# Power Cut Saves North Carolina \$2,000,000.00

Taxpayers Are

Paying Early

#### Telephone And Gas Charges To Be Probed Next

Reductions Expected To Be Effected By First Of Year; Last Agreement Is Made

Tidewater Company Accepts Slashes Estimated To Save Customers \$25,000

Consumers of electric power in North Carolina will save \$2,000,-000 annually as a result of agreements with the "big four" producers and distributors, it was estimated by the state corporation commission.

The last of the agreements was completed when officials of the Tidewater Power company accepted reductions expected to save its customers \$25,000 annually.

Investigation of rates tharged by telephone and gas companies is next on the commission's program initiated last summer for the announced purpose of reducing utilities costs in line with present values. The commission announced it hoped to effect gas and telephone rate reductions by the first of the

#### James Lyons

bury's best citizens, died at his home on North Main Street December 12. Death followed a heart heart attack.

Funeral services were held Wed-Chestnut Hill cemetery.

S. W. Harry, A. E. Davis and

Three sons and two daughters ties and galluses. survive the sons being Fred Lyons, of Balboa, Panama Canal zone; other relatives who also survive.

#### Wike Heads **Police Chief** Of Kings Mt.

Mr. R. A. Wike, chief of police of China Grove for two years, Thursday took over the duties as Chief of Police of the town of Kings Mountain, according to information received yesterday by The Watchman. Mr. Wike succeeds former Chief of Police Allen, resigned.

Mr. Wike is one of the most fearless and competent officers who ever donned a badge and leaves this county with the best wishes of his many friends.

He came to China Grove as chief of police in May, 1929, and served in this capacity for two years when the town administration of China Grove underwent a change in municipal government. He also served as deputy sheriff under the late Sheriff Locke Mc-Kenzie. He came to Rowan from Alexander county where he served as deputy sheriff for eight years. As chief of police of Kings

Mountain, Mr. Wike will have two men under him to assist in policing that thriving little city The Watchman wishes for him much success in his new work.

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Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt



A most recent informal picture of Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt, wife of the President-elect, who on March 4, 1933 becomes the "First Lady" of the land. Mrs. Roosevelt put to rout all rumors that she would carry on her outside activities after the President-elect takes office, but instead will devote her time to hostess duties at the White House.

#### What Not To Send As Christmas Gifts

GOOD

MORNING

MUSSOLINI kissed in a candy

THE MEANEST MAN IN the

world is the one who will tell his

children there is no Santa Claus to

keep from buying them Christmas

SOME PEOPLE have been so

nard hit they only carry pocket-

dough you just know they mean

DARK HAIR is not a serious

Husband—Nothing you left out

Phyllis-Your husband is simply

Lois-Yes, he raves about me in

Maize-Is your boy friend a

Mamie-Not him. He takes a

"Oh, they came with my face."

"Do you come from Boston?"

"My wife has run away with a

"Good heavens! Not in your

"I didn't like the way they used

"Well, for one thing, they took

He—I've waited a whole hour

She—I was detained in the

taxi and uses both arms.

a house-to-house salesman?

one-arm driver.

mother in?"

man in my car."

to wear cotton hose.

"In what respect?"

my name off the payroll."

PRISONER IS STABBED

shot him, dearie

new car?"

or vou.

waited on.

beauty shoppie.

It's something you put in it.

matter. Many a girl has made

books to keep in practice.

unbaked bread.

factory! Tut! Tut! Just a bit of

With Gift Selection Multiplied, · Problem Is Not What But What Not To Give

Not so long ago that our Oldest James Lyons, 79, one of Salis- Citizen would have difficulty in remembering it the matter of giftchoosing was comparatively easy. Aunt Martha could always be relied upon to send a knit muffler so that "little Oswald won't catch cold." nesday in the First Presbyterian And in return the same venerable church, Rev. Marshall Woodson, lady would have been shocked officiating. Interment followed in right out of her rocker if she had received a gift other than the em-Honorary pallbearers were Ed. broidered centerpiece that remind-Heilig, John Carroll, H. P. Brandis ed her of the Yuletide's arrival.

