then Pope above that of the king.
I imagine the Pope's denunciation of war may have a powerful effect in Europe, but I am wondering whe-ther His Holiness did not smile in-wardly over making a saint out of Sir Thomas More. It seems so appro-priate to these times, when the whole world is experimenting with new schemes of government designed to make everybody happy, to glorify the author of the first modern scheme to

de just that.
"Utopia," Thomas More's descirption of a mythical island where a perfect system of government was in force and all human relations were adjusted and regulated so that there was no poverty and no unhappiness, was the most sensible book of its time. Published more than four hundred years ago, it affected the politi cal thinking of generations of En-glishmen. Its title has come to symbolize the ideal social state, or rather the dream of an unachievable

ideal of perfection.

I think Thomas More will be remembered longer for "Utopia" than as a saint of the Catholic Church.

HAMMOND . . . at eighty

Forty years ago a young American mining engineer was sentenced to be hanged in South Africa. He had ta ken part in a raid by English adven-turers against the government of the Dutch South African Republic in the Transvaal. He wasn't hanged, but got off with a fine of \$125,000, and on the 31st day of March this year John Hays Hammond celebrated his eight-ieth birthday by bringing out his autobiography.

The Jameson raid, however, resulted in a war between Great Britain and the Transvaal Republic, which began in 1899 and lasted three years, ending with the absorption of the Transvaal into the British dominions. It was a good deal like the prospec-tive war between Italy and Abyssinia, and just as the sympathies of most Americans now are with Anyssinia, so we were almost unanimous ly on the side of the Boers.

This wont' be a perfect world so long as powerful nations continue to gibble up weap and unprotected coun-tries.

SCOUT . . . who knew

I can't think of the South African war without recalling my old friend Major Frederick Burnham, still liv-ing at 74. Born in Minnesota, he escaped the Indian massacre at New Ulm by being hidden as a baby under a corn shock. He grew up to be one of the best scouts in the South-west during the days of the Indian wars. Then he went to South Africa to help the British pioneers in their efforts to control and pacify the native tribes, Zulus and Matabeles. I have sat with him many a night while he told me enough hair-raising tales of his adventures to fill a book.

When England decided to go to war

against the Boers, Lord Roberts-Kipling's "Little Bobs"—was appointed to command the troops, Before he left England he asked men who knew what the army would need most. "Scouts," he was told. "Scouts who know the country; and the best of them all is Fred Burnham." Burnham had come back to America. A cable was sent to the British Embassy in Washington to get hold of him at any cost, Burnham had just reach ed Juneau, Alaska, and was about to start inland for the gold fields when the message reached him. He turned around and went back to South Africa, as chief of scouts of the British Army. It was from his admiration for

Burnham and the qualities which the American drilled into his scout corps that General Baden-Powell got the idea for the Boy Scouts organization That is, perhaps, the most far-reaching result of Fred Burnham's adventurous life.

CANADA . . . new boss

A Commoner has been appointed Governor-General of Canada, Buchan, Scottish novelist, historian

It is hard to imagine John Buchan count of her brother's death, but armaintaining the almost royal state of the Marquesses, Dukes and Earls who She returned home on Monday of last have preceded him. In my boyhood, Close to the Canadian border, the Marquess of Lorne, afterwards Duke of Argyll, was Governor-General, and

Buchan, will keep on running its own affairs, as it has really done for s hundred years. And sometimes I think they have made a rather better job of it in many respects than we have on this side of the border.

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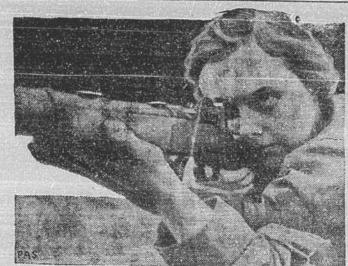
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WESTERN GIRL IS 1935 RIFLE CHAMPION TAX LEVYING BILL

Shirley Frazier of the University of Washington Misses All-Time Target Record by One Shot,



SEATTLE, WASH .- Miss Shirley Frazer (above), co-ed at the University of Washington, missed by one shot the all-time record in rifle shooting to become 1935 champion. She shot six rounds of 100 shots as follows: 100, 100, 100, 99, 99, 100 . . . or, 598 out of a possible 600.

