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DOWAGER QUEEN MARIE DIES AT RUMANIAN CAPITAL

Marie Helped Shape Destiny Of Her Country For Generation; 62 Years Of Age

STRICKEN WHILE ON TRIP

Bucharest, July 18.—Dowager Queen Marie of Rumania, who helped shape the destiny of her country for a generation, died today in her sixty-third year.

The Queen Mother, famed for her beauty, died at her palace at Sinaia, the royal summer residence, at 6:25 P. M. (11:25 A. M. E. S. T.).

Prime Minister Miron Cristea, who also is patriarch of the Rumanian Orthodox church, celebrated mass in the palace immediately after her passing. Previously he had administered extreme unction as death neared.

In Bucharest all public buildings immediately displayed flags at half staff.

Fear Expressed

The 62 year old queen, long suffering from stomach trouble, was feared early today to be in dying condition. Her physicians described her condition as "very dangerous."

King Carol, Crown Prince Mihai and Princess Elizabeth all were at her bedside at Sinaia, the royal summer palace.

The physicians' bulletin said:

Physicians' Bulletin

"The state of health of Her Majesty is in very dangerous condition. This morning she had a fresh, violent hemorrhage.

"Her Majesty is very weak."

Queen Marie, 62 years old, who long has been ailing from stomach disorders, suffered a relapse yesterday after her return to Sinaia from Dresden, Germany. She had spent the past month under treatment at Dresden.

An official communique last night said the queen was suffering from "liver disease and had a hemorrhage" en route from Germany.

All visitors were barred from the palace and all her engagements cancelled for a month.

Visited U. S. In 1926

Her trip to the United States in 1926, ostensibly to dedicate a museum of fine arts built near Seattle by Samuel Hill, a former Red Cross officer in Rumania, was credited with having been a factor in bringing America investments in Rumania up to more than \$25,000,000 by 1930.

Out of the political picture thereafter, Marie devoted herself to literary work and charity. She was especially active in child welfare and was instrumental in having the playgrounds of Bucharest improved and extended. Although as she admitted she sometimes spent 12 hours a day at her writing, she was seen frequently at the opera and maintained a keen interest in the theatre.

She and Carol long remained estranged over his abandonment of his wife, former Princess Helen of Greece, for Marie had been largely instrumental in arranging that match. But the Rumanians saw hope of a reconciliation between mother and son when, in October, 1936, she kissed him on the occasion of his 43rd birthday.

Her health failed in 1937. An attack of grippe in March was complicated by phlebitis and an internal hemorrhage. There was a recurrence of the latter in June and again in November. The third was so severe that eight noted specialists were summoned in consultation. Carol cancelled a hunting trip to be near his mother and her daughters, Queen Marie of Yugoslavia and Archduchess Ileana, were summoned to Zozreni Castle.

It was a warm day, and a dull case was being argued. The law years made speeches of interminable length and the Judge fell into a doze.

"But we must have water here, your honor," thundered the defending lawyer, in such tones that the judge came to.

"All right," he mumbled, hastily, "but only a very little in mine."

Administration favors lifting arms embargo on Spain; end of neutrality scheme is likely.

Rep. Barton will seek wide study of "seven deadly sins" of present economic situation.

Edgcomb Tax Rate Will Not Be Raised

Rocky Mount, Edgcombe County's tax rate will not be raised above the \$105 tax rate of last year, it was learned today from County Commissioner C. Carlyle Ward of Rocky Mount.

The commissioners have definitely expressed their intention not to raise the tax rate, he said, and as yet foresee no emergencies that will change their minds.

The Edgcombe commissioners will take final action on the 1938-39 county budget at a meeting in Tarboro at 10:30 o'clock Monday morning, Commissioner Ward stated.

Although the budget requests of the county departments call for more money than the \$105 tax rate would provide he commented: "The requests will have to be hewn down within the reach of the tax rate."

The Edgcombe commissioners have also withdrawn their application for a \$25,000 government grant for a \$56,400 courthouse annex, Commissioner Ward revealed today.

The county has the money on hand to put up for its share of the cost, he said, but the commissioners have decided against building the annex for the reason that the state of the crops does not indicate a particularly prosperous year for the county.

