

City Sidelights

Brief Items of News Picked Up Along Main Avenue—And Elsewhere.

—George Broom, who underwent an appendicitis operation at the City Hospital Sunday, was reported as resting well Tuesday.

—Members of the board of directors of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce will meet in the Chamber offices tonight at 8 o'clock.

—Members of the Philathen class of Main Street church school will meet at the church promptly at 6 o'clock this afternoon to go to the city lake for a picnic dinner.

—Today's clouds and cooling breezes have brought a delightful relief from many days of extreme heat in this section. Promise of rain and continued cool weather by the weather man is encouraging.

—This week's meeting of the Gastonia Kiwanis Club will be held at New Hope Presbyterian church at 6:30 o'clock Tuesday evening, with a picnic dinner served by the ladies of the church.

—C. Roy Morris, well known Gastonia business man, was reported by authorities at the Gaston Sanatorium as resting well today after having undergone an appendicitis operation there Saturday.

—Representative A. L. Bulwinkle will address the Gastonia Civitan Club at its regular meeting in the Masonic Temple on Wednesday of this week at 12:15 p. m. W. G. Gaston will be in charge of the program.

—Luther Rhyme, local colored man who suffered severe knife wounds at the hands of an unknown colored female assailant in Happy Hill Saturday night, was reported as resting comfortably at the local colored hospital today.

—Friends of Ned Leeper, well known local resident, will regret to learn that he is reported in a very serious condition today at his home on Chester street. Mr. Leeper suffered a severe relapse after undergoing an operation for appendicitis in a local hospital several days ago.

—The McArthur-Rhodes family reunion will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Nance, on the Gastonia-Bessemer City road, on Sunday, July 31st, it was announced today. All relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend and bring baskets.

—Otto Hemphill, 20-year-old colored youth who was allegedly stabbed just above the heart with an ice-pick by Matlow Tate, colored woman, Saturday night, was in a serious condition today, attendants at the local colored hospital said. Physicians still entertain hopes for his recovery, however. The Tate woman is still being sought by police.

—With the closing tomorrow of the office of John P. Clarke and Son, brokers, Gastonia will be without a direct broker's wire for the first time in many years. Rodney L. Cotton, manager of the local offices of this firm, has received notice that it will be discontinued July 27th. Two months ago the local office of Stewart and Co., was closed, leaving the Clarke wire the only one in town. Explanation is that the public is not buying or selling stocks and bonds. The cotton brokers will get their market reports from now on over the wires of the regular telegraph companies.

—Gastonia is urged to listen in from 8:45 to 8:45 tonight on a special American Legion Junior league baseball broadcast over the local radio station, WSOC, to be given in the interest of the Roanoke Rapids-Gastonia elimination series to be played on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week at 3:30 p. m., each night in the local high school stadium. Floyd Todd, of Gastonia, and Coach Bill Alligood, of Roanoke Rapids, will be heard on this program.

—Plans for increasing the volume of tourist traffic over U. S. Highway No. 29, "The Main Street of the South" will be developed at a special meeting of the executive board of the Piedmont Highway Association to be held in Danville, Va., Thursday of this week. This is the highway from Washington to New Orleans and passes through Gastonia. During recent months, as the result of efforts of this association, tourist travel on this highway has shown considerable increase.

Rudy Vallee Takes Up Law—To Keep Wolf A-Way When Crooning Ends

BOSTON, July 26. — (P) — Rudy Vallee is preparing for the time when his crooning days are ended—he's enrolled as a student at the Suffolk law school.

He is a sort of "out-patient" who does most of his work by himself, stopping in at lectures when stage and radio engagements permit.

Rudy says he's really serious about this business of learning the law, which is what he wants most to engage in when his crooning days end.

COUNCIL CUTS BUDGET \$60,000

School Budget Is OK'd

Calls For Total Of \$105,717.01 From City Tax Funds For 1932-33.

EIGHT MONTHS TERM IS DEFINITELY SET.

Actual Operating Expenses For Year Will Be Only \$93,105.70.

The city school budget calling for \$105,717.01 from the city's tax funds for the next school year, and authorizing an eight months term instead of a nine months term, was adopted by the city council Monday evening. The actual operating expenses of the city schools will be only \$93,105.70. The difference in the two figures lies in the matter of a deficit of \$10,211.31 and interest in the sum of \$2,400.

Last year the city schools required operating expenses of \$124,142.85. The total budget this year, including the amounts received from both the state and county, and from sources other than taxation is \$201,113.16. Last year this same figure was \$236,187.70.

Reductions have been made in many of the current operating expenses.

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Farmer Slain In Argument Over Bible

LUMBERTON, July 26.—(P)—Frank Prigden, 70-year-old farmer, was beaten to death at McDonald near here today during an argument over the Bible with Houston Williams who fled immediately after the beating.

Police placed bloodhounds on Williams' trail and spread out in a general search for him through the section.

A coroner's jury was impaneled immediately after the beating and coroner D. W. Biggs of Robeson county announced that Prigden was beaten to death by Williams with a pair of brass knuckles.

It was testified at the inquest that Williams, an employee of Prigden, struck the old man during an argument over a passage of scripture.

Williams was ordered arrested and held on a charge of second degree murder.

Prigden's wife, an eye witness to the killing, was the principal witness at the inquest.

She said her husband and Williams, who is about 30 years old, began their argument before breakfast and that each was angry when they went to work in the fields.

The argument was taken up again there and "the lie" was passed back and forth.

She said Williams' struck her husband only one blow, hitting him behind the right ear. Prigden dropped from the blow and apparently died instantly.

