

ARE STUDYING TAX MERGER

Washington, March 14—The government, President Roosevelt disclosed today, is studying the advisability of merging into one tax the five levies now imposed upon corporations.

In discussing with newspaper men the administration's efforts to encourage business, Mr. Roosevelt emphasized that he was determined that existing revenues should not be reduced by any revision of corporation taxes.

RUSSO-JAP BREAK LOOMS

Tokio, March 14—A warning was issued in parliament tonight that Japan would fight to the last over the valuable northern Kamchatka fishing grounds, involved in a long-standing soviet Russian-Japanese dispute.

A showdown in the quarrel is expected tomorrow when soviet officials are scheduled to conduct an auction of 293 fishing lots, formerly assigned to Japanese, off the Siberian coast.

HUNGARY INVADES CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Budapest, March 15—(Wednesday)—With her armies already half way across Carpatho-Ukraine, Hungary announced early today that the dissolved Czech-Slovak government's answer to an ultimatum demanding evacuation of the eastern province was unsatisfactory.

The Hungarian foreign office announced that in consequence of the unsatisfactory reply "immediate measures will be taken."

ITALIAN LINER STANDING BY SHIP

Chatham, Mass., March 14—The huge luxury liner Conte di Savoia reported she was "standing by" the disabled Norwegian freighter Belnor in a howling northwest storm to night, about 700 miles east of the Virginia capes.

The Conte di Savoia said she would remain alongside until the arrival of the Norwegian motor tanker Gyffe, bound from Houston to Havre.

BOARD REVOKES RECENT RULING

N. Wilkesboro Transit Co. Requests Franchise to Operate Buses Here

TAXI CASE CONTINUED

The recent ruling made by the Elkin board of commissioners which set a minimum fare of 20 cents for taxi companies here, was revoked at the meeting of the board Monday night.

In the meantime trial of the Downtown Taxi company, operated by C. C. Morrison and David Brown, on a charge of not having paid the town privilege and license tax, was continued until next Wednesday at 2:00 p. m. The case, which grew out of a charge by John Mayberry, operator of City Cabs, had been set for trial last Thursday afternoon. Continuance of the case was granted when E. C. James, attorney for the defendant cab company, was called out of town on the date of hearing.

The town commissioners took under consideration until their next meeting a request by the Blue Ridge Transit Co., of North Wilkesboro, for a franchise to operate buses over Elkin streets on a regular schedule. J. H. Whicker, North Wilkesboro attorney, appeared before the board as representative of the bus company.

MARRIAGE LICENSE ISSUED AT DOBSON

Marriage license were granted to the following couples the past week by the register of deeds at Dobson:

Robert Lee Parks, of Mount Airy to Miss Margie Elizabeth Holyfield, also of Mount Airy; Herbert Royall, of Roaring Gap, to Miss Virginia Bartley, of Low Gap; Clyde Hawlett, of Mount Airy, to Miss Ruth Yates, also of Mount Airy; F. B. Cockerham, of State Road, to Miss Etta Wilmoth, also of State Road; Ben Johnson, of Joines, to Miss Nora Brooks, also of Joines.

WIN SECOND TIME Bette Davis and Spencer Tracy hold the awards given by the Motion Picture Academy of Arts and Sciences for the best performances by an actress and actor during the year 1938. Miss Davis won the award for her performance in "Jezebel," and Mr. Tracy for his performance in "Boys Town."



Hackett Is In Favor Of Farm-To-Market Highway In County

Delegation from Dobson, Salem Fork and Mountain Park Petition Highway Commissioner for Improved Road from Dobson to State Road; Present Road of Dirt Construction

J. Gordon Hackett, state highway commissioner for this district expressed himself as favoring the construction of an all-weather road from Dobson to State Road, at a meeting held at his office in North Wilkesboro Tuesday morning which was attended by about 25 citizens from Dobson, Salem Fork and Mountain Park, who presented petitions and endorsements favoring the project.

