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GOP LEADER SEES

BILLION YEARLY

Crying Need Of Nation.

Committee Told

WASHINGTON, March 18- (AP)-

cast an eventual \$1,000,000,000 - a-

homes is a problem crying for at-

Testifying before the Senate

Banking Committee, Taft declared

"we are going to have to do some-

thing soon" to get more homes.

Senator Robertson (D-Va.) ask-

ed Taft if he would be willing to

increase the national debt, now

totalling \$262,000,000,000, to take

Nevertheless, he said, the hous-

"The government has done no

"and private industry has never

Taft asserted that the emergen-

cy program set up by Congress

"The justification for public

housing is that we have to elim-

With Complete Coverage of State and National News

ESTABLISHED 1867

Knutson May Revise Bills On Tax Slash

Ways, Means Chairman Announces Further Relief

SHOWDOWN SHIFTED

Republicans Study New Proposals During "Closed Door" Meeting

WASHINGTON, March 18-(AP)-Rep. Knutson (R.-Minn), chairman of the House Ways and Means committee, announced today his 20 percent across the board tax-cutting bill may be revised to give greater relief for taxpayers in the smaller income brackets.

Some Republicans and Demo crats have criticized Knutson's bill as not reducing the "little fellow's" Knutson told reporters that net

incomes up to \$2,000 (gross income less personal exemptions) might be cut by 23 to 26 percent, instead of NEW YORK, March 18 -(U.P.) - 20 percent, if the government would William C. Durant, founder of not lose too much revenue by such General Motors corp. who pyra-

A House showdown on tax cut- \$120,000,000 at one point in his up ting, originally set for next Mon and down career and 14 years day, will probably be postponed to Wednesday, while a decision is today at 85. pending on whether the changes

After a closed-door meeting of ways and means republicans, Knut-

1. Studies are being made to tors and twice lost control. He pidetermine whether the taxcutting oneered the organization of many can be made retroactive to Janu- of the best known automobile my 1, or whether July 1 would be companies. But his last venture in better date. He still hopes to business was a combination hammake it retroactive. 2. The extra small income cuts, ley at Flint, Mich.

if adopted, probably would not be applicable to the first \$2,000 net Wall street, a name which is said ncome of all taxpayers, but to to have originated from the spurts those with no more than \$2,000. 3. The next ways and means full small stature, reserved manner 3. The next ways and means will and piercing eyes wife At Bedside

Friday, while the Republicans are deciding whether the extra cut apartment. His wife, whom he can be given to the small incomes. married at 47 when his fortunes The committee probably will have were at a near peak, and a nurse showdown vote Friday, with the were with him. measure going to the House floor Knutson said he wants to keep was 60. He was 74 when he filed

is near as possible to an over-all bankruptcy, listing his liabilities \$3,500,000,000 cut in taxes, and that at close to \$1,000,000, and his as-

MANAGER - COUNCIL

Voters Of Capital City His first business was a car Abandon 34 - Year - Old Commission Rule

RALEIGH, March 18-(P)-By a 1.215-vote majority, Raleigh today abandoned its 34-year-old commission form of municipal government and voted to adopt a city manager-courril form, effective next July 1.

Wake County Board of Election unofficial returns: For city manager-council plan 4,270; for commission plan 3,055.

An official canvass of voters will be held tomorrow, with formal anhouncement of results scheduled t noon in the office of Mayor Graham H. Andrews. The modified "plan D." as out-

lined in the general statutes, requires that one member of the council to be designated as mayor the \$3 mark was reached was in with all members being clected at large. The council will select 1917 when a price of \$3.25 prevailed and employ a city manager who is responsible directly to the council for carrying out the business of cents a bushel, on reports that the

The city manager does not have be a resident of the city. Next step for completion of the wheat available for immediate deew government will be a primary on April 28, for the selection of tomines to the council. From the daily limit - from Monday's that list of candidates will be thosen 14, who will enter an election, set for May 6. Should only It persons or less file for places, there would be no primary, and the futures market. Short contracts those filing would enter a runoff were badly squeezed because of on May 6, with the seven high their inability to obtain cash wheat candidates being given council to fulfill commitments at the end

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

CUIOUS HOW A MAN WHUT DON' NEVUH DO NOTHIN' AIN' NEVUH GOT NO TIME TO DO NOTHIN !!!



