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## Merchants' Directors To Determine Whether Or Not To Attack Tax

### LATE NEWS from the State and Nation

#### Votes For Repeal

San Francisco, June 27.—Repeal votes outnumbered prohibition ballots more than 2 to 1 in the early returns tonight from California's referendum on the 18th amendment. Virtually all these returns were from Los Angeles area, which with its thickly populated neighbor counties once constituted the stronghold of the dries in the state. In 1,575 precincts out of the state's 9,347 the vote was 192,170 for repeal and 83,570 against.

#### Workers Increase

New York, June 27.—The amount of pay in the weekly envelope of the average worker in manufacturing industry increased 8.6 per cent in May over April, the National Industrial Conference board reported today in its monthly summary of wages. The number of workers increased 4.1 per cent, their hours of work a week 10.7 per cent.

#### Opposition Noted

Washington, June 27.—From labor and minority groups sudden opposition sprung today as the nation's textile operators formally placed before the national recovery administration their proposal to stabilize industry by establishing minimum wages and maximum working hours.

#### Homebrew Legal?

Raleigh, June 27.—Home brew, undefined and undefinable, may nevertheless be made without prosecution, Assistant Attorney General A. A. F. Seawell today wrote Alan D. Ivis, Jr., of Leaksville, who had asked at the instance of a local court, for a ruling on the legality of such a concoction.

#### Faces Showdown

London, June 27.—The world economic conference faced a showdown tonight upon the decision whether the principal European powers will follow the American monetary program for breaking the back of the depression or will leave the United States to pursue her own policy alone.

#### Cut Off Dry Forces

Washington, June 27.—Thirteen hundred employees of the prohibition bureau today were on notice that their services will be dispensed with June 30 in an effort to cut the bureau's expenses \$4,000,000 during the next year.

#### W. Va. Goes Wet

Charleston, W. Va., June 27.—West Virginia, regarded as one of the driest of the dry states, for 20 years, tonight became the 15th consecutive state to ratify repeal of the 18th amendment.

#### Hold Funeral For Mrs. Hattie Couch

Mrs. Hattie Bryant Couch, wife of Edward Couch, passed away at her home near Pleasant Hill church Tuesday morning at 6 o'clock, following a lengthy illness from tuberculosis. Funeral services were held Wednesday morning from Pleasant Hill church in charge of Rev. J. W. Bryant and interment was in the church cemetery. She is survived by her husband and several children.

#### Bury Mrs. McCann

The remains of Mrs. Arathus Jane McCann, 76, arrived here Tuesday from her home at Ashburn, Va., and were conveyed to Cross Roads church for interment Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. McCann was a native of the Traphill community and was a daughter of the late William and Sarah Crouse Johnson.

#### ASK RULES CHANGE

Yells For An Iowa Style Rebellion Are Heard

#### ELECT OFFICIALS

Winston-Salem, June 27.—Yells for an Iowa style rebellion against the collection of the general sales tax for the state of North Carolina that brought 25 merchants, including one legislator, shouting and stamping to their feet here this afternoon were short lived in the closing session of the 31st annual convention of the North Carolina Merchants' association which decided to leave in the hands of its directors the determination of whether the constitutionality of the sales tax act is to be tested in the courts.

However, in resolution the association did call upon A. J. Maxwell, state revenue commissioner, who declared his rules for the collection of the tax before a packed house in State theatre this morning, for a revision of rule number two which provides that it is optional with the merchant as to whether he will show the sales tax as a separate item on each transaction. The association wants a new rule by Friday of this week so that Saturday morning, when the tax goes into effect the state levy will appear in each sale transaction. The merchants indicated that they want the public to know every one of the millions of times that they will be affected by this work of the last general assembly.

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#### WILKES TO HAVE SPECIAL COURT

#### Hope To Clear Criminal Docket During Four-Weeks Term

Confronted with a crime situation that has seen five killings in approximately a month's time, one slaying occurring at the time of a mass meeting to combat crime. Wilkes county has been granted a special two weeks term of criminal court which will begin July 24 and run up to the regular session which gets under way August 7. The special term was ordered by Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus, acting upon a petition of the Wilkes county board of commissioners.

Judge G. V. Cowper will preside during the special session. Much of the large docket can be cleared during the four weeks of the combined terms, it is believed.

