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Knutson May Revise Bills On Tax Slash

Ways, Means Chairman Announces Further Relief

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Dies In N. Y.



W. C. DURANT

ONE-TIME WIZARD OF 'STREET' DIES

William C. Durant, Organizer of General Motors, Made Fortunes

NEW YORK, March 18.—(U.P.)—William C. Durant, founder of General Motors corp., who pyramided his fortune to an estimated \$120,000,000 at one point in his up and down career and 14 years later listed his assets at \$250, died today at 85.

Expanded Medical School "Approved"

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

RALEIGH, March 18.—(AP)—A voice being heard in opposition to the joint appropriations act today approved an expenditure of \$3,790,000 for an expanded medical school at the University of North Carolina. The issue of expanding the two-year medical school at the University into a four-year school had been regarded at the start of the session as one of the most controversial issues before the general assembly.

Secretary Marshall Rejects Soviet Bid For Ten Billions Reparations; Taft Forecasts Big Welfare Budget

GOP LEADER SEES BILLION YEARLY Shortage Of Homes Most Crying Need Of Nation, Committee Told

WASHINGTON, March 18.—(AP)—Senator Taft (R-Ohio) today forecast an eventual \$10,000,000,000 a year federal budget for social welfare—education, health and housing—and declared the shortage of homes is a problem crying for attention.

Bar Association Presidents



Pictured above are the retiring and new president of the New Hanover county 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.

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 Vichaslav Molotov of falsely claiming that the United States and Britain already had taken that amount for themselves.

Republicans Study New Proposals During "Closed Door" Meeting

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SINGING MOUSE WINS 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.

REPEAL OF LAWS SOUGHT BY GROUP

Commercial Fishers And Dealers Ask Lifting Of All Restrictions

Approximately 75 members of the Commercial Fishers and Dealers Association last night adopted a motion to send a petition to Senator Alton A. Lennon and Representative Robert M. Kerman calling for legislation to be offered repealing all laws pertaining to commercial fishing in local waters.

PRISONER ADMITS "DAHLIA" MURDER

Man Held On Car Theft 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 slaying of Elizabeth Short, the "Black Dahlia," whose body was found in a Los Angeles lot last Jan. 15.

The Weather

FORECAST: South Carolina - Cloudy and cool, rain Thursday beginning over West and South portions Wednesday afternoon. North Carolina - Increasing cloudiness Wednesday followed by rain Thursday beginning over West portion Wednesday afternoon. Slightly warmer Wednesday and Wednesday night, cooler Thursday.

RODGERS NAMED BAR PRESIDENT

Illness Prevents Judge Williams From Delivering Main Address

H. Edmund Rodgers, member of the New Hanover county Bar Association since 1913, last night was elected president of the association succeeding Col. Royce S. McClellan. Rodgers had been vice president.

WHEAT PRICES HIT THIRTY-YEAR HIGH

CHICAGO, March 18.—(AP)—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 at \$3.05 a bushel at the opening of grain futures trading.

SUPERIOR COURT ADJOURNS HERE

NEW HANOVER COUNTY Superior Court was adjourned yesterday at the noon recess sine die when Presiding Judge Clawson L. Williams, of Sanford, was taken ill. Solicitor Clifton Moore said that there were about 40 cases left on the docket. He said that he was going to try and arrange a special term "sometime" in April, but he could give no definite time because of conflicting dates of other courts.

TWO RESCUED

TAMPA, Fla., March 18.—(U.P.)—Two men who had drifted in the Gulf of Mexico, without food, for 10 days were rescued today at the climax of a night search over hundreds of square miles of water.

Along The Cape Fear

STRANGE SIGHT - Yesterday we were on the general subject of cat fish, so today we thought it would be appropriate to discuss briefly cats that act like fish. Now if you will turn to Page 2 you will see a sight that seldom meets the human eye.

STRANGE SIGHT - And while on the subject of cat fish, we beg you to turn to page two in order to witness a sight seldom seen. We might just as well tell you about cats that act like fish.

YOUNG GETS BID AS NYC DIRECTOR

Firebrand Of Railway Empire To Join Board At Early Date

NEW YORK, March 18.—(AP)—Robert R. Young, white-haired firebrand of the nation's railroad industry, has been invited to become a member of the board of directors of the New York Central railroad, whose control he seeks as a nucleus of a proposed transcontinental rail system.

OPENING OF BIDS SCHEDULED TODAY

City Council To Study Proposals For Extension Of Facilities

Bids for extensions to the city's water distributing and sewer systems are scheduled to be opened at today's session of the City Council, it was announced yesterday by City Manager J. R. Benson.

RALEIGH TO HAVE MANAGER-COUNCIL

RALEIGH, March 18.—(AP)—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-council form, effective next July 1.

WIFE AT BEDSIDE

He died in his Gramercy Park apartment. His wife, whom he married at 47 when his fortunes were at a near peak, and a nurse were with him.

ILLNESS OF JUDGE CLAWSON L. WILLIAMS CAUSES POSTPONEMENT

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Voters Of Capital City Abandon 34-Year-Old Commission Rule

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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 valid on April 1 for 10 pounds of sugar.

PARAGUAY UNDER "STATE OF WAR"

ASUNCION, Paraguay, March 18.—(U.P.)—An official "state of war" was proclaimed throughout the republic tonight as President Higinio Morinigo tried to halt an army revolt which has spread swiftly through all Northern Paraguay.

And So To Bed

S. W. Garrett, 1021 South 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.

Thalians' Presentation Gets Hearty Reception

A comfortably filled auditorium greeted the Thalians players last night in the New Hanover High School building when the curtain rose on "The Man Who Came To Dinner" by Hart and Kaufman.

Hypnotist Unhexes Hex; Negro Smiles, Eats Again

LOUISBURG, March 18.—(U.P.)—A professional hypnotist today convinced a "hexed" young Negro that he had chased away the spell of an aged Negro witch doctor, but warned that any complete "cure" for Stephen Richardson might require weeks.

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