In those days Grandfather a-Leroy A. Smith. Active pallbearers waited with trepidation the simulwere F. T. Tilloson, of Winston- taneous arrival of Christmas and Salem; Chas. Lentz, Russell Daniel, the inevitable pipe "from his lov-James McKenzie, F. H. McRae and ing grandchildren." And Dad got his customary packet of vari-hued

Weeks before Christmas, Mother walked about the parlor; mov-Emmett Lyons, of Norfolk, Va., ing the bric-a-brac here and there, light of it. and E. P. Lyons, of Salisbury. The speculating as to the best place to daughters are Mrs. J. W. Aids and set the painted china dish that was Mrs. H. S. Strathers, of Madison, bound to come. And the children for the cake I made, dear. W. Va. Three sons are dead, Law- were content with Toyland's con- think I left something out. rence, Herman and James. There tribution and the chance to break are a number of grandchildren, and some of the tree ornaments to hear could make the cake taste like this. them "squash."

It's all changed today. Since the arrival of movies, Aunt Martha has come to long for one of those new- | wild about you, isn't he? fangled tea-wagons; Grandfather much prefers a "B" battery eli- his sleep, but the poor absent minator; Dad's bent on having minded boy nearly always calls me Venus on the radiator cap of the by the wrong name. car; Mother has her eye on the vacuum cleaner; and the kids want either a cocktail shaker or set of sashweights.

What is the modern gift-give to do? We don't know but here's some of the things NOT to do:

DON'T send Aunt Martha cocktail shaker-unless it is accompanied by a sheik to shake it DON'T send Grandfather 1 football-he has enough to kick a

bout already. DON'T send Grandmother shawl. She has a boyish bob and they simply do not go together, m'dear.

DON'T send Dad a washboard -Christmas will leave him plentv

DON'T send Mother a smoking jacket. She is smoking too many cigarettes as it is.

Remove All Tags DON'T send Mrs. John the pickle dish that Mrs. Crabb sent you-unless you first remove the

card that came with it. DON'T attempt to select a pair of knickers for Junior. Choosing his own may be the only outlet he has for expressing his taste in art. DON'T send Daughter a hair

ribbon-although it may be the only outward distinguishing mark of her sex. Now that we've reduced the

number of possible gifts to 4,-763.298—we feel that we've practically solved your gift problems.

GOT \$4000 FOR "GRAND HOTEL"

St. Louis.-Vicki Baum, German author of "Grand Hotel," said in an interview here, her earnings from the novel, play and movie have totaled but \$23,000. She said she got \$4000 for the motion picture rights.

The German author said she was so bound by contracts and per- Durham county workhouse, was charges against Mrs. Reynolds and valued at approximately \$200,000 centages to various agents that she fatally stabbed by Jim Tucker, a Walker dropped when he wrote when he died but personal properhas to "work hard to make a living."

negro convice. Tucker is held for authorities that his family would be "happy" if such a course were tance under North Carolina law.

#### Records Show Rowan county taxpayers, despite the depression, are paying their taxes better this year than last, according to J. E. Haynes, county

lower because of the shrinkage of degree in which we are permitted values while the present rate is 55 to share them with others. cents as compared to 57 cents on each \$100 a year ago.

The total levy for the county for this year is \$447,277.26; in 1931 it was \$479,001.14, and in 1930 the valuation figures were 1930, 85 cents.

The uncollected taxes for 1932 which were turned over to Sheriff Christmas a season of joy. Krider amounted to \$310,608.30. The amount which was collected by the county auditor was done. according to Mr. Haynes, without Seniors Present any additional help and without any extra cost to the county.

### Christmas

Winson-Salem Journal.

shopping district. Stores are filled with eager customers. Christmas is upon us once again, another milestone in the varied journeys that we take as we press on to varied IT IS GETTING so nowadays

that when people talk about having goals. The years no longer loaf in their passing as they did when we were children. They speed by now and leave their marks upon us. So busy are our hands and heads in the eternal task of finding means to provide food and warmth and shelter, It's profitable. Young wife—I must apologize that time has become a mill-race I that sweeps us on to the end of our cuorse. There are many stations along the way. And the most hope

ings, destroys our concern for othcome sordid indeed. everything that is worth while-

nurture within us makes us selfish.