Dies In N. Y.

W. C. DURANT

ONE-TIME WIZARD

William C. Durant, Organ-

izer Of General Motors,

Made Fortunes

mided his fortuen to an estimated

later listed his assets at \$250, died

Durant had suffered a paralyt-

ic stroke five years ago and his

last years were lived here in mod-

He twice controlled General Mo-

burger restaurant and bowling al-

Durant was the "Gunga Din" of

dation of the automobile empire

\$3.00 Mark For Sec-

ond Time In 99 Years

CHICAGO, March 18-(A)-Three

dollar wheat was recorded for the

second time in the 99-year history

of the Board of trade today when

the March delivery sold for \$3.05

a bushel at the opening of grain

The only other year in which

After the peak was reached to

day, however, prices tumbled 18 1-2

government was making more

livery. The March contract clos-

ed at \$2.86 1-2, down ten cents -

Since February 1 until today's

break came, March wheat has ad-

vanced 98 1-2 cents a bushel, in

of trading in the March contracts,

for No. 1 hard winter wheat. At

for four days in early May.

futures trading.

close.

'STREET' DIES

Expanded Medical School "Approved"

Joint Appropriations Committee Okays Expenditure Of \$3,790,000 To Aid Medical Care Doctor Program

LEIGH, March 18. - (A) - luke-warm support approval to

An imposing number of members were regarded as being opposed to expansion of the medical school, and others were regarded mission. The permanent improveas opposed plans to locate it at

past few days. Governor Cherry, portion of the Medical care pro-these sources said, had swung from gram has developed.

t a voice being heard in op- active support of the school. e today approved an ap-for the medical school would be added to \$1,500,000 expected from federal funds under the Hill-Bur-ton act for a fotal of \$5,790,000 The appropriation of \$3,790,000 aversity of North Carolina. ton act for a total of \$5,290,000 to Shortage Of Homes Most The issue of expanding the two-year medical school at the University into a four-year school had pital equipment, \$200,000 addition to the present medical school build been regarded at the start of the ing, \$840,000 for a nurses home session as one of the most controand training school, and \$450,000 versial issues before the general asfor 100 homes for internes and Senator Tafi R-Ohio) today fore-

residents Expansion of the university medical school is part of the program fare—education, health and housof the State Medical Care coming—and declared the shortage of ments bill also carries \$6,250,000 to tention, be matched with federal and local However, informed sources said funds for the building of medical that a number of influential mem-centers and hospitals throughout bers had been conducting a cam- the state. The joint committee did paign in favor of the appropriation not consider this appropriation tofor the four-year school during the day, but little opposition to this

SINGING MOUSE WINS REPEAL OF LAWS BED AND CHEESE WITH CANARY - LIKE VOICE

LANCASTER, Mass., March 18. -(U.P.)- The Edmister family have a mouse in their home and they said today they're going out of their way to please him so he'll stay around. Mickey is a singing mouse.

Every two or three days he sings in a canaty-like voice and he's even made a recording. A music teacher says he has a voice range of three to five notes.

"When we used to keep white mice," explained Mrs. Ruel Edminster, "Mickey taught one of them to chirp and then they sang duets."

and slumps in his finances, his SUPERIOR COURT He died in his Gramercy Park

Illness Of Judge Clawson L. Williams Causes Associates believe Durant had a fortune of \$120,000.000 when he Postponement

New Hanover county Superior RALEIGH TO HAVE

| Solicitor Clifton Moore said that | Solicitor C Court was adjourned yesterday at short-lived. His flint business, with going to try and arrange a new legislation governing fish which he planned to launch a special term "sometime" in April. ing along the coast in the region chain, was started shortly before but he could give no definite time as soon as the present law is rehe was stricken with paralysis. because of conflicting dates of pealed. other courts. riage concern which was the foun-

Moore said that he had the week of April 21 open but that session of Superior Court here WHEAT PRICES HIT then would conflict with the scheduled term of United States

The next scheduled term of THIRTY-YEAR HIGH The next scheduled term of Superior Court for New Hanover county is May 12, he said. However, with the number of cases Leading Cereal Crosses which were continued from this term and those anticipated between now and May would burden the court, he said. The May term is scheduled for one week of criminal and one of civil.