Of local interest will be the trial of Herschel Richardson, alleged slayer of Martin Hinshaw, who was shot in the back at a swimming pool near Traphill several weeks ago. Otis Sprinkle, of Elkin, and an unknown woman said to be from Mount Airy, who were arrested approximately two weeks ago following the death of Eb Sprinkle, uncle of Otis, will also probably stand trial, although it is not known here upon what charge.

Although not verified, it has been persistently rumored here that Eb Sprinkle's death was the result of a blow on the head said to have been sustained at the hands of Otis Sprinkle. Other unconfirmed reports have it that Otis Sprinkle has confessed to striking the blow as a result of an argument over the patching of a tire.

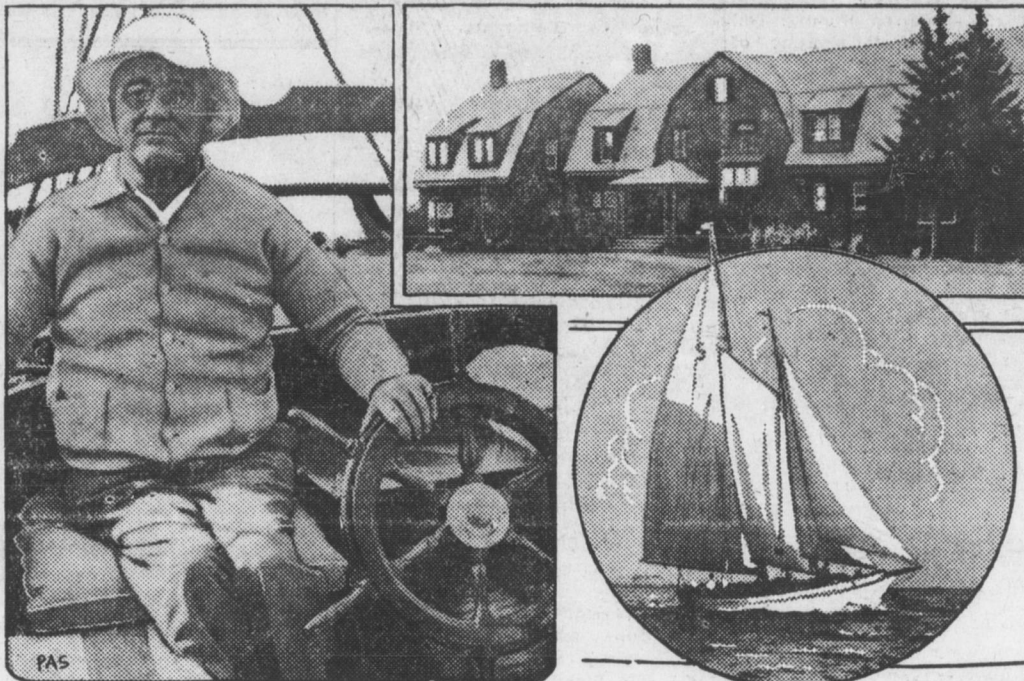
#### Daily Vacation Bible School To Close Friday

The Daily Vacation Bible school, which has been in progress at the First Baptist church, will close on Friday evening at 8 o'clock with appropriate exercises in the church auditorium. The public is cordially invited to attend.

This afternoon the pupils of the school will be entertained at their annual picnic.

There has been an average attendance of 145 with an enrollment of 160 and much interest has been shown in the school.

#### Skipper Franklin Roosevelt Goes Down to the Sea



Sea-faring men along the New England coast thrilled to their toes when Skipper-President Franklin D. Roosevelt pointed the nose of the tiny sloop, Amberjack II, out of Marion Harbor, Mass., on the first leg of his well-earned vacation, which is to take him for a short stay at the Roosevelt home at Campo Bello Island, off New Brunswick, Canada. Photos show Skipper Roosevelt at the wheel; the Roosevelt home at Campo Bello . . . and the Amberjack II under full sail in a still following wind.

#### LOCAL STORES WILL CLOSE ON JULY 4TH

#### Weekly Half-Holiday to Become Effective Wednesday, July 12

Inquiry has revealed that local stores, with the exception of drug stores and cafes, will be closed here on the Fourth of July, which comes next Tuesday.