DISTRICT MEETING | CONTACT WITH A OF LEGION HERE

thering Ever Held in This Section April 23rd.

and all World War veterans are urged to attend and bring their wives with them.

The business session of the Auxiliary will be held at the Daniel Boone Hotel at 4:30 p. m. and the speaking will be at the courthouse at 7:30 in the evening.

Following the speaking a innch will be served to all veterans and their wives at the Legion Hall.

Bristol Man Caught With Over 100 Gallons Liquor

A man giving his name as Gene Dakin, hailing from Bristol, Va., and carrying 105 gallons of blockade liquar in a Ford pick-up, was captured by Policeman Gross a short distance out on the North Wilkesboro road Sunday affortion. The capture was effected after a chase of about six miles. A companion to the driver escaped.

SNOW FLURRY

week.

of Argyll, was Governor-General, and his wife was the Princess Louise, a daughter of Queen Victoria. Later in life I came in contact, as a newspaper reporter, with two Governors-General, Lord Aberdeen, an affable, courteous gentleman who rather liked newspaper men, and the Extl of Minto, who never felt comfortable except on horseback.

Canada, under Governor-General Buchan, will keep on running its own affairs, as it has really done for a grant of the contact of the

LIVE WIRE FATAL

Largest and Most Important Ga- Spurgeon Eller, Formerly of Watauga County Meets Death In Washington, D. C.

JOHN ISAACS CLAIMED BY DEATH AT AGE OF 73

Mr. John Isaacs, 73, well known resident of the Cove Creek section, passed away Friday night, March 29, according to beiated information reaching The Democrat. Death fol-

lowed a period of declining health ex-tending over about eighteen months. Funeral services were conducted on the 31st by Rev. G. C. Graham of the Methodist Church and interment was in the home neighborhood. Surviving are the following children: Charlie, Bert, Enoch and Clar-

work, few potatoes or garden crops having been planted.

Hans Langseth, who died at Washpeton, N. D., at the age of 82, had a beard 17 feet long which he exhibited for many years as a circus freak.

ENGAGES STATE'S LAWMAKING BODY

Sales Tax Measure Still Has a Hurdle to Cross Before It Is Enacted.

NUMBER BILLS INTRODUCED IN BOTH HOUSES IS NOW 1500

Representatives Tam Bowie and Gregg Cherry Offer Amusing Side Show as They Debate Workmen's Compensation,

By M. R. DUNNAGAN By M. R. DUNNAGAN
(Special Correspondent)
RALEIGH, N. C.—The North Carolina Senate is expected to be engaged about all of this week on the biennial tax levying bill, to be followed by the appropriations or money-spending bill, after waiting nearly two weeks while the Senate Finance Committee juggled and changed the bill, reducing to two per cent then changing back to three per cent the sales tax rate, before the bill came to the Senate floor last Saturday. The Senate went into a committee of the whole at the noon session Monday to start on its grind of several days on the revenue measure. venue measure.

The Senate was becoming restless at the delay of the bill in committee and was almost ready to remand that it be brought out when Harriss Newman, chairman, promised it Saturday. Thursday the committee had reduced the sales tax, then on Friday, by an \$ to 5 vote, restored the rate to three per cent. It made several changes from the bill that came over after passage by the House, removing the tax on incomes from domestic or downsthed documents. The entire Sixteenth District of the American Legion and American Legion and American Legion and American Legion and I the court washington City as he came floor tax on chain stores, and wrote give a will be court.

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The W. H. Mast farm at Sugar Grove has also been selected for TVA work, this tract to furnish demonstrations for agrarians of Laurel Creek Township and the Valle Crucis section of Watauga.

