

NEWS OF THE DAY As Told In PICTURES

Labor Peacemaker



PITTSBURGH, Pa. . . Mrs. Myron Taylor, wife of the chairman of the U. S. Steel Corporation, is credited with paving the way for negotiations which led to an agreement between the steel corporation and C. I. O.

Sky Writer



SAN FRANCISCO . . . "Smoking" Polson has been flying 25 years and sky-writing the last ten years. He gets \$50 to \$100 a word, making him the biggest paid writer. "Sure, I misspell words. But I get paid just the same."

Young Angler



CATALINA, Calif. . . Little Charles Thompson is wondering if Jonah might have been swallowed by this 17-lb. rock cod. Usually they run around one-half to two pounds in weight, but Charles' fish is nearly as big as he is.

No Gamblin'



PORTOLA, Calif. . . No more gambling in Hangtown, Dry Gulch and other famous gold diggings in the California mountains, ordered State Attorney Barnhart. "Tain't gamblin'," retorts this old-timer. "Just a sociable poker game."

SENATE IN FAVOR INCREASING LEVY FOR AUTO PLATES

Would Raise Passenger Car Rate to 35 Cents

BOOST TRUCK SCHEDULE

Measure Would Bring in More Than \$300,000 More Revenue, It Is Estimated

AMENDMENT OFFERED

Raleigh, March 16.—The state senate by an overwhelming vote sustained in its daylight session the action of Senator Sparger's road committee in raising the tax on passenger vehicles from 30 to 35 cents per hundredweight and increasing the schedules on the heavier classes of trucks; defeated the Sanders amendment which would have put a tax on commercial haulers in addition to their regular license plate tax by a vote of 41-4, and passed the bill as amended on its second reading by a vote of 46-0. It will go on its third reading tomorrow.

The senate went into a night session at 8 o'clock straining at a sine die adjournment by Saturday, but Lieut. Governor Horton indicated today that he doesn't think that the end can come before next Tuesday.

As it passed the senate the motor vehicle tax bill will bring in more than \$300,000 more revenue than as it came from the house it was estimated by Senator Sparger. The gain made in increasing the rates on passenger vehicles and heavier trucks is partially overcome by loss from striking out the section which treated commercial haulers under a separate tax schedule which was included in the original bill and which was approved by the house.

Senator Sanders, who offered the amendment to re-instate the section on commercial haulers which would have included concerns which did their own shipping and delivering said that he could see little difference in this kind of hauling as far as use of the roads is concerned and the kind of hauling done by contract and franchise shippers.

Immediately coming to bat on the other side were Senators Seppark, Ingram and Ballentine, who pointed out that this kind of shipping was occasional and deserved more consideration than that done by trucks run sometimes 24 hours a day.

FIFTH HIGHEST IN ILLITERACY

Fifth District Ranks Highest Among N. C. Congressional Districts

SURRY 11.7 PER CENT

(By PAUL MAY)

Washington, D. C., March 17.—The fifth congressional district ranks sixth highest among North Carolina districts in percentage of illiteracy, and Surry county is fifth highest in illiteracy among the seven counties of the district, according to figures prepared by the education division of the Works Progress Administration.

For the fifth district, the illiteracy percentage is given as 11.7, almost three times as much as the national average of 4.3. The number of illiterates in the fifth district is reported as 22,649. The state's most illiterate congressional district, the second, has 30,963 illiterates, 15.3 per cent of its total population.

Surry county's illiteracy total is given as 3,323, or 11.7 per cent. Percentages of illiteracy for other counties in the fifth district are reported as follows: Caswell, 15.2; Forsyth, 7.7; Granville, 13.2; Person, 15.2; Rockingham, 9.1; and Stokes, 13.2.

North Carolina ranks seventh among the states in percentage of illiteracy and only New York, Texas, Alabama and Pennsylvania report a greater number. While the percentage of illiteracy for all classes decrease from 13.1 per cent in 1920 to 10 per cent in 1930, seven counties showed an increase for this period.

Native white illiteracy is nearly four times the national average and only Kentucky has a greater number of illiterates in this class. Negro illiteracy shows a decrease from 24.6 per cent in 1920 to 20.6 per cent in 1930. Indian illiterates number 3,316 or 29.8 per cent, most of which are in Robeson County.