CAROL, NICHOLAS GO TO MASS AT SINAI

Brothers Temporarily Reconciled By Death of Mother, Queen Marie

Bucharest, July 20.—King Carol and his younger brother, Nicholas, reconciled at least temporarily by the death of their mother, the Dowager Queen Marie, attended Mass together today at Sinaia with other members of the royal family.

Nicholas, shorn of his title and in exile since April 26, 1937, for marrying a commoner, was summoned by the King yesterday to attend the funeral. He was warned, however, that he must leave Rumania immediately after the ceremonies Sunday.

The two brothers dined together last night—their first meeting since Nicholas was exiled.

Foreign delegations which will come for the funeral include Prince Regent Paul of Yugoslavia, the Duke and Duchess of Kent, Field Marshal Wilhelm Goering of Germany and a French military group.

Co-ed Writes Her Views Of Average Society Girl

Chicago, July 17.—The average society girl is an ignoramus whose chief interest is men in general and a good marriage in particular—and what's more, gals, that's in writing.

A petite University of Chicago co-ed, who has just won her master's degree for her findings in a thesis called "the social orientation of the society girl," admitted today her findings were harsh, but explained: "Society girls mostly are snobs, but really it isn't their fault.

"They just don't know any better."

Thereupon, Miss Mary Elaine Ogden of Waterbury, Conn., who is herself a comely eye-ful, told how she went about reaching her conclusions. "The society girl," she said, "is a person who participates to the fullest extent in three institutions: The finishing school, the debut and the junior league."

Those are requisites. Even if a girl does have family background and sufficient wealth she does not classify as a society girl unless she does participate in those three.

The background, Miss Ogden believes, is laid in the "backwardness" of select finishing schools, which tend to make the society girl:

1. Overemphasize popularity with men.
 2. Overemphasize her own importance.
 3. Develop class consciousness.
 4. Social accomplishments.
- "The chances are," Miss Ogden said, "that a better education is

Cleaning Tar To Be Continued

River Snagging By Army Engineers Will Extend From Tarboro To Greenville

Tarboro, July 20.—The Tar River snagging project will be continued to Greenville, according to County Auditor M. L. Laughlin and Congressman John H. Kerr.

The cost of the additional snagging for floor relief will be \$75,000, and the money was raised with a donation of \$25,000 from the rivers and harbors fund and \$50,000 from the Army Engineer's surplus.

The work will continue at once. Resident Engineer Hamilton E. Hicks, who conducted the work of snagging the Tar River from Rocky Mount to Tarboro, has announced that as soon as some of the machinery is remodeled that the work will go on.

The Tar River snagging was a \$90,000 Army Engineer's floor control job, using WPA help, and the results were so satisfactory that the chairman of the Edgcombe county commissioners, Walter C. Hargrove, Commissioners Ben C. Mayo and Sam Anderson and Auditor M. L. Laughlin made a special trip to Washington to get Congressman John H. Kerr to help get the additional appropriation for the work.

The commissioners contended that unless the river was cleaned out from Tarboro to Greenville that the work from Rocky Mount to Tarboro would be wasted. The engineers were convinced.

The river from Greenville to Washington is being dredged.

"HOLD ROBESON AND SAVE THE STATE"

We find the following in Charity and Children:

"Since childhood we have heard the expression, 'Hold Robeson and save the state.' Recently we learned the purported origin of the expression it seems that there was a close contest between the Democrats, Republicans, Negroes, Third Party or something. All of the state had been heard from except Robeson. The vote was close. It was known that the Democrats would have to carry Robeson but the number of votes needed to carry the state was undetermined. The telegram was sent 'Hold Robeson and save the state,' and was understood to mean hold back your report until we know just how many votes will be needed to carry the state and then report that number. We, of course, do not vouch for the truth of the foregoing."

Kiwanis and Rotary Get Real Chummy



Here's an enthusiastic greeting between top men in two great clubs, Rotary International and Kiwanis International. Both organizations held their conventions in San Francisco at the same time. Left, Maurice Duperry, Rotary president, plants a continental kiss on the blushing S. Trafford Taylor, Kiwanis president.

Will Aldermen Handle Their Private Business As They Handle The City's Business?