Meanwhile, several imterm. Another ex-Wilmington po-

Gurley pleaded guilty to storebreaking at the February special term of court and his case was continued until this term. No action was taken in his case. Attorneys for Guy Caney of

SPARE SUGAR STAMP NO. 11 TO BE GOOD COME APRIL FIRST

WASHINGTON, March 18-(U.P.) The OPA announced today that spare stamp No. 11 will become ter. valid on April 1 for 10 pounds of

sugar. This is the first stamp ever is The scramble between shorts sued with the 10 pound value. and mills to obtain cash grain re- Stamp No. 53, which is good for sulted in an upward swing in the five pounds, will expire on March cash market, Minneapolis record- 31, instead of April 30.

ing a high of \$3.10 3-4 a bushel for The expiration date of the five-

the top for the day at \$2.91 a bushel pound values." Ration supplies were ordered in-Des Moines the top for the day was creased recently after a realloca-

Thalians' Presentation Gets Hearty Reception

A comfortably filled auditorium lines excellently. He added angreeted the Thalian players last other to a long list of character night in the New Hanover High parts in his repertoire. School building when the curtain Amy Walker, as Maggie Cutler rose on "The Man Who Came To the secretary, had a big job on of Honolulu, began to be troubled

packed house on its merits.

he performance. who came to dinner, did a superlative job, handling his trenchant (Continued On Page Two; Col. 3) so did the Morgans, hence the (Continued on Page Two; Col. 3) son hadn't laughed that heartily sleight-of-hand tricks.

Dinner" by Hart and Kauffman her hands, and it was a well done with fleas. The performance deserved a job, playing opposite Mary Vail The play is almost a one man of Lorraine Sheldon splendidly.

of action for the supporting play- Johnson, as Mr. and Mrs. Stanley, ers, and there were several "spear in whose house all the action took carriers". all most necessary to place, were just as excited and fluttery as their parts called for, Lester W. Peterson, as the man while Debby Bradley and Rock-

surf bathing.

care of the housing problem "No," Taft replied firmly, would not." ing situation is a national problem SOUGHT BY GROUP and "nothing is closer to the welfare of the people."

Commercial Fishers And Dealers Ask Lifting Of provided the necessary housing for lowest income groups." Failure Label All Restrictions

Dealers Association last night been "a complete failure." He tition to Senator Alton A. Lenfor subsidies to producers, only
non and Representative Robert about \$35,000,000 will have been

tion and to lay plans for protesting any further legislation aimed PRISONER ADMITS Elected as president of the or-

son as secretary-treasurer. Passed also at the meeting was

Kermon was charged with mak ing contradictory statements regarding what his stand was on lation governing fishing. He was charged with trying to "draw a red dates concerning events leading herring across the issue" by bring to the slaying. Police said he herring across the issue" by bringing up the subject of poor sanitation facilities for crews at Wrightsville Beach, a matte which Kermon reportedly suggested as one reason why some stop should be taken to govern fishing operations at the resort town.

A question arose as to whether been notifier of the meeting toportant cases, including that of night and asked to attend for the Roy Grissett, ex - Wilmington po- purpose of explaining legislation liceman were not heard at this covering local fishing. In an effort to have the two legislators liceman, H. L. Gurley had his present for the next session, it case continued for the second was voted that they should both was voted that they should both only as Elizabeth or "Beth" the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway at the next meeting.

on incorporation for the association was voted favorably, as was the printing of membership cards and the payment of membership (Continued On Page Two; Col. 8) fees by those joining the organi-

TAMPA, Fla., March 18- (U.P.) -

job at all in the past," he said.