80-Year-Old Constable



QUINCY, Mass. . . Miss M. Lizzie Fernald, 80 years old, has been the constable of Quincy for the past 11 years. She never appears in public without her silver badge of office concealed under the lapel of her coat. She carries no gun, but has five of them in her home, and knows how to use them too. She believes the younger generation spends too much time smoking cigarettes and not enough time reading the Bible and sewing.

DEATH CLOSES BUTNER CAREER

Major-General Henry W. Butner Is Laid to Rest in Arlington Cemetery

WAS NATIVE OF SURRY

The last chapter in the notable army career of Major-General Henry W. Butner, 61, a native of Pinnacle, N. C., was enacted Monday, when his body was laid to rest in Arlington National cemetery. The distinguished North Carolinian was buried with full military honors.

General Butner, who was recently relieved as commanding officer of the Panama Canal department, died Saturday at Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, following a brief illness from a heart disorder.

Born in Pinnacle in 1875, General Butner was appointed to West Point Military Academy in June, 1894, and was a member of the class that graduated ahead of schedule in April, 1898, at the outset of the Spanish-American war. He had risen to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel by the outbreak of the World War and was temporarily a brigadier-general during the war, and was promoted to rank of Major-General last February. For his World War service he received the Distinguished Service Medal, the Silver Star citation and the French Croix de Guerre with palm.

He was a son of the late F. A. and Sarah Wolfe Butner of Pinnacle, Surry county. He is survived by one sister, Mrs. J. S. Atkinson, of this city, and two brothers, A. L. Butner, of Winston-Salem, and M. F. Butner of Pinebluff, N. C. There are also four nephews and six nieces.

Mrs. Atkinson, accompanied by her daughters, Miss Anna Atkinson, of Chapel Hill, Miss Ruth Atkinson of Marion, and Miss Sarah Atkinson, a student at N. C. C. W., Greensboro, and her sons, Richard and Sam, attended the funeral services.

HALE QUITS SURRY HEALTH POSITION

County Sanitary Inspector Takes Up Similar Work in Leaksville

TO CHOOSE SUCCESSOR

E. P. Hale, Surry county sanitary inspector for the past four years has resigned his position with the county health department in order to take up similar work in Leaksville. He left for his new job the past week-end.

During the past four years Mr. Hale has done an excellent job in improvement of sanitary facilities throughout the county. His work in Leaksville will be along the same lines but he will not be connected with the state board of health as he has been in Surry, being employed by the town of Leaksville and the Marshall Field manufacturing interest.

A successor to Mr. Hale is expected to be named soon. He will be chosen from a list submitted by the state board of health and must be a graduate of an accredited health school.

NUMBER OF SURRY BILLS INTRODUCED

Presented in Legislature by Newt Martin, Surry County Representative

PROVIDE CHIEF DEPUTY

A bill of importance concerning Surry county which has been introduced in the state legislature by Newt Martin, Surry representative, concerns a change in method of caring for county prisoners, and provides for the appointment of the jailor by the county commissioners instead of by the sheriff's office, it has been learned.

Under the bill, the sheriff is allowed an additional appropriation of \$1,200 annually to provide for a full time chief deputy, a position done away with when duties of the sheriff and tax collector were divided.

Civil terms of court in March and December were provided for in another bill introduced by Representative Martin at the request of the Surry County Bar association. Several other bills of interest to Surry have also been introduced and passed.

RECEIVERSHIP TO END NEXT TUESDAY

Creditors of Elkin National Bank Urged to Call for Dividend Checks Now

BACK TO WASHINGTON

A special wire from Washington, D. C., to John D. Biggs, receiver of the Elkin National Bank here, stated Monday that the receivership must be closed out by next Tuesday, March 23, instead of March 31 as was first reported.

Due to this fact, creditors of the bank are urged to call at once—and not later than next Tuesday—for dividend checks which have been available since the first of last week when a final dividend was announced. Those who fail to call for their checks until after the receivership is closed out will be forced to secure them from the treasury department at Washington, as all unclaimed checks will be returned there.

It was also pointed out that those who have failed to call for checks representing payment on past dividends will also have to secure them from Washington if they fail to call at the bank before March 23.