A representative of the Rocky Mount Herald about the first of July called the city manager, Mr. Aycok, and asked when the city would advertise its property for tax sales, and requested that the Herald be given an opportunity to bid on the tax advertising printing and publication. The city manager informed the Herald that he understood that this matter was to be taken up at the Board's next meeting. The representative then went around to the office of the city manager and left a request in writing that the Rocky Mount Herald be given an opportunity to bid on this printing. At the next meeting of the Board a representative of the Rocky Mount Herald appeared before the Board of Aldermen and requested that the Rocky Mount Herald be designated and given the city tax advertising for the year 1938, since the afternoon paper, the Evening Telegram owned by J. L. Horne, had been advertising the property for several years and the Herald had not been given an opportunity to do any of this business. The Board of Aldermen refused to pass on the request but referred the matter to the finance committee which the Board knew a majority had already voted. The Rocky Mount Herald never heard any thing more about this matter until many days thereafter. The Herald called the city manager and the city manager stated that the Rocky Mount Evening Telegram had been given the publication and that the Rocky Mount Herald had been denied the right to bid on this printing. The Rocky Mount Herald in submitting its bid offered to mail every delinquent tax payer a copy of this tax advertising notice. Three years ago the Herald requested the right to bid on the printing and was refused this right and the printing has been continuously given to the Rocky Mount Evening Telegram. Even though the city banking business is rotated each year from one bank to the other and the city insurance business is divided up.

The Rocky Mount Herald has carried the whole tax advertising for Edgcombe County two times upon a low bid. At the time the Rocky Mount Herald asked to bid in Edgcombe, the county was paying 35 cents per parcel. The Herald bid 28 cents, the Evening Telegram and Tarboro Southerner 35 cents. The next year the Board of Commissioners of Edgcombe County designated the Tarboro Southerner and the Evening Telegram at the rate of 25c per inch even though the Rocky Mount Herald bid 20 cents. The year 1937 the Rocky Mount Herald again bid 20 and asked to be given the contract and finally the contract was awarded to the Rocky Mount Herald at 20 cents per parcel. This year, 1938, the Rocky Mount Herald bid 20 cents again, The Tarboro Southerner, 15 cents and the Tarboro Southerner is carrying the county advertising at 15 cents per parcel where they formerly received 35 cents. The City of Rocky Mount formerly paid as much as 35 cents per parcel, and the tax payers had to pay when the advertising could have been secured for 20 cents per parcel which would have been a saving of several hundred dollars to the city tax payers.

Now would the Board of Aldermen as individuals dealing with their own private property have handled this item of business in this selfish way when they could have saved several hundred dollars? We do not believe there is a citizen in Rocky Mount including the Board of Aldermen and Mr. Horne himself that would have paid several hundred dollars more for advertising in one paper when they could have gotten the same service in another paper at much reduced price. These are facts which we feel the citizens of Rocky Mount are entitled to know. The municipal business of Rocky Mount belongs to the people and the board of Aldermen and officers of the town are the trustees of the people and the people are entitled to know what their servants are doing. The foundation for Rocky Mount prosperity was laid many years ago by men who have passed on. They laid the foundation for the splendid municipal ownership of public utilities which is coining money for the City of Rocky Mount. This foundation was laid many years before many of the Board of Aldermen who now sit on the Board were there. We called attention last week to the one sided way the City's legal business is had. All of it going to one firm of lawyers who are brothers-in-law of the owners of the Evening Telegram.

The owners of the Rocky Mount Herald pay taxes on more than 30,000 dollars worth of property and certainly more than the Rocky Mount Evening Telegram. (Please turn to page two)

Son Is Born To Roosevelts, Jr.

Seven Pound Boy Born Last Night—President's Eighth Grandchild

Philadelphia, July 20.—It was a boy today for Mr. and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., and the President was a grandad again—for the eighth time.

The seven pound boy was born last night at the Philadelphia lying-in hospital to Mrs. Roosevelt, the former Ethel DuPont, and young Franklin said everyone was "fine"—including himself.

"To my prejudiced eyes," said the father as he announced the birth, "it looks like a very beautiful baby."

The question of a name remained undecided.

Robison Declares Church Has a Job

The church "has a job to do" as long as there are people "in need, and not getting a fair deal," the Rev. Newton J. Robison declared at Hillier Memorial church.

"This church," he asserted, "tries to be as devoted to justice as the Old Testament prophets. Those prophets taught that when people are oppressed, the wrath of God is upon those who do the oppressing."

Throughout his discourse on "The church Aims High," the Rev. Mr. Robison stressed the need for religion to join in the fight to assure for all people a fair chance to obtain the good things in life, physical as well as spiritual.

