posting of \$300 bond to assure Mr. Scott's appearance in court. The continuance was demanded because a woman who was injured in the accident was unable to appear in court.

AUTO INSPECTION BILL SENT TO WHITE HOUSE

Senate Agrees on House Amendments, Completing Action on Legislation.

Congress completed action today on the bill to require mechanical inspection of all motor vehicles in the District annually, starting in 1939. The last step was taken when Chairman King of the Senate District Committee had the Senate agree to several House amendments. This sends the measure to the White House for signature.

For the first year, a fee of \$1 will be charged to cover the expense of establishing the testing stations under the Traffic Bureau and thereafter the charge will be 50 cents a year.

As originally passed by the Senate last summer, the bill would have required inspection twice a year, but the House changed this to annually and the Senate accepted the amendment. The Senate also agreed to House amendments placing the fees in the highway fund instead of the city's general account and changing the effective date from 1938 to next year.

When the bill was quickly checked against the ransom list, he was informed that it was part of the Ross ransom money.

Disclaims Kidnaping.

"It may be 'hot' money, but I don't know anything about that kidnaping," Anders is quoted as exclaiming. He admitted he had more money than might be "hot," but asserted he had gotten it in New Orleans from a man whose identity he did not know.

In his car at the track the agents found about \$14,000, mostly ransom bills. He continued to deny knowledge of the Ross case.

Director Hoover and Assistant Director Tolson arrived at Los Angeles by plane after Anders had been questioned at length without avail. When Mr. Hoover walked in the room Anders remarked: "I know who you are—you're a big shot—but you annoy me just as much as these agents of yours."

Mr. Hoover decided to use "psychology" on the prisoner, against whom a mass of damaging evidence was collecting. He ordered his men to cease the questioning. He sent out for a big steak dinner with all the trimmings and let Anders eat it. Then he told him he was going to let him alone to think things over and to sleep if he wished to. Anders went to sleep and slept soundly all night.

The next morning he told the agent on guard to send for Mr. Hoover.

"I'm ready to tell the truth about everything," he said.

Later he told his mother in Minnesota that the G-men "treated me like a perfect gentleman." Apparently the psychology treatment had worked.

His lengthy statement was taken down by a stenographer, and he signed each page after making occasional revisions. On the basis of disclosures made in the statement Anders was taken at once by plane to Minnesota, where he accompanied Mr. Hoover, Mr. Tolson and a group of agents on a long journey through

CAPT. LIND IN COMMAND OF CRUISER OMAHA

Ship to Become New Flagship of Temporary Squadron in Europe.

Capt. Wallace L. Lind, formerly on duty in the Office of Naval Intelligence at the Navy Department, now is in command of the cruiser Omaha, which soon will become the new flagship of the temporary squadron in Europe, officials said today.

The Omaha is now undergoing overhaul at the Norfolk Navy Yard and is scheduled to be completed about February 25. The vessel ran aground last summer in the West Indies and when refloated was taken to Norfolk for repairs. In her new assignment the Omaha will become flagship of Rear Admiral Henry E. Lackey, who also served in Washington recently as director of shore establishments. She will relieve the cruiser Raleigh as flagship of Squadron 40 Temporary, as it is officially known.

Following completion of her repairs the Omaha will go to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, for training. Returning to Norfolk for stores and fuel, she will leave the United States about April 15 for her new assignment. The Raleigh is now in Mediterranean waters.

Mr. Hazen said he still was undecided, but felt "very careful" study should be given the proposal before it was adopted. Commissioner George E. Allen is on record as opposed to higher speed limits.

Whitney Leary, chairman of the advisory council, has registered his personal approval of the plan to raise the limits from 22 to 25 miles per hour and from 30 to 35 miles per hour, but emphasized his council has not yet acted.

At the first hideout was found a copy of a news magazine containing an expression of Mr. Hoover's critical attitude toward parole abuses. Mr. Hoover asked Anders if he had read the article.

"Yes, I read it," the prisoner replied with a smile, "but I don't agree with you on that parole business."

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CAPONE TRANSFER TO MISSOURI DUE

Gangster, Under Observation at Alcatraz, Reported Paresis Victim.

BACKGROUND—

After serving three years of his 11-year sentence for income tax evasion in the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta, Al Capone was committed to Alcatraz Island Prison August 22, 1934.

Reports there have persisted that the one-time leader of the country's most notorious mob was hated by fellow convicts. He was put in solitary confinement 10 months after arrival for engaging in a fist fight. In June, 1936, he was wounded in the back by a convict who attacked him with scissors.

By the Associated Press.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 9.—Reports were current today that Al Capone, under observation in the hospital ward at Alcatraz Island Federal Prison, might be transferred to the Federal Hospital for Insane Criminals at Springfield, Mo.

The rumor persisted that the Chicago gangster, serving time for income tax violation, was suffering from paresis, a condition which brings about destruction of the brain cells.

Dr. Edward Twitchell, consulting psychiatrist for Alcatraz, who admitted yesterday he had visited Capone on a special call Sunday, observed: "Whether Capone has paresis or anybody else has it, it now is a curable condition. Malaria treatment in favorable cases results in pretty rapid response."

Basis of Reports.

Reports that Capone would be removed to Springfield were based on lack of facilities for the malaria treatment to be given at Alcatraz.

Warden James A. Johnston refused to discuss the case other than to observe that no orders for a transfer to Springfield had been received.