Approximately 75 members of the Commercial Fishers and last year to encourage production of scarce building materials has adopted a motion to send a pe- said that of \$400,000,000 provided M. Kermon calling for legislation spent by the end of the fiscal to be offered repealing all laws year, June 3. pertaining to commercial fishing

permanent officers of the associaat controlling fishing in the local

ganization was J. Hampton Lea, Jr., with W. D. Stokley elected as vice-president and W. J. Wil-

or not Kermon and Lennon had be recasted to be in attendance

A motion to adopt a charter

TWO RESCUED

Two men who had drifted in the Gulf of Mexico, without food, for 10 days were rescued today at the

The organization met in special inate the disgraceful type of houssession in the New Hanover couning in which the lowest income ty Superior court room to elect families live," he said.

"DAHLIA" MURDER Charges Confesses Los Angeles Slaying

> ST. LOUIS March 18. -(U.P.)-Melvin Bailey, 23, held on an auto theft charge, confessed today to the mutilation slaving of Elizabeth Short, the "Black Dahlia," whose body was found in a Los Angeles lot last Jan. 15.

Chief of Detectives Leonard Murphy said Bailey, "seems to tell a straight story." Bailey said he was "dazed" the night of the slaying by Benze-drine he had taken "for a lift" present and possible future legis- and did not remember the details. However he gave names and

would be held for questioning by Los Angeles police to determine the authenticity of his confession. Bailey, a strapping six - footer who said he was part Indian, was arrested near here F e b. 12 by Missouri State police on an auto about the murder.

Had One Date He said he had not known Miss transcontinental rail system. Short as "The Black Dahlia" but

That night, he told authorities, join the board. he met Miss Short at the hotel Both invitations are subject to Palm Beach and took her to the the necessary authorization of the at today's session of the City designated a "war zone."

ing liquor while he drank coffee "spiked" with Benzedrine. He said the other couple left and he tation on climax of a three-day search over and Miss Short drove to Southhundreds of square miles of wa- western Los Angeles in a car he

Along The Cape Fear STRANGE SIGHT - Yesterday bath in the wide Pacific became 315,400 shares, representing some appointing a police chief would

a car of No. 1 dark Northern. At pound stamp was moved up, OPA cat fish, so today we thought it cats. Omaha where cash wheat reached said, "in order to avoid confusion would be appropriate to discuss Just as practice makes perfect the stock claimed, 250,400 shares called for changes in the present the three dollar mark yesterday, which may be caused by outstand- briefly cats that act like fish. Now so did the weekly dunkings in the were obtained from Alleghany and law and since the new measure prices eased a little today, with ing stamps of both five and 10 if you will turn to Page 2 you ocean grow upon this feline pair. will see a sight that seldom meets the human eye.

STRANGE SIGHT — And while surf's edge, gingerly test the on the subject of cat fish, we beg water with their forepaws, then you to turn to page two in order to witness a sight seldom seen. To date Along The Cape Fear We might just as well tell you has been unsuccessful in finding about cats that act like fish.

There you will note two Ha- surf-bathing cats in this area. So waiian surf riders, Solomon and should any kind reader know of Duncan, which purr for the brine a cat with a yearning for swimaccording to the Associated Press. ming in the ocean, we would Negro that he had chased away (felines, not fish) owned by a Mr. full details at your earliest con- doctor, but warned that any comand Mrs. James F. Morgan, Jr., venience.

Solomon and Duncan spluttered A reader was kind enough to

GOOD IDE -what to do with Now salt water was supposed those twenty-five cents pocket size Cameron who handled the role to be unusually obnoxious to books you've finished reading fleas, so the Morgans carried the seems to have been answered in The play is almost a one man of Lorraine Sheldon spielidity.

performance, but there is plenty performance perf

wonder when Solomon

plunge into the ocean for a swim.

any counterpart of the Pacific

To date Along The Cape Fear

and yowled and were none too bring us a short news story impressed with their first try at clipped from an upstate newspa-However the fleas persisted and per telling of the novel plan adopt-



Pictured above are the retiring and new president of the New Hanover Bar Association. They are, left to right, Col. Royce S. McClellan, retiring president, and W. Edmund Rodgers, the new president. Rodgers was elevated from the vice presidency at the quarterly meeting held in the Crystal Restaurant last night.

day beginning over West portion Wednes-day afternoon. Slightly warmer Wednes-day and Wednesday night, cooler Thurs-

Man Held On Car Theft

Man Held On Car Theft

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday.

