

# News Items From Raleigh And The State At Large

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(Special Writer for The Democrat) Raleigh, N. C.—N. O. Aldridge and P. A. Hampton, trading as Aldridge and Hampton, are directed to deposit \$2256.33 with the Clerk of the Superior Court of Avery County for the benefit of the widow and minor children of Leonard Aldridge, killed while employed by this firm, and if the award is not complied with within 90 days, the case will be taken up again to see if penalties are to be imposed by Industrial Commissioner J. Dewey Dorsett.

Commissioner Dorsett found that the idled worker was not employed by the Champion Fibre Company or W. R. Smith and dismissed them as parties defendant. He found that Aldridge and Hampton, a partnership, had more than five employees and had neither provided insurance for them nor rejected the compensation act. The \$2256.33 represents the value of \$7 a week for 350 weeks from August 9, 1933, date of death. The firm is also required to pay medical and hospital bills and funeral expenses, not to exceed \$200.

### 10 Per Cent of Population on Relief

In January 10.2 per cent of North Carolina's population was on direct relief, as compared with 8.9 per cent in December, and the number of families receiving such relief increased from 56,042 in December to 65,852 in January, Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, N. C. director of relief, reports.

Cold weather and seasonal employment, the latter not overcome by CWA job placements, is considered largely responsible for the increase of nearly 10,000 families in January over December. At the end of January 57,798 families were on relief rolls, as compared with 47,635 at the end of December. January and February show the largest relief rolls during the period of relief work.

Stantly County continues to remain at the head of the percentage column as requiring less relief than any other county in the state. In January only 1.3 per cent of its population required aid. Cumberland, Harnett, Davidson, Union and Lincoln had less than 4 per cent of their population on direct relief. Tyrrell continued at the other end of the list, more than half of its population, 52.8 per cent, being on the relief list, but this was a drop from the 71.7 per cent of that county's population on relief in December. More than one-third of the population in Pamlico, Currituck and Moore required aid in January.

Watauga County, the report shows, had 22.1 per cent of its population on relief in January. In this county 659 families were given relief during January, at a total cost of \$4,230.84, while at the end of the month the number of families on relief was 651, a smaller number, naturally, than the total given relief during the month.

### G. O. P. to Meet in April

The Republican State Convention, to be held in Charlotte April 4, will have in attendance 1,113 accredited delegates, with a like number of alternates the number based on the number of Republican votes cast for Governor in 1932, Chairman James S. Duncan, Greensboro, has computed.

County conventions to elect delegates and alternates to the convention are to meet prior to April 3rd. Congressional conventions to name candidates for Congress are to meet prior to April 13, according to the plan. Chairman Duncan reminds that candidates for State, judicial and congressional offices must file notice of candidacy with the State Board of Elections by April 14 and candidates for county offices and the Legislature must file with county boards by May 5.

Chairman Duncan is expected to have opposition in his post of State Chairman, W. C. Meekins, Hendersonville, son of Federal Judge I. M. Meekins, is said to be seeking the post, while A. L. Ferris, Asheboro, lawyer, and once a candidate for Congress, are mentioned as possible opponents.

Gulford County will have the largest number of delegates to the convention, with 43, while Buncombe is relegated to second place with 43. Wilkes County will have 34 and Randolph and Davidson 33 each.

In fourteen counties the Republicans are so scarce that they will have only one delegate each. Several of them are in the northeastern section where the Democratic candidate, Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus, lives. These fourteen one-delegate counties are Bertie, Caswell, Currituck, Hoke, Greene, Hertford, Hyde, Jones, Martin, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Scotland and Warren.

Watauga is assigned to delegates and as many alternates in Chairman Duncan's division.