Eight more farms are yet to be selected for TVA demonstration work, and land-owners who wish to have their places considered as asked to notify local committeemen by Monday, April 15.

CANIE GREENE PASSES AT HOME ON STONY FORK

Last week only 13 public bills and 49 local olutions were ratified, and 49

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Becomes a Law.

First of May Queens Is Selected

Miss Jane Williams to Reign On Duke Campus.



DURHAM, N. C.—Miss Jane Wil-liams (above), of St. Paul, Minn., a senior at Duke University, has been elected 1935 May Queen to rule in elaborate ceremonies here on

JAMES M. HORTON PASSES THURSDAY

Prominent Cove Creek Teacher Succumbs to Pneumonia in Winston-Salem Hospital.

James M. Horton, prinicpal of the grammar grades department at the Cove Creek High School and member of one of the county's most promi-nent families, died in a Winston-Sa-lem hospital last Thursday after an Uluses of two weeks with preumonia.

lem hospital last Thursday after an illness of two weeks with pneumonia. He was 35 years old.

Funeral services were conducted from the Cove Creek Baptist Church Friday afternoon by a former pastor, Rev. J. A. McKaughan, who was assisted in the rites by Reverends G. C. Graham and W. R. Devis. A large crowd overflowed the church, many coming from a distance and the floral offering bore testimony to the esteem in which deceased was held. More than fifty persons from Boone attended the funeral.

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Pallbearers were: George Farthing, Claude Farthing, Claude Pyatte, Roy Ellison, Howard Walker, Dr. R. O. Glenn, Jim Horton, James Mast, Frank Payne, Brantley Duncan, Clarcice Watson, Olus Mast, Dave Mast, Flower bearers were: Mrs. James Mast, Anna Mac Sherwood, Virginia Shipley, Mrs. Bob Gleun, Mrs. Richard Olsen, Mrs. Clarence Watson, Gladys Taylor, Earle Payne, Mrs. Dave Mast, Mrs. Ira Johnston, Miss Worthington, Mrs. W. R. Maddox, Mrs. James Horton, Mrs. Coy Billings, Mrs. Tnomas Colley, Miss Allice Sherrill and Miss Winnie Thornburg.

years, attended services there and considered the pastor one of his best friends. A gentleman in the strictest sense of the word, he was kind, po-lite and thoughtful at home or abroad. The Sheriff of Watauga County may get an increase in salary if the County Commissioners so will it, under the terms of the regulatory act introduced in the Legislature by Representative Dean Swift and enacted into law following passage by the Senate last week.

lite and thoughtful at home or abroad. His devotion to his friends was characteristic and the esteem in which he was held was manifested by the widespread sorrow occasioned when death came. Apart from his family, Mr. Horton leaves a host of relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

Senate last week.

The bill entitled "An Act to Regulate the Salary of the Sheriff of Watauga County," gives authority to the Board of County Commissioners to regulate the salary of the Sheriff at its discretion, with the proviso that the annual stipend shall be no less than \$990 or nor more than \$1,800, payable monthly.

The bill had found lodgement in the Senate during the illness of Representations.

Attend Funeral

Those from a distance attending the funeral were: Miss Winkelmina Shull, Gastoma; Dr. and Mrs. Robert Glenn and Miss Constance Shoun, Mountain City; Mr. and Mrs. Ira T. Johnston and W. B. Austin, Jerierson, Rev. J. A. McKaughan, Winston-Salem; Rev. Roy Davis and family, of Blowing Rock; Mrs. Lillie Ritz daughter and son, Harry and Hazel, also Misses Faust and Short, Elizabethton, Tenn.; Miss Winnie Thornburg, High The bill had found todgement in the Misses Faust and Short, Edizabethion, Senate during the illness of Representative Swift, when proponents of increased Sheriff's pay desired to have a higher salary made mandatory upon the commissioners.