He centered his sermon on the theme: "A religion as considerate of persons as the teachings of Jesus; as devoted to justice as the Old Testament prophets; as responsive to truth as science; as beautiful as art; as intimate as the home; and as indispensable as the air we breathe."

"The church sometimes is accused of living in some kind of an ideal world and being not at all practical," said the minister. "It is a difficult problem to keep its high aims, yet stay practical enough to accomplish them."

"Jesus Christ was concerned about the physical welfare of people. A number of times we have presented the teaching that He was concerned about the souls of men. He was. But he spent more time ministering to the needs of their bodies. When they were tired and hungry after an all-day meeting, he fed them; when he found them sick, he healed them.

"He came to seek and to save those who were lost. And if you and I are as considerate of persons as Jesus Christ, we shall be seeking to save those who are lost."

Moreover, he added, Christ saw great possibilities in every person, no matter how humble or important he might seem or how large or small his accomplishments. As for being "responsive to truth" the Rev. Mr. Robison said: "All truth is God's whether it be found in the physical realm or any other. . . . We would not say we're exactly afraid of the truth, but some times we are not sure when we have found it. We have no right to be swept away by this theory and that, but when we know a thing is true, it is our duty to accept it."

Making religion "indispensable as the air we breathe" means taking it into all phases of life and into every hour of the day and night, he continued. Speaking in generalities usually is dangerous, the pastor commented, but added:

"I have become convinced that religion is either something that includes the whole of life, or it is worthless."

A deaf mute is always ready to take a hand in conversation.

Halifax Probing Election Charges

Board Of Elections Plans Second Hearing Tomorrow Morning; Fraud Is Charged

Weldon, July 20.—The Halifax county board of elections is scheduled to hold a second meeting tomorrow morning, continuing investigation of charges of fraud in the June primary. The fraud charges were brought by 31 petitioners.

At a hearing Monday, the board decided to meet again tomorrow to examine absentee ballots and certificates used in the primary. E. B. Clark, Weldon attorney representing the petitioners, asked the board at the hearing Monday for written permission to examine the absentee ballots and certificates. E. L. Travis of Halifax, representing those who denied the fraud charges, objected on the grounds that the papers had not been properly impounded since the election.

L. A. Parks of Tillery testified Monday charging that W. W. Deberry, F. M. Fitz-Patrik, L. E. Turner, and Josephine Turner voted in Connoconara precinct but were not residents of the precinct.

J. R. Glasgow, former county ABC superintendent and registrar at Littleton during the recent primary, testified that he allowed four Republicans to vote in the Littleton precinct knowing them to be Republicans. He said that he thought it legal after he ascertained they would support the nominee.

Glasgow also testified that J. R. Newsome, a resident of Warren county, voted in the Littleton precinct after voting in a Warren county precinct.

Attorney Clark made a motion that the votes of Weldon, Littleton and Roanoke Rapids precincts number one and four be recommended. The motion was denied for the present.

Nash Youth Wins In Essay Contest

Red Oak High School Student To Compete In State Event

Raleigh, July 20.—Selected as Eastern District winner from hundreds of contestants in 25 counties, Horace Edward Moore of Rocky Mount and a student of Red Oak High School, will compete here on Tuesday, July 26, with three other district winners for the State championship in the Eleventh Annual Cooperative Essay Contest.

Winner of the State final contest will be presented with a one-year college tuition scholarship and \$100 in cash. All contestants this year wrote on either "The Kind of Farmer I Intend To Be" or "The Kind of Farm Woman I Intend To Be."

Edward Winslow of Gates won second prize in the Eastern District Contest, while James Revel of Conway placed third and Neal Seegers of Belhaven placed fourth.

The Essay Contest is sponsored as an educational project by the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association and the Farmers Cooperative Exchange and the Carolina Cooperator Publishing Company, and during the past eleven years more than 45,000 essays have been written.

Included in the Eastern District are the following counties: Beaufort, Bertie, Camden, Carteret, Chowan, Craven, Currituck, Dare, Edgcombe, Gates, Greene, Halifax, Hertford, Hyde, Lenoir, Martin, Nash, Northampton, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Pitt, Tyrrell, Washington and Wilson.

Ashe County farmers pooled 2,549 pounds of wool the other day and sold it for \$619.29. Clear wool brought 25 cents a pound and reject wool 20 cents.

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