KIWANIANS HEAR TALK BY SERGEANT LENTZ

Meeting in regular weekly session Thursday evening in the Kiwanis Room at Hotel Elkin, members of the Elkin Kiwanis Club enjoyed a highly interesting and entertaining talk by Sgt. W. B. Lentz of North Wilkesboro, of the state highway patrol, on "Accident Prevention." Kiwanian Hugh Royall was in charge of the program. Dr. Seth M. Beale gave several selections on the harmonica.

Guests of the club were Sgt. Lentz and Mrs. Lentz, and J. Sam Gentry of Mountain Park, the latter the guest of Kiwanian J. Merv McAdams and Dr. Seth M. Beale.

LATENEWS from the State and Nation

CHARGES DENTIST PLANNED MURDER

Charlottesville, Va., March 16.—Commonwealth's Attorney W. O. Fife charged in a bill of particulars filed today in Albemarle circuit court that Dr. E. G. Miller, Charlottesville dentist, administered chloroform with intent to cause the death of 17-year-old Cleo Sprouse, whose body was found on the edge of the University of Virginia campus March 2.

Dr. Miller indicted last week by a special grand jury on charges of murder in connection with the girl's death, is being held in the Henrico jail at Richmond pending trial.

SIMMONS BACKING COURT PLAN

Raleigh, March 16.—Former Senator F. M. Simmons is backing President Roosevelt in his advocacy of judicial changes in the United States Supreme court and in the inferior federal courts.

Today declaring himself wholly in accordance with the President, Mr. Simmons said he does not wish to amplify the statement with any reasons for the faith that is in him. His absolute belief in the Roosevelt program was asserted in the most categorical terms and beyond that statement he would make no more.

BRITISH STATESMAN DIES UNEXPECTEDLY

London, March 16.—Sir Austen Chamberlain, famous statesman son of a famous statesman and "father of the new torn Locarno treaty, died tonight unexpectedly of a heart attack in his west end London home. He was 73 years old.

Dean of the conservative elder statesmen in the house of commons, he was chancellor of the exchequer twice, secretary of state for foreign affairs, and secretary of state for India as well as a member of the war cabinet.

BLUE MOLD PLAYING HAVOC

Raleigh, March 16.—J. P. Quinerly, Columbus county farm agent, said here today blue mold disease was "playing havoc" with tobacco plants in his section.

"We had our first reports of the disease on March 10 and since that time it has spread rapidly," he told agricultural experts at State college. "The disease seems to be more virulent than last season and the way the affected plants look now, I doubt that they can grow out of it."

SIX DEAD IN PARIS RIOT

Paris, March 17.—Officials of Beaujon hospital early today announced six persons were dead and more than 150 injured in violent rioting last night between communists and rightists in Clichy, industrial suburb of Paris.

Ten others were near death, said officials of the hospital, where 78 wounded had been received in addition to scores given first aid for lighter injuries by bullets and missiles.

GLEE CLUB IS TO PRESENT CONCERT

The Greensboro College Glee Club will present a concert Friday afternoon, March 19, at four o'clock in the elementary school auditorium. The club will be presented under the direction of Walter Vassar, head of the voice department of the college.

This is a rare opportunity to hear this group, which has been received favorably throughout the state, and the public is extended a cordial invitation to attend the concert.

An optimist is the man who thinks he will spend a quiet evening at home by helping the children with their lessons.

Now that office buildings are being built without windows, the employes must do their peeping now through transoms.

A floating church has been built in South America. There's nothing like fighting hell with water.

Million Heir



BOSTON . . . Andrew Auld, 48-year-old shipyard worker here believes he may be able to establish claim to a \$20,000,000 estate left by a 19th century relative in Aberdeen, Scotland. Mr. Auld is very busy studying his family tree.

ASK HOMESTEAD TAX EXEMPTION

Members of Committee Who Sponsored Amendments to Constitution Wire Hoey

ALSO TO ALL SENATORS

Raleigh, March 16.—Members of the committee which sponsored four "tax reform" amendments to the constitution, approved at the last general election, asked senators today for a "reasonable" tax exemption for homesteaders.