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20 HILDREN ARE IN URED WHEN H S TURNS OVER

Grow from Cranberry V ked on Boone Trail from Cranberry School ighway in Wilkes.

INJUNES SUSTAINED ARE NOT CONSIDERED SERIOUS

Thirty-three Children on Way to Win-ston-Salem for Day's Outing Figure in Near-Fatal Wreck of Bus. Four Teachers in Party.

Twenty high school children sus-tained minor injuries Tuesday when an Avery County school bus in which they were riding, turned turtle on the Boone Trail Highway a short time after the vehicle passed through Boone.

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The truck was loaded with thirty-three high school children and was one of three trucks from Cranberry headed for Winston-Salem, where the children, accompanied by four teachers, were going to spend the day in an educational trip through a number of industrial piants.

The bus overturned as it passed a truck on a curve and left the highway on the left side when the wheels struck the soft dirt and a culvert abutment. Electricians who were working on a home nearby helped the children from the wreck. All who appeared to be injured were placed in another school bus and taken to the Wilkes Hospital at North Wilkeshoro.

None Seriously Injured

None of the injuries proved serious and the children were allowed to leave the hospital after their wounds were dressed. The injuries ranged from scratches on the hands to bruises and sprains

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Professor P. V. Parks was the teacher in charge and other teachers in the party were Prof. W. M. Bagry, superintendent, Misses Alda Brown and Naomi Woll.

Those who received hospital attention were Mary L. Hurt, Bill King, John Fitzpatrick, Ernest McGuire, Kathryn McCurry, Elma Story, Irene Burleson, Rosalee Dearman, Sylvia Bagby, Lucy Cook, Juanita Jobe, Mary Alice Moore, Maxine Hughes, Edith and Katherine Burleson, Lola Wiseman, Lola Fields, Jack Eller, Gladys Story, Olive Ward, Katherine Keener, Wanda and Mary Ledford.

After the wreck occurred the trip to Winston-Salem was abandoned and the children spent the day in going through several North Wilkesboro industrial plants befere returning to Avery County.

Belk-White Store to Open Friday Morning

The Belk-White Companys' new department store will open its doors to the people of the community and county next Friday merning, according to Mr. Cyrus White, executive of the company, who came up from Columbia, S. C. Tuesday evening. Mr. White has just returned from New York City where he spent a week buying the merchandise for the local store, and while he states that not all of the shipments have arrived, he promises within the next few days to have a stock which will compare favorably with those carried by the metropolitan Belk establishments.

Mr. Howard, manager of Belk's at Lenoir, is also over for the opening, while Mr. John Conway is to be manager, and C. B. Duncan Boone, is his assistant. Heads of the various departments in Lenoir were brought to Boone to assist in the opening, but will be supplanted at once with local employees, it was said.

In discussing the plans of his firm for the future Mr. White stated that it would be the policy of Belk-White to employ only local people, that banking, etc., would be done locally, and that the firm would fill a niche in the community precisely the same as if owned by a local individual.

HOLD SERVICES IN COUNTY

Special evangelistic services, to be conducted by a deputation team from the Billy Surday Club of Winston-Salem, are announced for this week-end as follows, by Rev. G. C. Graham,

pastor of the Watauga Charge:
Friday evening at 8 o'clock at Henson's Chapel, following the showing
of the motion picture of the Passion Play. Saturday at 10 o'clock a. m. at Ma-

bel Methodist Church; at 11 o'clock, Zionville Baptist Church; at 1:30 o'-clock, Thomas Chapel Methodist Church; at 3 o'clock, Trade (Tenn.) M. E. Church; at 7:30, Valle Crucis Methodist Church

On Sunday morning for the Sab-bath School hour and regular wor-ship, the members of the team will visit a number of the rural churches. visit a number of e rurai churches.
At 2 o'clock p, m to brief service will be held at the c ty home; at 3 o'clock the team the be at Blowing Rock Presbyteria: hurch where the motion picture the Passion Play will be shown, folloged by a short

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