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## Anti-Sales Taxers Continue Attacks In Sad Forecasts

### Declare Millionaires Would Leave N. C.

Key Corporations Would Dissolve,  
Movies Close, If McDonald  
Lumpkin Bill Passed.

RALEIGH, Feb. 21.—Most of North Carolina's millionaires will pick other states in which to die and pay inheritance tax; corporations will dissolve faster than snow balls under a July sun; the moving picture houses will close and there won't be anybody much left to pay taxes if the McDonald-Lumpkin plan to replace the sales tax is adopted, the joint finance committee of the general assembly was told this afternoon by a group of tax payers including the bankers, the telephone companies, the movie operators, the Pullman and other companies.

Not since the day that the proposal was made by the members from Forsyth and Franklin for this supplementary plan of taxation has it undergone such an assault.

"It won't raise the money that you are now getting and it will work an untold hardship on those who are fixed in North Carolina so that they can't adjust the burden by leaving the state or in some other way," said R. C. Vaughn, corporation lawyer and tax expert of Winston-Salem.

### First Time Heard

This was the first time that the committee had heard that. It had been told many things about the McDonald-Lumpkin plan including its several kinds of so-called perniciousness but among them was not that it would not raise the money.

Mr. Vaughn, brought to the hearing by the bankers, stood up stoutly under cross examination by the proponents of the plan; offered evidence a number of his own clients, one of which is a corporation doing a mercantile business for which he said he had already received orders to dissolve the charter should the McDonald-Lumpkin plan, providing for increased corporation taxes, be adopted.

Mr. Vaughn took McDonald's own illustration of the man with the untaxed income of \$1,310,777, a case that is supposed actually to exist in one county of this state and proved that by moving his residence this multi-millionaire could avoid paying an additional tax of \$78,646 a year.

## Late News

THE MARKETS  
Cotton, spot 12 3/4 to 13 1/2  
Cotton seed, ton 44.00

### Possibly Rain

Weather forecast for North Carolina: Partly cloudy and warmer Friday; Saturday cloudy, possibly rain.

### Override F. D. R.

Despite the threat of a presidential veto, the senate yesterday forced through the McCarran prevailing wage amendment by the narrow margin of 44 to 43. The amendment to the five billion dollar relief bill favors paying "prevailing wages" in whatever communities relief projects are under way. The vote came directly after the president's assurance that wage scales in private industry would not be lowered because of the \$50 a month "security wage" contemplated for relief workers.