When the county auditor turn- in man; who does not believe in when He said:ed over the 1932 tax books to woman, who frowns at ideals; who on November 29 and the amount unlighted way, snatching at geme also bid thee again, and a recomof prepaid taxes collected at that and discovering that they are only pense be made thee. time was approximately \$127,000. dross when he finds them in his Both the valuation and the hand. For happiness does not decounty tax rate are lower than pend on what we wrest from the lame, the blind: they were a year ago, the difference world. Happiness depends upon amounting on the present rate to ability to enjoy. And we can enabout \$43,000. Valuations are joy the things we have only to the

We think of others and thus are we reclaimed at Christmas timereclaimed from ourselves, our worst enemies. Thus is the course of our sordid selfishness interrupted, so that we emerge from the \$669,958.55. A comparison of the Christmas season better equipped rates for the last three years shows: morally to go our way. It is not 1932, 55 cents 1931, 57 cents; the gift that we give that counts. It is the gift that we receive through giving that makes of

## Play At Boyden High Tonight

"All of a Sudden Pegg.." a three Crowds parade the downtown act comedy, will be presented by he senior class at the Boyden high chool tonight at 8 o'clock

The play centers around Peggy n impetuous lass, who is alway doing things in a hurry and then taking time to regret them.

FIGHTS OFF ROBBER, COUNTS \$7 PROFIT

Milwaukee.—Charles Sneiddiegr rather enjoys getting robbed

A burglar entered his home and snatched \$15 from a dresser.

Sneiddieger leaned from his be ful of all of them is Christmas. For and grappled with the intruder. it is the Christmas spirit that de- Around the room they bumped, scends upon us and saves us from knocking over furniture. Finally the intruder fled from the house, The grind of business wearies our dropping \$22 as he sped away.

brains. The disappointments make Net profit for Sneiddieger, \$7.

### Libby Seeks Smith's Money For Baby Yet to be Born

Settlement of the estate of followed. Smith Reynolds, which may make Customer—To what do you the unborn child of Libby Holman volved by the specification in the owe your extraordinary success as Reynolds heir to as much as \$18,- will of the late R. J. Reynolds 000,000 has been started.

Salesman-To the first five words I utter when a woman attorney, announced negotiations name that Smith was not to be "Where did you get those big, mer Broadway torch singer, were disagreement. Some think his tender, sympathetic eyes?" she under way. He said he had con- death has defeated his widow's man, of Cincinnati, Mrs. Rey- in this state. nolds' father.

"Hell, no! I'm talking this way Mrs. Reynolds since she was indict- eventually settled in favor of Mrs. because I cut my mouth on a bot- ed for murder in connection with Reynolds that it was possible for her husband's mysterious death her unborn child to inherit approlast July 6. The charges against ximately \$18,000,000. her and Albert Walker, Winston- In addition to the 28-year of age cently nol prossed by Solicitor Reynolds, some attorneys pointed Carlisle Higgins for "lack of evi- out that possibly consideration dence."

Mary-My husband wanted me Molly-The brute! I hope you settlement but said a final agree- a \$1,000,000 settlement made at

come a mother was made by Mrs. tate dealer. Reynolds shortly after her husnamed "Smith."

it was generally believed here that | \$18,000,000 at present. He-Too bad you didn't get any settlement made out of court | Smith's mother made no restricwould have to be agreeable to at- tion against the widows of her torneys for W. N. Reynolds, uncle children in her will. Smith's part of Smith and a guardian of the of her estate was estimated at beyouth. It was W. N. Reynolds tween \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000. E. P. Brooks, a prisoner at the who took the initiative in having Smith's personal fortune was