Inasmuch as the Fourth will be observed as a holiday, the stores will not close the following afternoon, as had been planned under the new agreement to close each Wednesday afternoon during July and August, but will wait until the second Wednesday, July 12, to put the new closing agreement into effect.

With the exception of drug stores, filling stations and cafes, nearly every business house and store in town has signed to observe the Wednesday closing hours. Those signing to close their doors at 1 o'clock each Wednesday afternoon are doing so in order that their employees may have the advantage of a half-day off each week.

Each store is urging that its customers note the time of closing and make their shopping arrangements accordingly. It is believed that the half holiday will be of benefit to employees and at the same time will work no hardship upon the customer.

Those businesses which have agreed to close are as follows: Synor-Spainhour Co., McDaniel's Dept. Store, Graham and Click Co., F-W Chevrolet Co., Somers and Company, Reich-Hayes-Boren, Inc., Snow Clothing Co., W. W. Whitaker, Smithy's Dept. Store, Holcomb Bros. Co., Boyles & Palmer Grocery, J. C. Penney Co., F. A. Brendle & Son, Reece Barber Shop, Hinshaw Cash-Hardware Co., Cut Rate Furniture Co.,

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#### HOLDS 3 FUNERALS WITHIN 26 HOURS

#### Rev. J. W. Bryant In Charge Of Final Rites

Three funerals in 26 hours were conducted the latter part of last week by Rev. J. W. Bryant, two of them coming within two and one-half hours of each other.

Funeral services for Mrs. John A. Wood, 71, who was the first of the three to be buried, were held Thursday at Pleasant Hill. Surviving are two sons, Paul and Cleve Wood.

Final rites for Carmel Blackburn, 26, were held at Pleasant Hill Friday morning at 10.30 o'clock. He is survived by his father and mother Mr. and Mrs. Billy Blackburn, of Elkin, and one sister and three brothers.

Services for Mrs. Gray McBride, 92, of Ronda, were held at Macedonia Friday at 12 m. Surviving are four children, Thomas J. McBride, of Elwood, Ind.; Mrs. J. D. Edwards, also of Elwood, Ind.; Mrs. J. F. Cooke, of Elkin, and Mrs. T. M. Byrd, of Roaring River. Twenty-eight grandchildren, 48 great-grand children and six great-grandchildren also survive.

#### Wins Screen Test



Mrs. F. B. Jelke, of New York, pretty society woman who figured in a recent divorce action by her husband, was photographed on the beach and the picture won her a screen test, coming to the attention of a well-known motion picture producer.

#### ROYALL WELCOMES SCHOOL TEACHERS

#### Second Term of Local Summer School Is Authorized

Dr. M. A. Royall, mayor, appeared before the students of the Catawba College Summer School Division at Elkin last Friday morning and extended to them the city's welcome. He based his remarks to the students on the great business of teaching. He called attention to the great service the teachers of the state render, and lamented the fact that this group of people will have to work harder than ever during the next biennium on smaller salaries. He expressed hope of a better day for the profession. He emphasized the fact that the greatest satisfaction coming to a person arrives through the channel of service.

Following Mayor Royall's talk was a puppet show put on by the students as a project in play production. Another project in play production will take the form of a Fourth of July Program which will be given Monday, July 3, at ten o'clock. The public is invited. The local director has been authorized to go forward with plans for a second term of summer school to begin Monday, July 24. The first term closes Friday, June 21, and registrations for the second term will take place on the following day. Those interested are invited to get in touch with authorities immediately.

#### WORK ON NEW ROAD IS WELL UNDER WAY

#### Surfacing Crew Is Working From Elkin in End

Work of surfacing the new highway between Elkin and Winston-Salem, begun shortly over a week ago, is progressing rapidly.

Working from the Elkin end, the surfacing crew has reached a point about half way between Elkin and Boonville. The link extending from the south end of Hugh Chatham bridge to highway 26 in Jonesville, has already received a coating of tar and gravel.

On the Winston end, pavement has been completed to within a short distance of East Bend. Stretches of the road which lie in the corporate limits of East Bend and Boonville, have also been surfaced.

Once completed, the new route will lop off approximately 10 miles of the distance to Winston-Salem as contained in the present route. Driving time will be cut even more in proportion inasmuch as the new road contains very few curves and only one bridge, that which crosses the Yadkin river. One stretch of the new road, said to be seven miles long, is without a single curve. Completion of the entire surfacing project should come within the next few weeks.