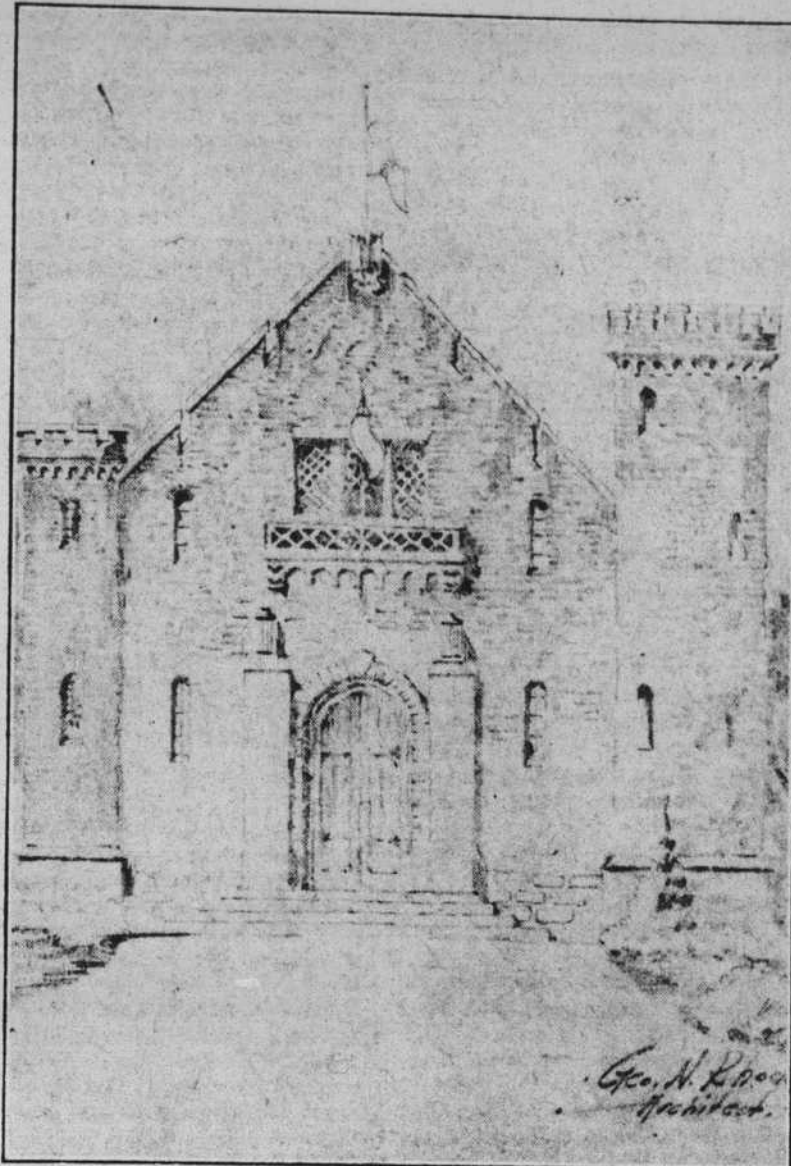
### Probe Mellon

Favored by a ruling that gave "every latitude" for investigation, the government yesterday dug deep into the records of Andrew W. Mellon and adduced evidence designed to prove the charge that the financier and former secretary of the treasury never divested himself of bank stock while holding his job with the government.

### Women Of Label League Serve An Oyster Supper Here

The Womens Label League composed of about 100 members, served an oyster supper at the Union Hall on S. Washington street Saturday afternoon and night from 5:30 to 7:45, according to B. L. Lowrance of the union publicity committee. Several hundred guests called and enjoyed oysters and other delicious string music was furnished by local talent. Quite a few business men patronized the supper. Seats were provided to serve 65 guests at a time.

## Proposed Legion Building



The new American Legion Building and War Memorial Hall, to be erected on East Warren Street and Jones Place, is expected to look like the accompanying architect's sketch. This sketch, however, will be re-designed to provide for a one-story instead of a two-story building. Advantage is being taken of the type of lot to provide a basement under part of the building. Proposed dimensions of the structure are 40 by 60 feet, with a basement more than half that length and of the same width. It is planned to build a frame structure—rock-veneered in front. The other three sides will be left boarded until post finances justify veneering the entire building.

## Battleground Commission May Seize Acres For Park

### Body Of Farmer Found In Woods; Was Father Of 11

B. B. Fitch Succumbs To Sudden  
Blood Pressure Attack; Hold  
Funeral Today.

Apparently a sudden victim of high blood pressure, to which he had been subject for years, B. B. Fitch, 74-year-old Cleveland county farmer, was found dead Wednesday night in a patch of woods near highway 18, seven miles south of Shelby.

The body was found by a Mrs. Owens, who lives nearby, and who said she came across it when she left the house to look for a strayed calf. She reported immediately to Sheriff Cline. The body was found at about 9 o'clock.

Mr. Fitch was the father of 11 children, all living, and 29 grandchildren. His wife also survives. He had for many years been a member of the Buffalo Baptist church. He lived on the W. P. King farm, five miles of Shelby.

Funeral services are being held today at 3 o'clock at the Elizabeth Baptist church.

## Each District Would Get Chance To Vote on Issuing PWA Bonds

Cleveland's chances of getting PWA help for repairs and construction of public schools depend upon the success of the bill written by County Attorney Peyton McSwain, which would allow districts and townships to issue bonds.

This bill, offered as a state-wide measure, will be offered as a local measure if it fails to pass in the first test. It must first be approved by Superintendent Clyde A. Erwin.

If the bill is passed in either form, then special district elections must be held. The voters can, if they wish, defeat issuance of the bonds.