The tangled legal situation infounder of the \$150,000,000 tob-Benet Polikoff, Winston-Salem acco corporation that bears his opens the door-"Miss is your looking toward a final settlement given his inheritance until he was of the estate of young Reynolds, 28 years old and his son's death at 20-year-old husband of the for- 20 has thrown local attorneys into ferred last week with Alfred Hol- claim to one-third, dower rights

It was generally agreed, how-Polikoff has been counsel for ever, that should the matter bo

Salem friend of Smith's were re- provision in the will of R. would have to be given to Smith's The attorney refused to dis-first wife, Ann Cannon Reynolds, close what would be sought in the and their small daughter, depsite ment would not be reached until the time they were divorced. Ann February so that lawyers may be Cannon Reynolds heir to a textile "Why did you leave your last able to act "after the baby comes." | fortune, has since married Frank Disclosure that she was to be- Brandon Smith Charlotte real es-

No mention was made\_in the band had been found mortally will of R. J. Reynolds of widows wounded in a bedroom of the pal- or widowers of his children and atial Reynolds estate at Reynolda. some attorneys hold neither of She later said the baby would be Smith's widows is entitled to any born in January and would be inheritance under it. Smith's inheritance under that will is esti-While Polikoff did not say so, mated at between \$15,000,000 and

heavy our hearts. The greed we TO WHOM SHALL WE GIVE CHRISTMAS PRESENTS?

Our ego, prompted by our yearn-As we are planning to give ers. And then comes Christmas and Christmas presents, it may be well purges us of our hates and lack of to recall the words of the Founder faith in our kind. Without this of Christmas with prference to season of good will we would be- similar activities. Giving presents at some particular season of the The most hopeless, hapless, help- year was not a custom in old less individual in all the world is Judea, but it was customary to the unbeliever—the unbeliever in give feasts, etc., and the Master expressed a sentiment that should the individual who does not believe not be forgotten at Christmas time

"When thou makest a dinner or Sheriff Krider on December 12 he mocks at faiths, who scorns love a supper, call not thy friends, nor had collected \$137,628.57. Last as a weakness and worships at the thy brethern, neither thy kinsmen, year the books were turned over shrine of Self. He goes his lonely, nor thy rich neighbors; lest they

"But when thou makest a feast. call the poor, the maimed, th

"And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: fo thou shalt be recompensed at th resurrection of the just."

It will not hurt us at all to give presents to our friends and kinsfolk who are prosperous or well-to-do, but let's not forget "the needy when he crieth, the poor also, and him that hath no helper." The very old and the very young in one's community should never be forgotten. Even in neighborhoods where there are no aged persons who are sick or needy, there are always boys and girls to whom a gift of a good book, a good paper or magazine, or even some work of counsel and encouragement may bring dividends in characte and citizenship for many years t come.—The Progressive Farmer.

WAITS 16 YEARS FOR SHAVE

Witchita, Kas .- The 16-year old theft mystery that caused Detective Don Finney's face to burn every day has been solvedand what a comfort. There was joy in life back in

916 when Finney worked in a New Mexico logging camp, and was the owner of an especially keen, hard razor. But one day a fellow workman

left-and with him the razor. Al! these years, Finney avers, his bristly whiskers yielded stubbornly and painfully to various blades,

But it is a small world. The detective spied a familiar face at 1 headquarters "show up" today and asked to inspect the man's personal effects.

There it is, my long-lost blade," he cried, exhibiting the

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**Brewers Get Going** 

### Full Blast As Bars Are Let Down

Three important developments presaged the early open selling of beer—legal or illegal. If Congress does not act, beer will be sold anyway in many places, with authorities winking at the sale. In Chicago Mayor Cermak has told the breweries to fix up their boilers and start going.

In Detroit Judge W. McKay Skillman gave a dry law violator a suspended sentence, and said he would do the same to all such defendants brought before him. Governor - elect Comstock of

Michigan declares that "if legally possible" he will set free the 297 persons now in prison for dry law violations Speakeasies turned overnight

into open beer saloons. Police smiled upon the beer trucks in Loop. The barley business became brisk on the Board of Trade.

The federal prohibition office prepared to discharge some more agents. Gangster-brewers announced they were going into the beer

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