A spokesman for the Department of Justice at Washington admitted the Chicago gangster was under observation, but insisted staff physicians had made no definite diagnosis. Prison Bureau officials at Washington said Capone would be treated at the Alcatraz Hospital unless further examination disclosed a necessity for transferring him to an institution affording more adequate facilities.

Treatment Required.

Dr. Twitchell said the type of medical attention required "would depend on further treatment of the case, presuming Capone is suffering from paresis."

He declined to say whether Capone was afflicted with the malady. "Paresis," he said, "causes destruction of the brain cells. It is entirely different from the condition known as 'stir crazy,' which is a nervous condition."

In the case of a man with paresis, confinement might hasten its progress. "If the disease is discovered quickly enough, the malaria treatment is effective. Treatment, of course, cannot restore brain cells which have already been destroyed, but it can arrest the course of the disease."

Federal Officials Silent.

Federal officials declined to comment on reports from the prison that Capone began to show evidence of a "blow-up" last week. The reports were that he had refused to leave his cell for meals; made and remade his bed for hours; broke out into meaningless song, and finally collapsed.

LITTLE CONGRESS

Annual Dinner Will Be Held at Mayflower February 19.

Members of the Little Congress will hold their 19th annual banquet at the Mayflower Hotel at 8 p.m. February 19, it was announced at a meeting of the group in the House caucus room at the Capitol last night.

Secretary of Agriculture Wallace was the principal speaker at the gathering, discussing co-ordination in the branch agencies of the Agriculture Department. A musical program included numbers by Dick Bailey on the accordion and Larry Bach, vocalist.

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Lincoln Brigader Predicts Ultimate Loyalist Victory

Says Even Those Behind Franco's Lines Against Him.

A 31-year-old New York attorney who gave up his law practice to fight in war-torn Spain expressed confidence today that the Loyalist forces ultimately will be victorious.

Looking more like a college student than a veteran of a year's service with the defenders of the Spanish Loyalist government, Lt. Alfred Tanz told interviewers that press dispatches haven't carried a true picture of what the Spanish people feel toward the insurgents.

"I don't think there's any question but that the Loyalists will win," he said. "How long will it take? Well, not even the best military minds could answer that question."

Lt. Tanz returned to the United States about two months ago after serving with the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, composed of American volunteers fighting for the Loyalists. After being relieved of his duties, he said he spent some time traveling in Spain before returning.

Says Franco Support Lacking.

"I would say that 999 out of every 1,000 citizens of Spain are ready to lay down their lives for the Loyalist cause," he declared. "Not even those in Franco's territory are behind him."

Lt. Tanz is in Washington to attend meetings at the Raleigh Hotel Saturday and Sunday at which a permanent organization of veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade will be formed. Sixty veterans of the brigade are expected to attend the conferences. The purpose of the organization will be to aid the Loyalist cause by sending speakers all over the country "to explain what is happening in Spain."

MRS. M. E. BROOKE EXPIRES SUDDENLY

Owner of Teahouse and Former Cosmos Club Manager Victim of Heart Attack.

Mrs. Minnie Etheridge Brooke, who was a resident of Washington for more than half a century, died suddenly this morning of a heart attack at her home, 7710 Blair road.

Born in Roanoke Island, N. C., Mrs. Brooke was a graduate of Trinity College, which later became Duke University. She was active in the early days of the woman suffrage movement and lectured for suffrage in various parts of the country.

At one time she was manager of the Cosmos Club and operated several tea houses. She was the owner of the Brooke Teahouse, at Eastern avenue and Blair road.

She was the widow of Wentworth C. Brooke, who was a prominent Chevy Chase florist. Mrs. Brooke is survived by two sisters, Mrs. John T. Elker and Miss Mary C. Etheridge, both of Washington, and two brothers, John T. Etheridge of Florida and Joseph W. Etheridge of this city.

She will be buried from the Milburn T. Zirkle funeral parlor, 510 C street N.E., at 2 p.m. Friday. Interment will be in Rock Creek Cemetery.

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The group also hopes to aid in rehabilitation of other veterans.

3,200 Americans in Spain.

Lt. Tanz said there are still approximately 3,200 Americans fighting in Spain. About 200 others, the majority of whom were wounded, have returned to this country, he added.

The lieutenant said he felt that by fighting the Fascist invasion in Spain he could aid in blocking Fascist forces in the United States and other countries.

"I believed that if the insurgents were victorious in the Spanish war, it would prove an incentive to Fascist groups in this and other nations."

He said the Abraham Lincoln Brigade is considered the crack unit of the entire international contingent. It is a model for discipline and stamina, he said.

SOFT COAL USERS HIT PRICE-FIXING

Consumers Ask Commission for Outright Repeal of Quotations.

By the Associated Press.

A group of soft coal consumers let the Bituminous Coal Commission know yesterday that they would be satisfied with nothing less than abolition of Government price-fixing.

Since the commission fixed the minimum prices December 16, various consumers have voiced legal objections. Their chief criticism was that the commission acted without first holding a public hearing on the "facts and figures." The Guifey Coal Control Act provided the minimum prices should cover cost of production.

At yesterday's hearing on the consumers' complaints, the commission placed in its public record composite figures to show how much it costs to mine and sell a ton of coal in each production district.

But that did not satisfy the consumers. They even objected to introduction of such testimony. They said: Suspend the prices, order a public hearing and then bring in the facts and figures.

When the commission refused to grant that request, they demanded the cost sheets of individual operators, even though the commission reminded them that the Guifey Act specified these sheets must be kept confidential.

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