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Would Cut Automobile Tag Fees In Half TRADE TAKES UPTURN AS BANKS OPEN

Reduction Is Asked By Roberts

State Would Profit, Claim

Carolina Motor Club Head Says High Fees Keep Many Cars Off Highways

Suggests Law To Put Half-Year Charge Into Effect For The Present

Immediate enactment by the North Carolina General Assembly of a law providing for the sale now of state automobile license plates at the six-months fee was suggested as a method of getting thousands of cars out of storage and into general use again by Coleman W. Roberts of Greensboro, president of the Carolina Motor club.

"It is my personal opinion that the state would derive greater revenue if the General Assembly will immediately enact a law providing for the sale of automobile passenger car plates now at the six-months fee," said Mr. Roberts. Ordinarily this half-year fee would not become effective until July 1.

"If it is provided that the six-months fee become effective immediately, thousands of cars that would not otherwise be licensed and buying gas, would have license plates at once and enhance the revenue of the state through the gasoline tax, that would more than offset the quarter-of-a-year reduction which this arrangement would provide.

"This, of course, would be a measure to meet the present emergency. Such a law would give great relief to those car owners who have not been fortunate enough to have been able to buy their plates earlier. This measure would apply to the present year only and incidentally would give us some experience to judge just what the reaction would be to a reduction in license plate fees.

"Car owners urged the building of our great highway system and I am sure they have no desire to shirk their responsibility to pay a just tax. But present taxes on individual passenger cars are exorbitant, and I feel that the car owners are entitled to some consideration and some relief, just as we are providing relief for bankers and farmers. The present gas tax alone is a 54 per cent sales tax and the car owners have carried this burden without complaint, but the time has come when consideration must be given to reducing the license plate fee.

"It must be remembered that when an automobile is kept off the highway due to high license plate fees, that the state is not only losing the small fee that might be easily paid, losing the gas tax, but business in general is retarded because when a person travels in an automobile, they buy hotel accommodations, food, clothing, insurance, automobile supplies and entertainment. The more cars operating greater is the volume of trade in all lines and greater is the revenue for the state."

\$150,000 TARBORO BLAZE

A loss of \$150,000 resulted in destruction by fire of the Edgecombe warehouse along with 3,000 bales of cotton at Tarboro on Friday afternoon. Insurance covers the loss.



Barbara Clegg, Broadway stage star, has deserted the footlights to join her husband, Norman Schneider, at the former Schwab mine near 29 Palms, Calif. She is assistant boss to her husband... and likes it, she says.

With Our Lawmakers

A resume of the week's happenings in the state and nation follows:

National

1. Congress passed the president's emergency bill, giving the chief executive dictatorial powers over banks.

2. Congress passed the president's economy bill whereby Mr. Roosevelt hopes to effect a saving of over \$500,000,000, mainly through the reduction of veterans appropriation and reduction of salaries. The American Legion's national legislative committee issued statement accepting cut for vets.

3. The house of representatives passed the 3.2 Cullen beer bill. The senate is expected to pass the measure momentarily.

4. A majority of the banks, closed under the state and national banking holiday, have reopened.

5. Josephus Daniels named ambassador to Mexico.

State

1. Governor Ehringhaus, appearing before a joint session of the house and senate, urged the passage of a sales tax if necessary to balance the budget.

2. The state senate voted to give the governor veto power.

3. Economy bloc seeks \$10,000,000 reduction in N. C. supply bill.

4. Governor Ehringhaus, in his speech before the general assembly, urged the following:

1—Preserve the credit of the state by balancing the budget, even at the cost of a sales tax, and make sure provisions to keep it in balance or prevent an imbalance, by making all appropriations subject to budget cuts.

2—Preserve the school opportunity in economy by the provision of a lump sum, with a board to administer it, as herein before pointed out.

3—Preserve the homes of our citizens from the foreclosures which present ad valorem taxes threaten and reduce the tax load which now weighs heavily upon them by abolishing special levies for support of extended term.

4—Preserve the highways and our great investment therein from the waste and losses which inadequate maintenance provision would certainly entail.

5—Preserve our institutions and departments from the destruction which too heavy curtailment threatens, to the end that they may continue to serve our citizenship and prepare the youth of our land for better service to the state.

On this rock we shall build our state and the forces of ignorance, inequality, depression and despair shall not prevail against it.

NEWS BRIEFS

FRESH MEAT PRICE RISES
Sharply reduced marketing due to financial uncertainties in Chicago and other big live animal markets, has forced a material advance in fresh meat prices during the week.