Mr. Hackett stated that in his

belief this road is the most important road project awaiting to be built after completion of Federal aid projects in the county, pointing out that it is strictly a farm-to-market road. He said he would recommend that the first money available for farm-to-market roads would be spent on this project.

ELKIN RATINGS ARE ANNOUNCED

Official Figures on Cafes and Meat Markets Released by Butler

ALL MARKETS GRADE A

Official ratings for Elkin meat markets and cafes have been announced by Charles A. Butler, inspector for the Surry health department.

Complete ratings disclose that Elkin stands high in "A" ratings for both markets and eating establishments, with Hotel Elkin leading the latter with a high score of 96.5, followed closely by the Palace Cafe with a rating of 96, and the Bon-Ton Grill with a rating of 95.

Each of Elkin's meat markets received high ratings, the Modern Food Store and Basketeria both having ratings of 95, and the Cash & Carry market a rating of 92, all Grade A ratings.

Announcement of the Bon-Ton Grill and Modern Food Store ratings last week were made before the inspector had completed his inspection of the various other places of business.

The official rating, as announced Wednesday, follows:

Cafes: Hotel Elkin, 96.5, A; Palace, 96, A; Bon-Ton, 95, A; Eat Quick, 88.5, B; Greenwood, 81, B; Riverside, 77, C; Monticello, 74, C.

WILKES NEGRO GIVEN 20-25 YEARS IN PEN

Otto Hampton, negro, charged with criminal assault upon a middle-aged Wilkes county widow, was sentenced in Wilkes superior court Tuesday to 20-25 years in state prison after he had entered a plea of guilty to attempted criminal assault.

PENNEY EMPLOYEES FETED AT PICNIC

Employees of the local J. C. Penney store were feted at a picnic supper Thursday evening of last week at the picnic grounds at the old shoe factory, west of Elkin. A sumptuous supper was served. Fourteen employees attended.

RESTORATION OF RELIEF CUT ASKED BY FDR

Strife Is Stirred by Sharply Worded Request

EXPECT MAJOR BATTLE

President Seeks Additional \$150,000,000 to Save Jobs of WPA Workers

STATEMENT DENOUNCED

Washington, March 14.—President Roosevelt stirred up a tempest of congressional strife today with a sharply-worded request for an immediate, additional appropriation of \$150,000,000 for WPA lest, he said, nearly 5,000,000 people lose the source of their livelihoods.

His appeal cut to the core of the constantly agitated issue of government spending and led to predictions of a battle even more strenuous than that which attended the refusal of Congress, earlier in the session, to grant the very same appropriation which was proposed today.

In preparation for that struggle, administration forces deposed Representative Woodrum, Democrat, Virginia, aggressive leader of the house economy bloc, as acting chairman of the subcommittee in charge of relief appropriations. He will be replaced, it was said, by Chairman Taylor, Democrat, Colorado, of the appropriations committee, who almost immediately upon the receipt of the President's message introduced a bill to carry it out.

As though to offset this move, the economy group rallied at once behind a proposal by Representative Cox, Democrat, Georgia, that the appropriations committee be directed to make a thoroughgoing investigation of WPA to determine whether it is "fish or fowl, sane or insane, good or bad." Woodrum, denouncing the President's statements as "melodrama and emotionalism," asserted ominously that he would "still be around" when the appropriation was discussed.

N. ELKIN WOMAN DIES TUESDAY

Mrs. Victoria Layell Passes Away in Winston-Salem Hospital

WRITES HELD WEDNESDAY

Mrs. Victoria Isabel Marshall Layell, 38, wife of James Layell of North Elkin, died in a Winston-Salem hospital Tuesday morning, where she had been a patient.