Similarly, none of the PWA suggestions forwarded two weeks ago to Engineer Beatty at Chapel Hill by Shelby, by the county, Kings Mountain and Casar, can be carried through without special elections. All of them are tagged with

YORK, S. C., Feb. 21.—The Kings Mountain Battleground commission created by the South Carolina legislature in 1934 to facilitate the carrying out of the Kings Mountain national park project, took steps yesterday evening to prevent the threatened collapse of park plans resulting from the failure of the government to obtain options on 761 acres of land in the contemplated park area.

Meeting in the city hall with government representatives, the commission pledged itself to secure for the government without delay title to the land in question, either by purchase or condemnation.

By the act of the legislature creating the battleground commission, that body was given power to condemn land for inclusion in the proposed park. Condemnation proceedings against the Van Dyke lands of 160 acres and the Goforth lands of 601 acres now seems likely as the owners positively have refused to sell at the valuations fixed by appraisers.

JUDGE A. C. JONES SPEAKS  
TO KIWANIS CLUB HERE

Judge A. C. Jones of Gastonia municipal court, was the guest speaker last night before the Kiwanis club, outlining the civic benefits of the organization.

a cryptic "GOB," which means a general obligation bond—which isn't general at all. It is highly specific, and means an obligation not on the county at large, but upon the specific district. The county has never assumed the districts' school indebtedness, and is not likely to assume it.

So—before any PWA money can be obtained here, either for schools or for playgrounds, water tanks or the like, special elections must be held. Residents in taxable district, therefore, need feel no apprehension, therefore, that there is a possibility of their being levied against for new buildings, or other improvements so far removed from them that they would have no chance to enjoy them.

If bonds are voted, you'll have a chance to vote on them, and in your own district.

## Drivers' License Bill Is Approved By Lower House

### Jonas Forecasts Cost Of \$100,000

Amendments Delay Measure Sent  
Down By Senate; See Benefits As Tardy.

RALEIGH, Feb. 22.—North Carolina got a drivers' license law through the house on second reading by a vote of 105 to 4, the quartet that opposed taking the position that bill does not achieve its purpose.

The house session, running more than two hard-worked hours, all but caught up with its calendar, though it took on a lot of new stuff. Among the introductions was the recently revealed purpose to take one cent from gasoline tax to apply to road indebtedness of the counties. Representatives Jonas, Republican, and Bowie, Democrat, appear with others as introducers of the bill. Mr. Bowie apprised Chairman Cherry, of the house finance committee Monday night that the chairman must look for this measure and prepare for battle.

Sees Huge Cost  
The house had a long time getting the senate drivers' bill passed, but the delay was due to the amendments. It was the view of Mr. Jonas, who supported the bill, that it is almost useless, an expensive measure which will cost \$100,000 a year to administer. Mr. Lumpkin, of Franklin, advertising to the provision which liberates most current drivers from the regulations otherwise imposed, said it would take five years to get any benefit from the bill, but he went along with its supporters.

Return Solicitor's Bill  
The house recommitted the solicitor's salary increase bill, sending it to the appropriations committee. Sports all over the state will read with a thrill the passage by the house of the enabling bill which gives "state college" \$25,000 more with which to complete its stadium. Mr. Jonas, a university trustee, did not object, but he said he heard a lot about this thing two years ago and he was going to watch it to the end. Assured by Mr. Thompson of Wake, that not a penny comes from the revenues of the state, and that the state does not assume a farthing of financial obligation, Mr. Jonas accepted the passage but said he would keep on watching the bill.

## Last Rites Held For Mrs. Sweezy; Passes Suddenly

Funeral services were held today at 11 o'clock at the Friendship Methodist Protestant church, Fallston, for Mrs. G. T. Sweezy of the Ross Grove community who died suddenly at the home of her son, F. C. Sweezy, Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Sweezy was 56 years of age and had lived in Cleveland county all her life. Her husband preceded her to the grave only since Christmas, he being buried December 26 of last year.

Fogelman Is Pastor  
The Rev. H. F. Fogelman, her pastor, conducted the funeral rites. A large crowd of friends and relatives from the upper part of the county was present. She was known among them as a kind, devoted mother and church member.

