



FRANK PARKER STOCKBRIDGE

RUTH . . . bride

I doubt if there is anybody who knows William Jennings Bryan's daughter Ruth who does not admire her. I have known her for years. She was a little girl of ten when I first knew her father and mother.

It is difficult to determine whether to admire most her magnetic personality which she inherited from her famous father, or her unquestionably high intellectual qualities. I am glad that she will not have to give up her American citizenship by reason of her marriage the other day to Captain Boerge Rhode of Denmark, a member of King Christian's personal staff. Ruth led the fight in Congress for the law which permits American women to remain American citizens even though married to foreigners. Her former husband, the late Captain Reginald Owen, was an Englishman, and for a time she was a British subject because she was his wife.

I am sure that everybody agrees with me in wishing happiness to the American Minister to Denmark in her married life.

SAM . . . officiated

I went to Sam Shoemaker's church in New York the day after he had conducted the marriage ceremony, for Ruth Bryan at Hyde Park. We talked about the wedding.

"It was hot enough to roast a goose in that church," Sam Shoemaker said, "but isn't Ruth a grand person? I liked the bridegroom too."

Sam Shoemaker is rector of Calvary Episcopal Church in New York, which is the American headquarters of the Oxford Group movement. He met Mrs. Owen last year when about 15,000 leaders of the Oxford Group gathered in Copenhagen.

I wrote something in this column a few weeks ago about this Oxford Group movement and its efforts to make Christianity a living, working force in human lives. I want to suggest now that any reader who goes to New York would be interested to drop in at Calvary Church any Sunday evening, when there is always an Oxford Group meeting. It seems to me like the liveliest religious movement of our time.

"BILL . . . will make good

Everybody who knows him well calls him "Bill." I'm speaking of Williams Phillips, the new American Ambassador to Italy.

Bill Phillips is one of the finest examples of "career men" in the service of the United States. He doesn't have to work for a living, but went into Government service as a patriotic duty, and found that he had a talent for diplomacy. I first knew him when he was Assistant Secretary of State during the World War. Before that he had been in the foreign service, in England and China. Since then he has been U. S. Minister to the Netherlands, to Belgium and to Canada, and Undersecretary of State.

He's stepping now into one of the most touchy and difficult diplomatic posts in the world. But his friends who call him "Bill" know that he'll make good.

Laurinburg Negro Foothills For three 'Wives'

Laurinburg.—They did not know whether it was bonus money or not.

But, according to a local merchant, a negro woman entered the store and selected a dress. "Put it away," she said, "and my husband will come for it and pay."

Later the same day another negro woman came in and selected a dress. "Put it away," she said. "My husband will come for it and pay."

Later the same day still another negro woman bargained for a dress with the same "put it away, my husband will come and pay," instructions.

Later the same day a negro man appeared, paid for all three dresses and went his way—with all three bundles.

Surry County farmers are interested in breeding their own work stock, and have been looking for a good jack to be purchased cooperatively.

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U. S. WARSHIPS ORDERED TO SPAIN

U. S. Revenue Highest Since 1921

\$3,520,000,000 Taken In Taxes Last Fiscal Year

All Categories of Taxation Show Increases, But Biggest Gain Is In Incomes.

Washington.—A comparison of treasury records revealed that government revenue for the fiscal year just closed were the largest for any year since 1921.

At the same time, a breakdown of receipts for the year showed the income tax trending back toward its once dominant position as the source of most of the government's income.

Total Federal revenues from all taxation sources were \$3,520,000,000 for the fiscal year. Not since 1921, when they totalled \$4,595,000,000 have they been higher. For that 15-year period, moreover, 1935 was second highest, with revenue totaling \$3,299,000,000.

In 1929, income tax receipts provided 79.4 per cent of the government's revenues. The next year the ratio dropped to 78.5, then to 76.6 in 1932 it fell to 67.7 per cent; in 1933 to 46 per cent and in 1934 to 30.6 per cent.