EMERGENCY BANK MEASURE

A new bill drastically extending emergency powers granted the commissioner of banks and the governor of the state to enforce banking holidays in the state was passed by the general assembly on Monday. The bill approved the banking holiday for the first three days of the week and authorized its extension or renewal. It also authorized the issuance of clearing house certificates as a medium of exchange.

SECOND MISTRIAL FOR WELBORN

For the second time within the same term a Forsyth jury was unable to agree on a verdict in the action against Dexter Welborn, High Point youth charged with manslaughter, and Judge John H. Clement withdrew a juror and ordered a mistrial. The twelve men deliberated about two hours before admitting they were hopelessly deadlocked.

NEBRASKA SENATOR DIES

Senator Robert B. Howell, 68, Nebraska Republican, died at Washington of heart attack. Governor Charles Bryan will name a Democrat to succeed Howell.

FALLS TO HIS DEATH

Elbert McGee, 17, of near High Point, died there from skull fractures received the night before when he fell from the rear of a truck.

HOLDUP MEN SLAY MOTORMAN

Motorman J. W. Brown was shot three times and killed by three negro holdup men at the end of a Charlotte street car line Saturday night. They secured \$15 or more and fled.

In a second holdup effort the same night, Motorman E. D. Bartlett snatched the pistol from the hands of bandit, Winfred Thomas, negro, and fatally wounded him.

HELD FOR OLD CRIME

Fate St. John is charged in Wilkes county with the murder 16 years ago of Henry Souther, a boy who was found dead on a road with bruises on head and body. It was supposed he had been killed by falling from his wagon when his team ran away, but St. John is said to have recently implicated himself.

JAPS TO QUIT LEAGUE

The Japanese cabinet has voted to resign from the league of nations because of its condemnation of her Manchurian campaign. Pending approval by the emperor are the two years notice of resignation and the notice that Japan will retain the former German island in the Pacific which she holds on a league mandate.

CERMAK'S SLAYER TO DIE

"I'm no scared that chair," shouted Giuseppe Zangara when he was brought in a Miami, Fla., court on Friday to face sentence for the slaying of Chicago's mayor, Anton Cermak. He had pleaded guilty the previous day. He was sentenced to die in the electric chair, the governor to set the date. Cermak was one of five shot on February 15 when Zangara tried to assassinate President Roosevelt.

Eggs for Coat



This Michigan farmer took some eggs and dressed poultry to Detroit and traded it to merchant Nathan Schreiber for some underwear and a winter overcoat. Many Detroit merchants are doing business on the barter system.

Zangara To Die March 21

Heavily guarded by a squad of national guard machine gunners, Giuseppe Zangara, the assassin who shot five persons in an attempt to kill President Roosevelt February 15, awaits the electric chair for the murder of Mayor Anton J. Cermak of Chicago.

Gov. Dave Sholtz signed the death warrant after Zangara had been secretly removed from the Dade county jail in Miami where he was convicted. The warrant sets the execution for the week of March 20, the actual day and hour to be determined by Superintendent L. F. Chapman of the state prison farm. It was held likely Tuesday March 21 will be the date.

HELD FOR EMBEZZLING \$100,000

W. T. Shore, Charlotte attorney has posted \$20,000 bond for freedom pending trial on charges of embezzling \$100,000 from Mrs. Maude B. Trotman, Winston-Salem, for which he was indicted in Forsyth Superior court.

AIRSHIP MACON IS CHRISTENED

The giant airship Macon, sister ship to the navy's huge Akron, was formally christened at Akron, Ohio, and will shortly be commissioned for service.

City Schools To Operate For 8 Months; Teachers Will Wait For Salaries

Operation of the city schools for a period of eight months is practically assured.

The teachers of the city schools, in a recent meeting, unanimously agreed to complete the eight months term even though their salaries were not forthcoming at the expiration of each teaching month.

This action taken by the teachers will be submitted to the board of education and also to the city council for acceptance or rejection.

Should this move be acceptable to both the board of education and

GOOD MORNING

THE SUCCESS FAMILY

The father of Success is Work; The mother of Success is Ambition;

The oldest son is Common Sense;

Some of the older boys are Perseverance, Honesty, Thoroughness, Foresight, Enthusiasm and Co-operation.

The oldest daughter is Character;

Some of her sisters are Cheerfulness, Loyalty, Courtesy, Care, Economy, Sincerity and Harmony. The baby is Opportunity.

Get well acquainted with the "old man" and you will be able to get along pretty well with the rest of the family.

Sam: Hear about the Scotchman who was arrested for going down the street naked?

Jove: No.

Sam: He was on his way to a strip poker game.