A telegram sent to Governor Hoey and all members of the senate said:

"Having urged voters to support all four tax reform amendments adopted last November, we naturally feel some responsibility for results and since four liberal exemptions have already been voted on intangibles we respectfully urge the fairest and most equitable corresponding treatment of homesteaders. Homesteads burdened with mortgage debt especially deserve your serious consideration."

Under the revenue machinery bill recently passed by the house and pending in the senate, homesteads would be exempt from taxation. Sponsors of the homestead amendment have asked for a \$900 exemption.

SPANISH PLANES DROP 760 BOMBS

Heavy Losses Are Believed Suffered by Insurgents in Mass Offensive

REBEL AIRSHIPS ACTIVE

Madrid, March 16.—Fifty government planes, in a mass offensive against insurgent held Brihuega, dropped 760 bombs in a daring aerial battle today, Madrid defense officials announced.

Five insurgent planes were shot down and one government plane crashed in the battle over the sector 44 miles northeast of Madrid. Insurgent ground losses in the Brihuega area were said to have been heavy.

Government reports said Madrid's planes dropped 100 bombs and fired 5,000 machine gun bullets at insurgent positions near Ledanga and Almadrones, northeast of Guadalajara.

Insurgent raiding planes bombed Alcala de Henares, 20 miles northeast of Madrid, Guadalajara and even Madrid itself. In a dog fight at Alcala de Henares, two insurgent ships which were shot down were found to be of Italian manufacture, the Madrid defense command said.

At Canillejas, five miles north of Madrid, 10 persons were reported killed and 36 injured by insurgent bombs.

ARE TO HOLD SPECIAL SERVICES AT CHURCH

Special services will be held at the Methodist church each day during Holy Week. The general theme of meetings, which will be held each evening at 7:30 will be "What is There in Religion." The services will be in charge of the pastor, Rev. Wm. A. Jenkins.

The final service will be at the regular hour of worship Easter Sunday morning.

A cordial invitation is extended the public to attend these services.

WORK PROGRESSING ON THE PLANS FOR ELKIN POSTOFFICE

Are Now About Forty Per Cent Complete

TO BE ONE-STORY BLDG.

Estimated Both Plans and Specifications to Be Ready In Two Months

IS TO COST \$65,000.00

By PAUL MAY
(Tribune Washington Bureau)
Washington, D. C., March 16.—Plans for the new Elkin postoffice are forty per cent complete, and officials of the Treasury Department's procurement division hope to have the project ready for the market within two months it was learned today.

The building will be one-story and basement, with a brick exterior in a variety of shades. Mechanical and structural plans are keeping pace with architectural plans. As soon as plans for the project are completed, it will enter the specifications stage, in which the kinds and qualities of materials to be used in construction will be listed.

It is estimated that both plans and specifications can be finished within two months. The procurement division is rushing all its projects in the hope of having many of them under construction by spring.

The limit of time for construction of the Elkin job will probably be set at 270 days, though actual construction may take a little longer than this. The limit of cost for the building, \$65,000, guarantees that an average of about thirty men will be employed during the construction period. When construction is at its peak, there will be more workmen employed. All workers will be selected locally, from union organizations of Elkin or the United States employment office of Surry County.

SCHOOL FACULTY REELECTED HERE

Town School Board Lets Contract for Shrubbery and For Cement Driveways

EXCELLENT PROGRESS

At a meeting of the school board, composed of J. G. Abernethy, chairman, C. A. McNeill, F. M. Norman, David Brendle and W. C. Cox, Wednesday evening, the entire faculty of the city schools was reelected for next year.

Other items of importance transacted at the meeting was letting the contract for shrubbery to be placed on the grounds at the new high school building and for cement walks and driveways on the school grounds.

Excellent progress has been made during the past year in the schools and the average attendance has been exceedingly good. With the high school students housed in the new building, relieving the crowded condition of the past few years, work has shown a marked improvement.

Chicago, March 14.—The American Bar association, analyzing the 16,132 to 2,563 vote of its members against "an increase in the number of justices of the Supreme court," reported today the plan was disapproved in every state, the District of Columbia and the territories.

JOE GISH



EFFICIENCY EXPERTS
WERE CALLED MEDDLERS
JUST A FEW YEARS AGO