TEMPERATURES

TIDES FOR TODAY

YOUNG GETS BID

pire To Join Board At Early Date

Seven Seas night club, where they Interstate Commerce commission, joined Miss Borden and her Metzman said in a statement, adding that the C & O, as the bene- son. He said Miss Short was drink-ficial owner of 400,000 shares of

son might require weeks.

curse.

his fingers.

Bar Association Presidents

Secretary Marshall Rejects Soviet

Bid For Ten Billions Reparations;

Taft Forecasts Big Welfare Budget

The Weather RODGERS NAMED

FORECAST:
South Carolina — Cloudy and tool, rain Thursday beginning over West and South portions Wednesday afternoon.
North Carolina — Increasing cloudiness Wednesday followed by rain Thurs-

1:30 a. m. 46; 7:30 a. m. 42; 1:30 p. m. 52; 7:30 p. m. 50; Maximum 53; Minimum 41; Mean 47; Normal 54.

PRECIPITATION

Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m.

(From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey).

River stage at Fayetteville, N. C. at 8

Firebrand Of Railway Em-

NEW YORK, March 18 - (AP) theft charge. He was being Robert R. Young, white-haired questioned by St. Louis police firebrand of the nation's railroad about the theft and a Los Angeles industry, has been invited to berobbery today when he suddenly come a member of the board of said: "I might as well tell you directors of the New York Central railroad, whose control he seeks as a nucleus of a proposed The invitation to the chairman of

Short. He said he was introduced Co., which is the largest single to her by a friend, Cynthia stockholder in the New York Cen-Borden. He said he and Miss tral system, was announced to-Short had one date, on Jan. 5, night by Gustav Metzman, presiand that he did not see her again dent of the Central, who said Robuntil Jan. 12, the eve of the slay- ert J. Bowman, president of the C. & O. also had been asked to

we were on the general subject of a weekend ritual for the pair of 4.9 percent of outstanding New arise at today's session. York Central capital stock. Of 65,000 were purchased in the open No longer do folks stare in market.

Illness Prevents Judge Williams From Delivering Main Address

tion succeeding Col. Royce S. Mc- ed the other members of the Big inches.

Total since the first of the month 4.37 Clellan. Rodgers had been vice Four did so. president. Other officers named at the quart-

erly meeting, for the coming year, Burgwyn; and Clayton C. Holmes was reelected secretary-treasuer-David Sinclair put Rodgers' name in nomination, and Aaron Goldberg offered Burgwyn, Both men were elected by acclimation

Judge Clawson L. Williams, who unity of Germany. had been holding a two week term of Superior Court here, was scheduled as the keynote speaker for the evening. However, due to ill ness he was unable to attend. The meeting adjourned in respec to Judge Williams and a resolution offered by Woodus Kellum was

passed authorizing the secretary to write him a letter at his San (Continued On Page Two; Col. 7)

OPENING OF BIDS

posals For Extension Of Facilities Bids for extensions to the city's water distributing and sewer sys- of Concepcion—the original revo-

Included in the project is the ficial owner of 400,000 shares of Included in the project is the New York Central stock, had refurnishing of work for the laying the city would "soon be on the furnishing of work for the laying front line" in Paraguay's civil quested it be accorded represen- of over 70,000 feet of piping comtation on the Central's board of plete with all accessory equipment, according to plans develop-Young, frequent host to the Duke ed by city officials. A seven miland Duchess of Windsor, also is lion gallon pumping unit is also chairman of the Alleghany Corp., included among the items for tion of a nationwide "state of

On Feb. 11, the C & O, became There was no indication by Benthe New York Central's single son that the subject of the civil largest stockholder by acquiring service law and the matter of

by the council.