"Who made her dress?"

"Either the police or the censors; I'm not sure which."

A mother, testifying in court for her son, swore that he "worked on a farm ever since he was born."

Triumphantly the opposing lawyer leaned over toward her and thundered: "You tell this court that your son worked on a farm ever since he was born?"

"I do."

"What did he do the first year?"

"He milked," she answered.

"Robert," said the teacher, to drive home the lesson, which was on charity and kindness, "if I saw a man beating a donkey and stopped him from doing so, what virtue would I be showing."

"Brotherly love," said Bobby.

Box Office Attendant: Can I give you one in the third row?

Patron: No, I want one in the first row.

Box Office Attendant: Very well, here's an extra fiddle. Tell the stage manager to give you a seat in the orchestra.

"Now, Robert," said the teacher, dilating on the virtue of politeness, "if you were seated in a car, every seat of which was occupied, and a lady entered, what would you do?"

"I'd pretend I was asleep," was the unhesitating reply.

"Did you give your wife that little lecture on economy you talked about?"

"Yes."

"Any results?"

"Yes—I've got to give up smoking expensive cigars."

An All-American Girl



Janet Hutchinson, one of the twenty beauties selected by notable artists as a perfect model in the wearing of apparel, also caught the eye of judges as being your typical American girl.

95,686 Employed In Relief Labor In State In Jan.

A total of 95,686 men were employed in North Carolina during January and part from relief funds, according to statistics released from the governor's office of relief. More than \$250,000 paid out in wages, or approximately 65 per cent of the \$1,250,000 which was spent for all relief purposes in the state during the month.

These figures indicate that about two-thirds of the heads of destitute families in the state were working for the aid which they received. The others were given direct relief either because no one in the family was physically able to work or because there was no work available for them to do.

The jobs performed by these workers vary considerably, the reports show. Always they constituted work of one type or another which was for the public good, such as highway repairing and beautification, school house building and repairing, street repairs and construction.

Beer Bill Is Passed By Sen.

The senate last night passed the beer bill with certain amendments and sent it back to the house for its final approval.

The senate changed the bill from 3.2 alcoholic content to 3.05 per cent. The upper body also added a provision to permit manufacture and sale of wine.

Farm Relief Urged By Pres.

President Roosevelt late yesterday transmitted his message on farm relief and unemployment to the congress.

The president urged a one year farm relief bill, asking immediate action in order to aid farmers this season. The idea was advanced that the government lease certain lands and withdraw these from the production field.

Several plans dealing with the unemployment situation were advanced. Service camps and reforestation were urged.

KNOXVILLE GETS SCRIP

Nashville, Tenn.—An armored truck left here carrying \$3,000,000 in scrip to Knoxville. The certificates were printed here.

Pick-Up Is Report'd By Local Stores

Buying Is More General

Substantial Increase In Business Is Found In All Branches

Contractors Also Expect Upturn In Building Program Soon

A revival in trade in the retail stores of Salisbury has been registered since the re-opening of several banks in the city and county.

The first banks to open in the county were: The Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, Salisbury.

The Bank of China Grove, China Grove.

Uptown sidewalks, occupied during the last week by slim crowds with little tendency to shop for more than the bare necessities of life, were thronged on Monday.

For the most part, had the appearance of "bargain days" as the men and women of the city made purchases they were unable to make while their money was tied up in closed banks.

"Trade showed a very substantial increase over that of the last week. I believe business was better than it was before the banks were closed under the national banking holiday proclamation of President Roosevelt," one merchant declared.

"Our business showed great improvement over trade during the bank holiday. I would class trade as quite satisfactory, a manager of a local department store declared.

"There was more buying, and I feel that we may expect to see continued improvement," another business man stated.

"It is too early to say that business is good, but indications are in a much better frame of mind," one declared.

The building contractors contractors are very much encouraged and feel that the bottom has been hit. The needed medicine has been given, and business is now on the way up.

Benefit Show At The Boyden High Tonight

Tonight at 8 o'clock is Radio Review night at the Boyden High school auditorium. All the popular radio stars will be impersonated by local talent, assisted by the Tar Heelians, an orchestra composed of local musicians.

The Tar Heelians, under the direction of W. Arnold Summey, are proving themselves popular among the younger set and are securing many engagements for the coming dance season.

Roy Deal, as an independent performer, will render several special numbers.

An evening of pleasing entertainment is promised all who attend. An admission of 10 and 15 cents will be charged which will be donated to the music department of the high school.

DIES FROM POISON DOSE

W. R. Miller, died at Hamlet from effects of a poison dose taken two days before.