### Tax Bill Makes Progress

The bill proposed by the National Association of State Tax Administrators for enactment by Congress to protect local retail sales of merchandise in sales tax states and authorizing equal taxation of interstate sales had made very satisfactory progress, according to Commissioner of Revenue A. J. Maxwell and Harry McMillan, director of assessments and collections, back from Washing-

### Beautiful Queen



BRUSSELS . . . Another beautiful Queen graces the throne with her King, Leopold III. She was Crown Princess Astrid, daughter of Prince Charles of Sweden and the Princess Ingeborg of Denmark. This new portrait study is said to be the favorite of the new Queen.

"The bill was introduced in the House by Mr. Boehne, of Indiana, and in the Senate by Senator Pat Harrison, of Mississippi, on Tuesday of last week and in each House referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, the N. C. tax men state. "On Wednesday each of these committees appointed sub-committees to give it consideration. On Wednesday afternoon the proponents of the measure were given a hearing by the House sub-committee, and by arrangement with the Senate sub-committee briefs were presented Thursday.

"Before leaving Washington we understood that requests had been made by mail order houses for a hearing in opposition to it. No other opposition to the measure appeared.

"In express terms the proposed statute would have no effect upon the great preponderance of interstate commerce handled through the usual channels of sales to merchants, dealers or manufacturers for resale as merchants or in manufactured goods. All transactions of this character are already reached by a sales tax on retail dealers. It applies not only to actual retail selling in this State by out of state merchants. If they send their solicitors or agents into the State, or distribute retail sales catalogues, competing with local merchants, the foreign merchant will have to file his sales tax returns and pay the State sales taxes exactly like the home merchant.

### General Fund Increased

Increase of more than \$4,000,000 in general fund collections and of more than \$2,000,000 in the highway fund for the first eight months of the present fiscal year over the same period of the last fiscal year is shown in the February report of Commissioner of Revenue A. J. Maxwell.

In the eight months through February, the general fund collected \$12,181,964.00, as compared with \$7,564,129.91 in the corresponding eight months of the year before, while in the same period the highway fund collections were \$16,432,459.15, compared with \$14,267,069.20 for the corresponding earlier period, an increase of \$2,165,389.95.

The sales tax collections in the 8 months, on sales made in the first seven months of its operation, reached \$3,786,250.79, of which \$468,534.63 was collected in February, on January sales, a drop from the collections for December. The beverage tax on 3.2 beer and wine now reaches \$223,042.96 or almost a quarter of a million dollars collected in 10 months for sales made in nine months.

### Revenue Department Reorganized

The North Carolina Department of Revenue, which has been in the throes of reorganization for several months, is now beginning to emerge as a full, complete, modern and up-to-date department, recording every morning every payment received in half a dozen places and following through until every item is recorded in its proper places with no possibility of confusion.

Half a dozen machines have been installed and were started with the start of the month of March, making these records and sending them to their proper places, to the extent that a complete check can be made at the end of each day for each division of the department or for each of the 100 counties in the State. With a girl operating each recording machine, the day's business can be handled each day without possibility of loss of a letter or check, as has happened in many instances before, causing confusion all along the line.

### Thomas Given Parole

Jack Thomas, young white man, who sprang into the limelight as he was chased, after attempting to hold up a filling station in Chapel Hill by



**LIFE . . . natural cycle**  
The year 1935 ought to be a good year for red clover in New England. The winter has been the most severe in years. Comparatively few of the little animals of the fields and woods survive a winter when the crust of the snow is frozen hard. There will be fewer field-mice to rob the bumble-bees' nests in the spring. More bumble-bees will come to maturity and seek honey from the red clover-blossoms. The clover crop will thus be thoroughly pollinated, and the red clover seeds will be fertile. That will make for a good red clover crop in 1935.

To me this example of the cycle of life, first pointed out by Charles Darwin, has always seemed one of the most interesting of all natural phenomena. I think that many well-meant efforts to disturb Nature's ordinary course are calculated to do more harm than good to a world that has adjusted itself to the normal cycle.

**TEETH . . . now and then**  
Tooth decay has little to do with tooth cleanliness or the lack of it, according to the British Medical Research Council, which has been digging deep into the subject. What makes children's teeth decay is not enough sunshine, too high a percentage of cereal foods, not enough meat, eggs, milk, cheese, fats and fresh vegetables in the diet, these medical men say.