The city council has previously

(Continued On Page Two; Col. 2)

S. W. Garrett, 1021 South

Hypnotist Unhexes Hex; Negro Smiles, Eats Again

A professional hypnotist today hypnotized for more than half an "hexed" young hour probing deeply into the nad chased away young Negro field hand's fears young It all started when the two cats appreciate you forwarding us the the spell of an aged Negro witch that his life is ebbing from the witch doctor's curse. Babbitt cautiously refused t plete "cure" for Stephen Richard-

claim a complete cure. But Stephen said he would get The once - healthy young Negro has been wasting away for 15 well, that he felt the "hex" was

months from fear that he was gone. dying from the voodoo doctor's Two other "magic men" had eased the way of the youthful Stephen broke out with a smile tenant farmer. One, an amateur when Marsh Babbitt, of New hypnotist, established Satur-York, brought him out of a final day that Stephen could hypnotic trance with a snap of hypnotized. A Durham, magician yesterday claimed a "cure" Maybelle Richardson said her fascinating the young Negro with

MOLOTOV CLAIMS STOUTLY DENIED

Bevin, Bidault Join In Denunciation Of Russian "Milk" Charges

MOSCOW, March 18. - (U.P.) -Secretary of State George C. Marshall today rejected Russia's bid for \$10,000,000,000 reparations from Germany and accused Foreign Minister Viacheslav Molotov of falsely claiming that the United States and Britain already had taken that amount for themselves,

isters was his sharpest since the conference started. British Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin and French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault joined him in denying Molotov's allegations that the Western allies were milking Germany.

Marshall's statement at a meet

ing of the Big Four Foreign Min-

"It is easy to make such statements but they are not true," Bevin said. "We will not follow Molotov in etreat from Potsdam to Yalta."

Marshall said of the Russian reparations demand. This was a reminder that the Potsdam conference in 1945 set no total German reparations figure, hough at the earlier Yalta conference President Roosevelt agreed to consider a total of \$20,000,000,000 as a basis for discussion, Russia

Starts Argument

Molotov started the biggest argument to date by quoting "press reports" that the United States and Britain had received a total of \$10,000,000,000 from Germany in the form of patents, inventions, German shipping, gold and German assets abroad. Marshall said this was false and

he demanded that Russia make known to the United States the scientific and technological information it had obtained from its German occupation zone. The United States, Marshall said, had published to the world all

information it had obtain-H. Edmund Rodgers, member of the New Hanover county Bar Association since 1913, last night was sociation since 1913, last night was lected president of the associa- reparations it had received provid-

It was the first time Russia ever had offered to meet the American and British demands that she make were: Vice President Kenneth O. known how much industrial equipment she had taken from Eastern Germany.

Earlier in the meeting Bidault split the conference three ways by rejecting both the Anglo-American and Russian proposals, submitted yesterday for the economic

PARAGUAY UNDER "STATE OF WAR"

President Morinigo Issues Proclamation To Halt Revolt By Army

ASUNCION, Paraguay, March

8-(U.P.)-An official "state of war" was proclaimed throughout the republic tonight as President Higinio Morinigo tried to halt an City Council To Study Pro- army revolt which has spread swiftly through all Northern Par-The entire country has been under a "state of siege" since last

Friday, but previously only the

area immediately around the city

tems are scheduled to be opened lutionary stronghold — had been (A National Broadcasting comcouncil, it was announced yesterday by City Manager J. R. Ben- pany report from Buenos Aires said civilians were evacuating Asuncion, the capital, fearing that war, and that a rebel "fifth coi-

umn" may start fighting within Tonight's emergency proclamaholding company controlling C which bids are to be considered war' indicated a worsening of the government's situation as the rebellion in the North spread in its

eleventh day. Reports available in Asuncion today gave more information of rebel political and military movements than of government opera

And So To Bed

Third street and his brother G. V. Garrett, 6 Wooster street, yesterday afternoon saw a disturbance in the sand near the foot of Wooster street. Investigating they found what

at first was termed a gopher, but later was discovered to be a eight and one-half pound diamond turtle, or at least that's what it looked like. G. V. Garrett said last night, he and his brother noticed the

sand "flying" and made a closer investigation. He said the turtle or gopher was digging into the ground. A newspaper reporter went out to take a look at the animal last night and came back

to report that the 'gopher' looked more like a turtle. What ever it is, Mr. Garrett says he will keep it until se

one identifies the anim