She was a daughter of V. J. Marshall of State Road. Surviving in addition to her husband are four children, Alvis Layell, State Road; Garvey, Henry and James Layell, Jr., of Elkin; her father, one brother, Avery Marshall, and three half-sisters, Mrs. Bert Smith, Miss Evon Marshall, State Road, and Mrs. Opie White, Winston-Salem; and three half-brothers, Thurmond Marshall, Elkin; Odell and Leo Marshall, State Road.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon from Mount Pleasant Baptist church. The rites were in charge of Rev. Ford Walker.

CHATHAM GIRLS TO ENTER A. A. U. MEET

Twelve of the finest women basketball players in the South, who will wear Chatham uniforms in the National A. A. U. tournament at Wichita, Kansas, will leave Winston-Salem Friday night to take part in the play that will decide the champions of the cage world.

The official party of fourteen, including Coach Russell Plaster and Miss Claudia Austin, who will chaperone the party, will arrive in Wichita Sunday night and work-out Monday to get the feel of the court.

The Chatham girls are slated to open play in the tournament Tuesday, the time and opponent yet to be announced. Plaster received word from Wichita of the day but the telegram did not reveal who his opponent would be for the game.

Stuffed crocodiles are placed above doorways in Cairo, Egypt, to bring good luck to the house.

Nazi Troops March Into Prague To Be Met With Boos, Cat-Calls By Czechs; Situation Is Tense

TEST NEW GUN A new anti-aircraft gun, constructed in the ordnance factory at Maribynong, Victoria, is pictured during tests by members of the 1st Anti-Aircraft Battery from Mosman while in camp at Narrabeen, Australia, the while Mother England keeps an anxious eye on war clouds brewing over Czecho-Slovakia.



Charlie McCarthy Reported Kidnaped

Mother-Daughter Scout Banquet to Be Held Friday

Plans are in readiness for the first Mother-Daughter Scout banquet to be held here. The banquet, at which mothers and their scout daughters of both troops one and two of the local groups will attend, will be held Friday evening at 7 o'clock in the banquet hall at Hotel Elkin.

Tickets are on sale at both the elementary and high school buildings for fifty cents each. Reservations should be made not later than Thursday noon, if possible.

Miss Elizabeth James, of Winston-Salem, will be guest speaker for the meeting. Scout Peggy Royall will welcome the mothers and Mrs. H. C. Salmons will respond for mothers.

The Scout colors of green, white and gold will be noted in the appointments of the table and decorations.

Only members of the Scout troops and their mothers are invited.

AGED WOMAN OF YADKIN PASSES

Mrs. Grace Shore, 83, Dies Monday at the Home of Her Daughter

FUNERAL WEDNESDAY

Mrs. Grace P. Chappell Shore, 83, died Monday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. A. Vestal, in Yadkin county, following a heart ailment, and the general infirmities of her advanced age. She was the widow of Henry Mike Shore, who preceded her in death 28 years ago. Two sons also preceded her in death. She was affectionately known as "Aunt Grace" to her many friends.

She united with Swains Baptist church early in life and remained a faithful member for almost 70 years.

She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. J. S. Hinson, of Arlington; Mrs. M. D. Ashley, Hamptonville, and Mrs. M. A. Vestal, of Cycle. One foster daughter, Mrs. R. A. Wagoner, of Cycle, one sister, Mrs. Hilary Vestal, of Kansas, two half-brothers, James and John Chappell, of Cycle, 22 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock from Swains Baptist church. The rites were in charge of Rev. E. C. Norman, Rev. Cleat Simmons and Rev. I. W. Vestal. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Famous Dummy Said Taken from Negro Bellhop by Two Men in Taxi

EDGAR BERGEN UPSET

For goodness sakes! Charlie McCarthy has been stolen and Edgar Bergen is left flat without his prime source of income. Or so reports the Associated Press, which reports the kidnaping has been verified by Mr. Bergen himself!

New York police, who consider Charlie's kidnaping a press agent's gag, state that the wooden-headed star dummy of radio and screen was last seen in the company of Frank D. Brown, a diminutive negro bellhop at the Belmont Plaza hotel.