Surviving Mrs. Sweezy are three children, Mrs. Ernest Wright, Fallston, F. C. Sweezy, Ross Grove, and W. P. Sweezy, of Stony Point. Two sisters and two brothers also survive. They are Mrs. W. C. Bridges, Beams Mill, Mrs. G. A. Wright, Fallston, John Norman, Polkville, and Frank Normah, of Gastonia. There are nine grandchildren.

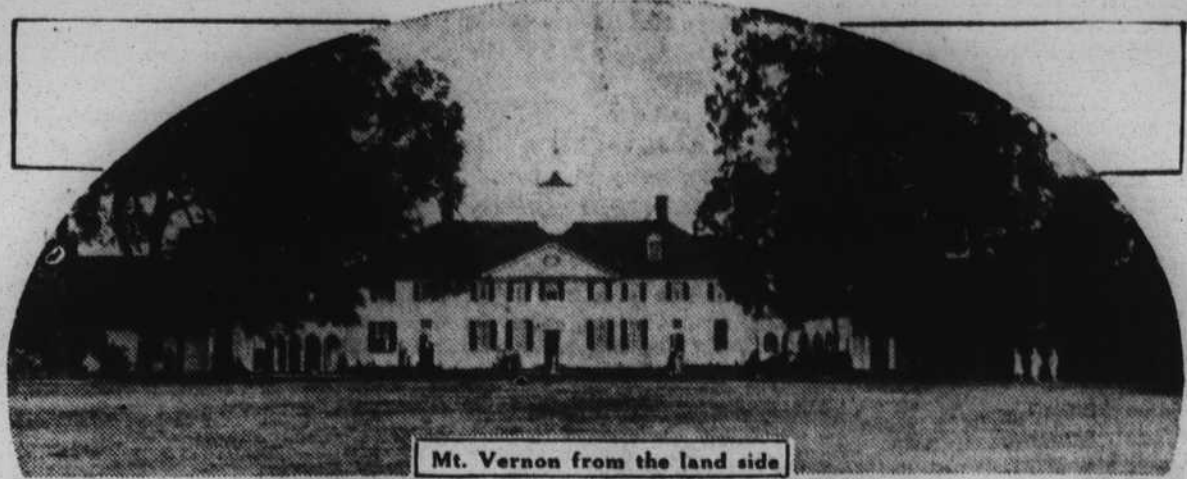
## Gilbert Falls Wins Honor At Boone

Gilbert Falls, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Falls of Kings Mountain, was recently elected president of the foremost literary society on the campus of Appalachian State Teachers college at Boone.

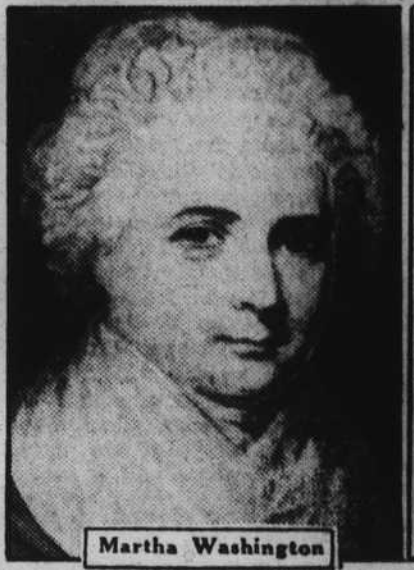
Mr. Falls who was nominated for the presidency of Rankin Wilson Literary society in opposition to Robert Swann of Long Island, N. Y.

Mr. Falls graduated from Kings Mountain high school in the class of '32. During the following two years he was a student at the University of North Carolina, where he had many true and loyal friends. Now the young man is working for a degree which will admit him to the educational profession in North Carolina.