The whitest and soundest teeth are found among savage and half-civilized people who live largely out of doors and eat whatever they can find that is edible.

In my boyhood toothbrushes were just beginning to come into general use and not more than one or two dentifrices were advertised. Most folk never brushed their teeth at all, yet the human race had survived for a good many thousand, perhaps millions of years.

Clean, white teeth are desirable, but nothing to worry about if one doesn't have them.

### MONSTERS . . . men have seen

The amount of evidence that some strange sea-monster lives in a Scottish loch, and the many reports of a sea-serpent seen in Vancouver Sound, have encouraged many folk to tell of strange things they have seen at sea, about which they had kept quiet for fear of being ridiculed.

Officers of the Mauretania saw a sea-serpent on a recent Caribbean cruise, and drew a picture of it in the ship's log. Now the Rev. J. E. Rockliff, who is a sort of traveling missionary to seamen and voyages some 50,000 miles every year, tells of seeing a yellow serpent about sixty feet long in mid-Pacific two years ago.

It seems to me that we are on the verge of demonstrating once more that there is more to ancient beliefs than a skeptical modern age has been willing to believe.

### POEM . . . O'Hara's Masterpiece

Theodore O'Hara wrote one of the world's greatest poems more than 75 years ago. It is "The Bivouac of the Dead," and when Arlington National Cemetery was established after the Civil War, stanzas from this great poem were inscribed on stone tablets and set up in different parts of the field.

The Fine Arts Commission decided that the ancient stones, before which millions of Americans have paused to read O'Hara's thrilling lines, were not

young Ashby Penn, of Reidsville, and was sentenced to four years in State Prison for assault on Penn when caught, has been granted a parole by Governor Ehringhaus. He was sentenced in June, 1932, in Orange County Superior Court.

Thomas, and probably another, apparently attempted to hold up a filling station, and young Penn, a University student, and a young woman student and companion, joined an officer in the chase of Thomas, fleeing in a car. Penn's high powered car soon overtook the one of lesser speed, and Thomas assaulted Penn. Young Penn, Congressman Unstead, then solicitor, Sheriff Sloan and others joined in the requests for parole for Jackson, citing that he is a young man and will have ample opportunity to make a good citizen.

### Potato May Be Included Major Crop

Governor Ehringhaus has written Chester C. Davis, of the AAA, Washington, urging that the potato be included in the list of major crops, in order that growers may benefit by the legislation provided for cotton, tobacco, corn-hog, wheat and other crops.

Share planting, Governor Ehringhaus points out, is largely responsible for the over-production of today, and any plan that leaves it out cannot reach the problem. "It is the most positive, seductive, and potent influence in bringing about overproduction of potatoes that I know," he writes, saying that before the advent of share planting there was no overproduction problem.

### Columbia's Queen



NEW YORK . . . Pauline Revere (above), descendant of Paul Revere, has been selected by faculty members as the most beautiful girl at Columbia University . . . an honor which completely "floored" the young freshman.

artistic, and ordered them removed. Such a protest was made, however, that it has been decided to inscribe the whole poem on the walls of the amphitheatre.

On Fame's eternal camping ground Their silent tents are spread, And Glory guards, with solemn round, The Bivouac of the Dead.

I know of few finer lines in English poetry than those and the rest of O'Hara's verses.

### POKER . . . and personal rights

The great American card game, so far as men are concerned, is not contract bridge but poker. In a good many states there are laws against playing poker, also against playing marbles "for keeps" and anything else that can be construed as gambling. These laws are seldom invoked except when somebody in authority wants to make trouble for somebody else.

Representative Parker of Georgia had a candidate for postmaster of his home town. His political opponents brought before the Senate evidence that the Congressman's choice had once been arrested in a raid on a poker game, indicted and fined. Mr. Parker cheerfully admitted that was true. He had sat in the same poker game himself and had also been arrested and fined! If it didn't debar him from later going to Congress, it ought not to debar his man from the postmastership. The Senate confirmed the appointment with glee.