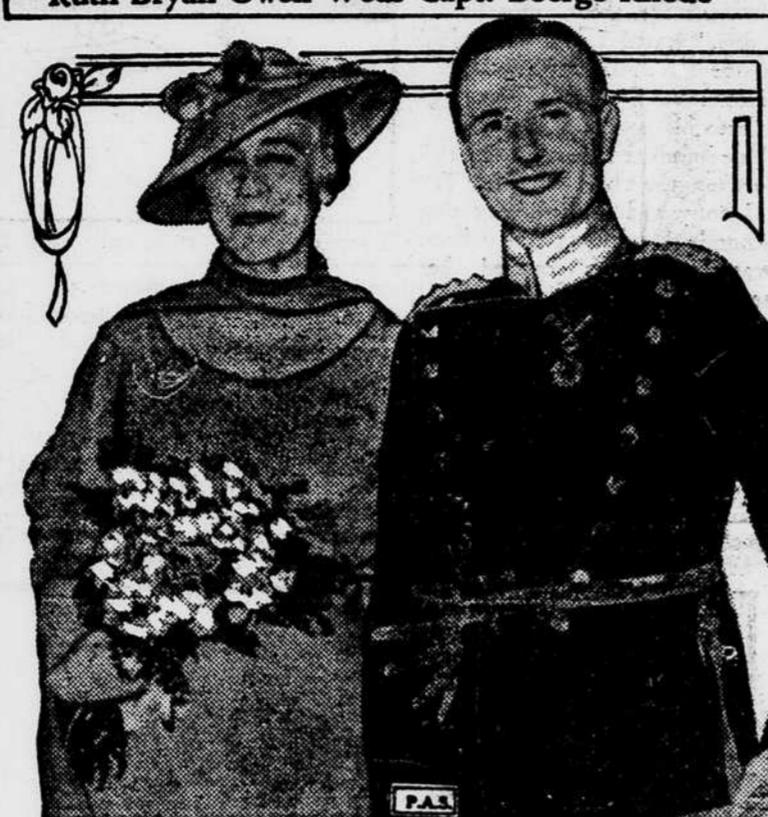
Then it started upward once more. The fiscal year 1935 saw it rise to 33.5 per cent, and that trend was continued by the figures for the fiscal year just closed which placed the percentage at 40.5.

Two reasons were assigned for the depression years' drop in that percentage. The obvious one of rapidly shrinking incomes, and a second in the fact that to make up for this loss in revenues, numerous excise taxes were imposed, together with repeal and taxes on liquor.

As compared with 1935, all categories of taxation, income, liquor taxes and miscellaneous taxes showed increases, but the biggest gain was in income taxes. They jumped \$322,000,000 from \$1,105,000,000 to \$1,427,000,000, liquor taxes gained \$94,000,000 from \$411,000,000 to \$505,000 and miscellaneous taxes rose \$259,000,000 from \$1,256,000,000 to \$1,515,000,000.

For the fact that 1936 produced a 15-year record in government receipts, several causes were given notably the fact that an increasing national income has encountered tax rates at levels seldom approached within that period and that more items and activities are subject to taxation at any time in those years.

Ruth Bryan Owen Weds Capt. Boerge Rhode



HYDE PARK, N. Y. . . With President and Mrs. Roosevelt as guests, Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen, U. S. Minister to Denmark and daughter of the late Wm. Jennings Bryan, was married here to Captain Boerge Rhode, of the Royal Life Guards of King Christian X of Denmark. Photo shows the bride and groom leaving the church.

N. C. Rum Shops Report \$2,745,024 Gross Sales

Press Selling Of Furniture

Unprecedented Flourish Of Buying Reported At High Point Exposition

Raleigh.—Total gross sales of liquor stores in 18 North Carolina counties aggregated \$2,745,024 during the last fiscal year, not including the State's 3 per cent sales tax, the revenue department reports.

The stores were legalized in 17 counties and two townships in Moore county last year.

New Hanover county led in gross sales, with \$329,644. Greene county reported the least sales, \$30,768.

Sales reported by the other counties for the period were: Pasquotank, \$87,736.63; Carteret, \$53,920.31; Craven, \$73,340.52; Onslow, \$46,373.68; Pitt, \$211,897.89; Martin, \$97,387.40; Beaufort, \$106,960.48; Halifax, \$238,484.05; Franklin, \$45,569.56; Wilson, \$273,912.33; Edgecombe, \$279,998.88; Warren, \$61,054.20; and Moore, \$167,436.65.

A decline in revenue during April, May and June was attributed to seasonal habits. The total sales prior to March 31 were \$2,066,941, in April they were \$266,997, in May \$225,109 and in June \$185,975.

124 Insane Are Confined in N. C. Jails During May

Raleigh.—R. Eugene Brown, director of the division of institutions and corrections, said in his monthly report that 124 insane persons were confined in North Carolina jails during May.

The report, covering 75 jails, showed four of the 124 were under 20 years old. Ninety-five children under 16 years old were confined in the jails sometime during the month. Thirty-four were white boys, five white girls, 54 negro boys and two negro girls.

The State's \$900,000 building program at the State hospitals, Brown said is "progressing rapidly."

State Fire Body Meets Aug. 10 In Durham

Raleigh.—Fire Chief W. E. Holton announces 1,200 to 1,500 delegates were expected to gather on August 10 to 13 for the annual convention of the North Carolina Fire association.

Dr. W. S. Long of Graham is president of the association.

NEW YORK . . . Boake Carter (above), radio commentator, has been named by Governor Hoffman in a \$100,000 libel suit, alleging that on April 1st, Mr. Carter said "Gov. Hoffman knew of the Wendell kidnapping" which was involved in the Hauptmann execution.

Buy In "Greater Salisbury".