## Nation Marks Washington's Birthday



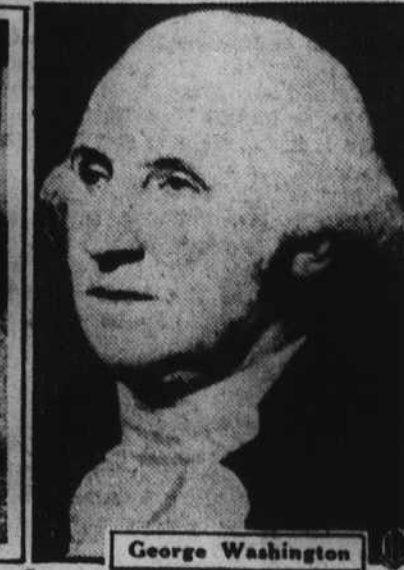
Mt. Vernon from the land side



Martha Washington



Sulgrave Manor



George Washington

Thousands will honor George Washington on the 203rd anniversary of his birthday, Friday, Feb. 22. Memorial rites will be held at Mt. Vernon, the Washington estate on the Potomac, and other historical spots. Stuart's famous portrait of

Martha Washington and the less familiar painting of Washington by Peale are shown above. Sulgrave Manor was the ancestral home of Washington's family in England before it moved to the Colonies.

## Plan To Use Unemployed Here In Making Furniture

### Miss Catlin Acquaints Advisory Committee With Relief Work And Future Plans; 500 Families In County

A cheap grade of hand-made furniture may be manufactured by relief labor in Cleveland county, if the plans of Miss Ruth Catlin, district relief administrator are carried out, she announced yesterday.

Miss Catlin called a meeting in the court house of the local administrator, Mrs. Ben Goforth, the welfare officer, Mrs. Holly Ledford and male members of the advisory committee, there being present three from Shelby and four from Kings Mountain.

Would Barter  
It is Miss Catlin's plan to use relief labor in the manufacture of baskets, chairs and other furniture that can be made without machinery and encourage relief labor to barter their output with farmers for foodstuff. The furniture making idea is a pet hobby of Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Miss Catlin revealed that there are only four cows now in the county, sent here from the drought stricken west to be fed and butchered for the relief pantry. She explained that a skin disease broke out among the cattle and it was sent elsewhere for dipping, feed and slaughter.

It was revealed that there are approximately 500 families on relief in the county. These families constitute 2,500 to 3,000 individuals. Unemployables are worked on projects and paid a minimum of sixty cents per week. She asked that the advisory committee make suggestions of work projects on which to utilize this labor.

Flight Of Old Fort  
The most distressed place in the fifth district comprising the counties of Cleveland, Rutherford and McDowell is Old Fort, where ninety percent of the population in on relief. The town was almost wholly dependent on the tannery, only industry which the town had. This was burned and never rebuilt. Business houses have been forced to close. The tannery will be re-opened as a relief project and thousands of hides from slain drought cattle will be sent there for tanning. The plan is to use the leather in making jackets for distribution among those on relief rolls.

## Women To Order Azaleas Next Week

Lovers of beautiful flowers and flowering shrubs and those who are particularly interested in azaleas are asked to get in touch with Miss Frances MacGregor, home demonstration agent. Her clubs are ordering these shrubs next week co-operatively.

She says plants ordered now will bloom this spring. The variety suggested for this area is Hinodgiri.

## Cline And Jolly Pursue 'Shiners In Sky-Top Hills

Cleveland Officers In Wild Chase  
As S. C. Distillers Flee In  
Mountainous Chase.

Back in the coves and valleys of Hog Back and Glassy Rock, where the sun is only seen at noon, where the cows have shorter legs on one side to keep from toppling down the mountain—and where the moon-shine comes from—Sheriff J. Raymond Cline and Gus Jolly clambered and puffed yesterday afternoon to heights only equalled by a Swiss yodeler's high C.

They went after stolen goods and came back with likker, 25 gallons of hilltop dew, distilled in the cauldrons of the folk Walter Hines Page called "Our Contemporary Ancestors," the Carolina Mountaineers.

Bouncing Up  
Joined by South Carolina rural police, they went into the rugged hills of Green county, S. C., ascending by roads of jagged ruts, bouncing like the awkward squad of a cavalry troop at full trot.

The roar of a shiner's Ford warned them as they topped Hog Back, and they gave chase, over tortured roads little more than buffalo paths. Finally, pursued by pistol bullets, the shiner leaped from his steam car and fled into the scenery, leaving some five gallons of mule in fruit jars. That was that.

On the way back, another likker salesman hopped out of the brush, riding a bucking Ford. He too whizzed away in practically all directions, and the officers chased him. They ran him off a culvert, where he left his wrecked car, and about 20 gallons of firewater.