Brown was found trussed up with towels at 37th street and Eleventh avenue Tuesday night. He told police that two men had forced him into a taxi, bound him up and then threw him out, taking Charlie, as he was carrying the dummy to another address, presumably upon telephone orders of Bergen.

The ventriloquist appeared upset about the matter and remarked that the kidnaping "is the kind of publicity I don't want." Charlie is insured for \$2,500.

Halfacre Guest Speaker Here At Kiwanis Meeting

W. D. Halfacre, formerly superintendent of the North Wilkesboro schools and now associated with the Bank of North Wilkesboro, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Elkin Kiwanis club at Hotel Elkin last Thursday evening.

Mr. Halfacre made an interesting talk on the subject "What Have You to Give to Your Community?" He urged the Kiwanians to give of their best to their community without hope of reward in order to make it a better place in which to live.

The speaker was introduced by Kiwanian J. Mark McAdams, superintendent of the Elkin schools, and formerly associated with Mr. Halfacre in the schools of North Wilkesboro. Kiwanian George E. Royall acted as program chairman.

Vocal selections were rendered by Misses Lena Sale and Frances Alexander, accompanied at the piano by Miss Peggy Royall.

D. J. Carter, president of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club, and W. E. Jones, a member of the Wilkes club and a former resident of Elkin, were guests.

AGGRESSORS IN RACE FOR BEST CZECH SECTIONS

Slovakia Is Invaded by Hungarian Troops

MAY AFFECT UNCLE SAM

Officials Believe Rich U. S. Czech Trade Wrecked by Present Events

NEGOTIATIONS PUT OFF

Green-clad troops of Adolf Hitler have marched into Prague, capital of Czecho-Slovakia, to completely demolish the last remnant of a once proud little nation, it was learned via radio news bulletins Wednesday afternoon.

However, Hitler's legions were not alone in the dash to absorb the remaining sections of the prostrate country, as Hungarian troops rushed eastward to clinch control of Carpatho-Ukraine. News bulletins were to the effect that the Hungarians were opposing the Germans and had linked with Polish troops.

Meantime, the march of the German troops into Prague was not as colorful and as triumphant as was expected.

YOUTH IS BADLY HURT IN CRASH

Willie Mullis Struck by Automobile While Riding Bicycle on Highway

CONDITION IS SERIOUS

Willie Mullis, 17, of Hamptonville, remains in a serious condition at Hugh Chatham hospital suffering injuries sustained when he was struck by an automobile Saturday evening while riding a bicycle. The car which hit the youth, who was said to have steered his wheel directly into its path, was driven by Lafayette Haynes, of Arlington. The accident took place on the outskirts of Jonesville.

Rushed to the local hospital, an examination disclosed the youth to be suffering from a skull fracture, internal injuries and lacerations. He was said to have been thrown completely across the hood of the car by the force of impact.

Mullis is a son of Wilson Mullis and the late Mrs. Mullis, of near Hamptonville, and for the last year has made his home with the family of his uncle, Robert L. Bell.

BILL PROVIDES DOBSON TAX

Surry County Seat Has Herebefore Been Free of Local Tax Levy

REAL AND PERSONAL

Dobson, county seat of Surry, which heretofore has been free of taxes, will enjoy that distinction no longer under terms of a bill introduced in the house of representatives last Friday by Representative Henry Dobson.

The measure provides that chapter 282 of the private laws of 1891 shall be amended to authorize the board of commissioners of Dobson to levy and collect tax on all property, real and personal.

The purpose of this, the bill sets forth, is to enable the commissioners to maintain the government of the community and to make necessary improvements.

The bill sets a limit of \$150 per \$100 valuation for taxes and also allows a tax of \$1.00 for each motor vehicle in Dobson.

Representative Dobson said he introduced the bill at the request of a number of citizens of the community.