#### DEATH CLAIMS MRS. MARY RAY BURCHAM

#### Funeral For Elkin Woman Is Held Tuesday Morning

Mrs. Mary Ray Burcham, 76, of this city, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. F. Sissel in Winston-Salem Monday morning at 5:45 from a serious illness of a week's duration. Her passing was a source of profound sorrow to friends here.

The passing of Mrs. Burcham followed within a year the death of her husband, John F. Burcham. The remains were brought to Elkin Monday and removed to the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. S. Foster, where they remained until the funeral services Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock from Poplar Springs Baptist church, of which the deceased had been a member for nearly half a century. The services were in charge of Rev. Richard Day, pastor of the church, assisted by Rev. J. W. Bryant, a life-long friend of the family. Interment was in the family plot in the church cemetery.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Sissel and Mrs. Foster and several grandchildren.

The beautiful floral offerings were evidence of the affectionate esteem of scores of friends here and elsewhere.

#### GOLD GROUP RENEWS FIGHT

Fresh efforts by the European gold bloc intended to thwart the spread to Europe of President Roosevelt's price-raising program, were decided upon over the week-end.

#### FINE REPORT FROM HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS GIVEN BY BRITT

#### Comes At Time of Doubt In Department's Existence

#### 10,936 VACCINATED

Coming at a time when the county commissioners apparently have a baleful eye, bloodshot with the lust for economy, turned upon the Surry health department, the annual report recently submitted by Dr. T. C. Britt, county health officer, emphasizes the good work and future need of the department and points out a lesson that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure insofar as health itself is concerned.

All good men and true, the county commissioners doubtlessly are hesitant in their deliberations as to whether health work shall be abolished, but the urge to economize will probably exert a strong pull in the other direction, throwing off balance the fact that without a health department a county takes a definitely backward step.

This matter, figuratively "to be or not to be" as far as the health department is concerned, is to be threshed out at the first Monday in July meeting of the board.

The report of Dr. Britt shows a total of 8,496 anti-typhoid inoculations during the year along with 1,431 vaccinations against smallpox and 1,009 against diphtheria. At the same time a total of 2,679 children were examined for susceptibility to diphtheria.

The control of communicable diseases is shown by the number of cases reported, including chicken-pox, 110; measles, 119; whooping cough, 109; pellagra, 88; syphilis, 45; scarlet fever, 28; gonorrhoea,

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#### MRS. LULA DAY WOOD IS BURIED TUESDAY

#### Suffered Stroke of Paralysis; Was 73 Years Of Age

Mrs. Lula Day Wood, 73, wife of Thomas F. Wood, passed away at her home at Thurmond Monday morning at 4 o'clock from a lengthy illness. She suffered a heart attack while on a visit to her daughter in Winston-Salem several weeks ago and shortly after her return home was stricken with paralysis from which she never rallied.

She was a member of long standing of the State Road Primitive Baptist church and was beloved by a host of friends and relatives. She is survived by her husband, Thomas F. Wood, and the following sons and daughters: Mrs. Glenn Royall, Thurmond; Mrs. Dora Snow Wall, Winston-Salem; Mrs. Bannister Sprinkle, Dobson; Lester Wood, Ransom Wood and Posey Wood, all of Mountain Park. Twenty-four grandchildren; three half-sisters and two half-brothers: Mrs. William Wood, Mrs. Mollie Sneed, of State Road; Mrs. Mollie Hamby, of Virginia, and T. A. Chipman and Albert Chipman also survive.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from State Road Primitive Baptist church by Elder Samuel Atkinson and interment was made in the family plot in the church cemetery.

#### NEW BUSINESS LOCATED HERE

#### Auto Supply Store Occupies Old Choate & Brown Site

A new store, managed by O. E. Abernethy, of Hickory, and dealing in auto supplies for all makes of cars, has recently been opened in the building on Main street formerly occupied by Choate & Browne Pharmacy.

In addition to a complete line of parts and accessories, the new business is also handling Hood tires and Globe batteries.

Mr. Abernethy, the manager, is at present making his home at Hotel Elkin. He states that announcement of the formal opening of the store will be made next week, although it is at present open for business.