Few take seriously any sort of laws that restrict the right of the individual to do what he likes, so long as he doesn't infringe on the rights of others.

Top-dressing small grain with quick-acting, soluble nitrogen fertilizer will help to overcome the effects of the recent cold weather.

"Cartwright Is Dead, Sir"—A gripping story of love, murder and mystery on the high seas—begins March 11 in the American Weekly, the big magazine which comes each Sunday with the Baltimore American. Get your copy from your favorite news-dealer or newsboy.

### HAPPY MARRIAGES

A good husband makes a good wife. Some men can neither do without wives nor with them. They are wretched alone in what is called single blessedness, and make their homes miserable when they get married. They are like Tompkins' dog, which could not bear to be loose, and howled when he was tied up. Happy bachelors are likely to make happy husbands, and you know a happy husband is the happiest man on earth. If we were not married today, and saw a suitable partner, we would be married tomorrow morning before breakfast. Why, says one, I think John would get a new wife if he was left a widower. Well, what if he did? How could he better show that his former marriage was a success? We declare that we would not say as some do, that they married to have someone near to look after the children, but we should marry to have someone to look after us. But it is a mystery how certain parties ever found partners, truly, there is no accounting for taste. However, as they make their bed, they must lie on it, and as they tie the knot, they must be tied by it. If a man catches a Tartar, or lets a Tartar catch him, he must take his dose of tartaric acid, and make as few ugly faces as he can. If a three-legged stool comes flying through the air, he must be thankful for such a plain token of love from the woman of his choice, and the best thing he can do is to sit down on it and wait for the rolling pin or some other little article. But, oh, thou, man or woman: do not expect to find a perfect mate. If you find one without any faults, incapable of mistakes, never having guessed wrongly, their patience never having been perturbed, immaculate in speech, in temper, in habits. Do not marry

them. Why? Because you would expect a swindle, what would you do with a perfect mate—you are imperfect yourself. How dare you to hitch your imperfection fast on such supernatural excellence. What a companion you would make for an angel? We occasionally find a person who says they never sin. We know they lie when they say it, for we have had financial dealings with several perfect persons, and they cheated us woefully, so do not look for a perfect mate for you will not find them.

—EDW. N. HAHN  
Boone, N. C.

### SILVERSTONE NEWS

Mr. Robert Anderson visited with Mrs. R. G. Anderson at Wytheville, Va., last week-end.

Miss Lucy Lawrence and her cousin, Ruby, spent the week-end with Lucy's sister, Mrs. Lexie Wilson.

Mr. Roy Wilson made his weekly trip to Lenoir last Friday.

Mr. John Mast has been seriously ill for the past week, but there are hopes for his recovery.

Mr. J. W. H. Anderson and son, Glenn, went on a business trip to Chilhowie, Va., Saturday.

Mr. Ralph Perry and Miss Bee Wilson spent the evening with Misses Pearl and Ruth Anderson recently.

We have been having some rain in this section for the past week. This will please all the farmers.

Miss Bee Wilson spent the night with the Andersons on Wednesday last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivey B. Wilson spent the afternoon at Mr. A. L. Wilson's Saturday.

Catawba County cotton growers expect to get between \$80,000 and \$85,000 this year from their rental and parity payments.

## REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

A County Convention of the REPUBLICAN PARTY of Watauga County is hereby called to meet in the town of Boone, N. C., Saturday, March 24th, 1934, at 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing a county organization, also electing delegates to the Congressional and State Conventions and furthermore for the purpose of transacting any and all business that may properly come before the convention.

Therefore each precinct chairman is requested to call a meeting of their respective precincts to be held FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 1934, at 2 p. m. for the purpose of electing delegates to the county convention.

Yours very truly,  
**RUSSELL D. HODGES, County Chairman**

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