To Investigate Troy Attorney Rowan Voting Named Judge

Second Hearing of Alleged Irregularities Scheduled For Saturday.

A second hearing to investigate challenges on absentee voting in Rowan county during the second primary has been called for Saturday at 2 p. m. at the courthouse here by W. C. Coughenour, chairman of the county board of elections, following a letter from the State Board of Elections received by Mr. Coughenour asking that such a hearing be held.

"Insofar as I know, the same set of facts and affidavits will be presented as were at the first hearing," Mr. Coughenour stated.

The challenges were by representatives of the county McDonald supporters and the board of elections failed to uphold any of the challenges.

27,948 Inmates Handled By N. C. Prisons In Year

Raleigh.—The State Penal division reported it handled 27,948 prisoners last year, a gain of 275 over the 27,673 handled in 1935.

There were 19,591 admissions, including 6,375 30-day prisoners. Released for various reasons totaled 19,280, compared with 17,320 in 1934-35.

Patrolman R. K. Johnston Resigns

Patrolman, R. K. Johnston, city policeman, has resigned his position with the force effective August first to accept an appointment as substitute carrier at the Salisbury postoffice.

The appointment follows the enactment of a law by the last congress which authorized the naming of one regular substitute carrier or clerk for each six or fraction of six regular clerks or carriers.

Mr. Johnston has had a good record with the police force of this city, discharging his duties faithfully.

1936 Is Rated 2nd In Toll Of Heat Waves

Chicago.—Even with its total close to 4,600, 1936 ranks second in deaths from excessive heat, statisticians of the National Safety council said.

The heaviest loss of life from this source occurred during the hot summer of 1911 when 5,016 fatalities were ascribed to heat.

During the torrid, dry year of 1934, U. S. census bureau figured the total was 3,250.

Laurinburg Area Ships 25 Cars of Watermelons

Laurinburg.—Twenty-five cars of watermelons, according to buyers, moved Monday night, toward northern markets from the territory known as the "Laurinburg district," in the season's first important movement from this part of the State.

The melons averaged in weight from 26 to 36 pounds, ranging in price from \$150 to rare sales of \$225 per car.

Will Evacuate Americans To Safety If It Is Necessary

Catanya Colles, Library, Bloody Battle Waged in Front Of Consulate

Precautionary Measure

Government Claims Successes Against Rebels In Several Important Cities.

Washington.—Anxious for the safety of 1,582 Americans in bloody Spain, the United States government Tuesday night directed two warships to move immediately into Spanish waters to evacuate this country's citizens if necessary.

The action was decided upon by Secretary Hull after a lengthy conference with Admiral William H. Standley, acting Secretary of the Navy, who issued orders diverting the two ships.

They are the battleship Oklahoma, now at Cherbourg, France, as a unit in the midshipmen's training squadron, and the U. S. S. Quincy, the navy's newest 10,000-ton cruiser, now on a shakedown cruise to Europe.

Other safety measures were decided upon despite diplomatic reports pouring in upon the State department which carried no word of injury to Americans during the recent days of strife.

The same reports, however, told of a bloody battle Monday between government and rebel forces in front of the American consulate at Bigo; of the hoisting of American flags over United States buildings in Madrid as a safety measure; and of British war vessels standing by at two Spanish ports to aid British and American nationals if necessary. It was noted also that some towns at which Americans are residing had not yet been heard from in diplomatic dispatches.

The State department's announcement of the dispatch of the war vessels said:

"All reports from the embassy and from consular officers in Spain indicate that American citizens in that country are safe."

Asheville Murder Remains Mystery

Formal Coiffure



HOLLYWOOD . . . Fashion folks say it is most complimentary and interesting and the ideal hairstyle for formal events, first introduced by Mary Boland (above). Paramount star, in a recent picture.

The clever arrangement of curls at the sides is repeated over the top of the coiffure.

COMPOUND INTEREST

Jo: "So you met Alice today?"

Jean: "Yes, I hadn't seen her for 10 years."

Jo: "Has she kept her girlish figure?"

Jean: "Kept it? She's doubled it!"

Mystery still shrouds the murder of Miss Helen Clevenger, 18-year-old New York University co-ed, who was shot and beaten to death about 1 a. m. Thursday July 16, in Battery Park Hotel, Asheville.

Sheriff Lawrence E. Brown, the chief investigator, is now holding five people for questioning. None of the five, however, are charged with the murder. It is believed that some, if not all of the five can furnish valuable information leading to the capture of the real murderer.

Mark Wollner, internationally known violinist, is being detained as a possible suspect.

Wollner was taken into custody after a haberdasher's clerk told officers he had heard the musician say he had "a date" Wednesday night with a girl he had just met at the hotel in which Miss Clevenger was murdered.

The sheriff has obtained statements from eight persons who claim to have seen the German-born musician on Asheville streets at various times last Wednesday night and early Thursday.

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