Sheriffs Cline and Jolly returned to Shelby a little out of breath. The woods, they say, are full of 'em.

## Hoey To Address Rutherford Group

Clyde R. Hoey will be the speaker Feb. 26 at a meeting of the Young Men's Fellowship group of the Rutherfordton Methodist church. It is hoped to have Clyde A. Erwin, superintendent of North Carolina schools, as master of ceremonies for the supper.

## Wonderful New Cotton Varieties Mostly Fakes, Agronomist Warns

COLLEGE STATION, Raleigh, Feb. 21.—Beware of strange new varieties of cotton, warns P. H. Kime, plant breeding agronomist at State college.

Before planting time each year, he says "wonderful" new, or supposedly new, varieties are offered for sale with extravagant claims of their merits.

Some of these cottons may be new developments, he adds, but many are old varieties with fancy names; certainly they are seldom worth the high price asked for the seed.

Some unscrupulous dealers will offer inferior seed under attractive names and with high-sounding guarantees that mean nothing. Kime points out, for there are usually large loopholes in the wording

of these guarantees. However, he says, he is not advising growers against the adoption of a new seed type of a variety known to be good and suitable to their land.

"It is the seed of unknown origin and untested performance, offered by unreliable dealers, which is most dangerous."

Varieties thoroughly tested and known to produce high yields of good quality cotton and the staple length greatest in demand, Kime states, are as follows:

Coker Cleveland 884-4, Mexican strains 128-6, 87-8, and 8-14, Coker Cleveland 5-5, Humco Cleveland 5, Farm Relief and Carolina Foster, the wilt resistant group: Dixie Tri-umph No. 25 Cleveland Nos. 2 and 3, and Humco Dixie No. 14.

## Street Surfacing Project Approved For 18 Miles Here

### FERA Labor Ready To Begin On Job

Unofficial Word Received Here;  
To Cover Unsurfaced City  
Thoroughfares.

Official confirmation was lacking this morning, because of Mayor McMurry's sickness, but a report believed to be authentic was received here yesterday to the effect that the city of Shelby street building project had been approved by the FERA.

This would mean that some 18 miles of unpaved streets within the city limits would be immediately paved.

Details Lacking  
Approval of the project, which was submitted many weeks ago, is believed to have been received by Mayor McMurry, who has been confined to his home all week, suffering from influenza. Other city hall officials said they had heard the street plan had been approved, but had no definite information.

If this project is carried through, it will mean that a five-inch layer of crushed stone will be laid on all streets in the city not already surfaced. Later, it is planned to top this with a layer of asphalt.

The project will be under the supervision of works director Weaver of the district 5 FERA, with headquarters at Forest City.

## Campbell Named New Chairman of Merchant Group

R. E. Campbell was on Thursday named chairman of the Merchants department of the Shelby Chamber of Commerce and Merchants association and Joe Nash was named vice-chairman, election of both officers being unanimous.

Mr. Campbell succeeds George Wray, who has served for the past year, and will serve until around March 3, 1936. Decision was made at Thursday's meeting to establish the new office of vice chairman to which Mr. Nash was named.

Merchants by unanimous vote authorized Chairman Campbell to name a steering committee of not more than five merchants to act in an advisory capacity on matters of interest to retail merchants. This committee will be in addition to the secret advertising committee which passes on advertising schemes and whose membership is known only to the merchants chairman and secretary.

## Sauline Players Go To Junior College

BOILING SPRINGS, Feb. 22.—"Flaming Youth" a comedy of youth and romance, which was a hit in New York City for two years, will be presented here in the college memorial building tomorrow night by Mr. and Mrs. Josef Sauline and their star players. The play is being sponsored by the college.

## Mayor McMurry Is Improved Today

Mayor S. A. McMurry who has been confined to his home since Sunday with an influenza attack is reported to be slightly improved today. However, he is not expected to be at the city hall until after the first of the week.

## Masonic Degree Teams Will Meet

The Union Masonic degree team will meet Wednesday, February 27 for practise work in the second degree. All brother Masons are asked to be present.

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