Extortion Plot Trial Delayed; Witnesses Away

WILMINGTON, July 26.—(P)—The trial of former Mayor P. Q. Moore, and former Police Chief J. J. Furlong, for an attempt to extort \$25,000 from Mrs. Jessie Kenan Wise, scheduled this week, may be delayed by the absence of state witnesses.

Solicitor Woodus Kellum said he would probably ask a continuance unless the missing witnesses are found by the time the case is called at this term of court, which is limited to one week.

RADIO STATION FOR NEWTON?

WASHINGTON, July 26.—(P)—Armand Ralph Gamache today applied to the Radio Commission for permission to construct a new station at Newton, N. C. Gamache requested permission to build a station to use 1,500 kilocycles, seven watts and asked to be allowed to broadcast from 7 a. m. to 5:30 p. m.

Heads Strikers



Leader of 6,000 striking hosiery mill workers in High Point, N. C., is D. V. Bradley, above. He is 27, has been a mill worker for 12 years, and is trying to re-establish a former wage scale.

City Council In Special Session

Several Matters Of Importance In Addition To Two Budgets Come Up For Discussion And Settlement.

The city council in session Monday evening, in addition to adopting the city budget and the school budget, transacted other business as follows:

Dr. R. H. Parker was heard with reference to the cut in his salary as meat and milk inspector. He was cut 20 per cent last year and 15 per cent this year. He felt that he could not adequately do the work required without some expense money. He said that he frequently drove his car from 400 to 600 miles a month, and often longer distances, in the work of the department of health.

A committee of councilmen, Kilian and McKelvie with the city manager was named to go over the situation and survey the field with Dr. Parker. A new milk ordinance becomes effective August 1st.

Representatives of the Gastonia and Suburban Gas Company and the Coca-Cola Company asked for a reduction in their privilege taxes. No action was taken.

The ordinance against the selling of melons by Gaston county growers was amended to provide that no one should sell within half a block of any retail store, and that permission should be had from the owner of the property.

The parking limit on Main and South streets, with the exception of the space in front of the post office was changed from half an hour to one hour. This was done at the request of the Gastonia Merchants' Association, who felt that half an hour was too short a time for shoppers to complete their trading in the stores.

There was some discussion about the excessive amount of lights, water and power used at the N. C. Orthopaedic Hospital. It amounts to about \$5,000 a year now. When the hospital was founded, the city of Gastonia promised free lights and water for a period of 25 years. It was not contemplated, however, that the hospital would reach the proportions it has, or that the annual power and light bill would reach such a sum. It was pointed out that the state of North Carolina was better able to pay these bills than the city of Gastonia is. It was decided to talk it over with the board of trustees. Several other matters of lesser importance came up for discussion.

Mellon Quells Talk Of His Resignation

NEW YORK, July 26.—(P)—Andrew W. Mellon, returning today on the liner Majestic, denied reports he intended to resign as Ambassador to Great Britain.

"That's news to me—midsummer news," said Mr. Mellon.

The Ambassador while on board the boat was not certain whether he would go directly to Pittsburgh or to Washington, but said he would spend no time in New York.

He declined to discuss the reason for his trip home, saying only: "There was a lull over there for the time, and I took advantage of it."

He refused to discuss debts or reparations or anything official.

Mr. Mellon received newspaper men in his stateroom aboard the Majestic.

"I don't want to make any statement about anything official or controversial," he told them.

Although he refused to discuss the situation, he said that he was keeping in touch with matters. He would go directly to Pittsburgh or to Washington, but said he would spend no time in New York.

The Ambassador refused to discuss the coming political campaign.

"I will do anything I can," he said. "But I did not come for that purpose."

He said he would return to England within two or three weeks.

Strike Deadlock Persists

Gronau And Crew In Readiness For Last Leg Of Ocean Flight

German Aviator Will Soon Complete Third Trans-Atlantic Proof Hop.

SHOWS FEASIBILITY OF SAFE OCEAN RUN

CARTWRIGHT, Labrador, July 26.—(P)—Captain Wolfgang von Gronau took off at 8:50 a. m., E. S. T., today for Montreal, continuing his flight from Germany to Chicago.

Ahead of him lay 1,000 miles, much of it barren country.

CARTWRIGHT, Labrador, July 26.—(P)—Capt. Wolfgang von Gronau, German aviator, and the three members of his crew prepared today to take off for Montreal on their way to Chicago after completing Capt. von Gronau's third trans-Atlantic flight to North America in as many years.

The veteran of three westward crossings by the northern route brought his flying boat down in Independence Harbor at 5:45 p. m., Eastern Standard Time yesterday after a 600-mile water hop from Iqviut, Greenland.

The ship covered the 600 miles in easy fashion, taking eight hours and twenty minutes.

The distance from here to Montreal, the next leg of the flight, is 1,000 miles.

Captain von Gronau is demonstrating as he was in his previous flights in 1930 and 1931, the feasibility of a trans-Atlantic air route from Europe to the United States by way of Iceland, Greenland and Labrador.

He took off from List, Isle of Sylt, Germany, last Friday. His crew consists of a second pilot, a mechanic and a radio operator.

The mechanic and radio operator also made last year's flight with him.

DISREGARDS HEAT

KINSTON, July 26.—(P)—While temperatures here have ranged as high recently as 103 degrees, John Thomas continues to wear all the clothes he owns.

Thomas, a negro, walks the streets with his gait somewhat slowed down by three pairs of trousers, three suits of underwear, several coats and a rain coat. Officers let him sleep on the floor of the county courthouse court room.

PROBE POISON DEATH

BURLINGTON, July 26.—(P)—Investigation into the alleged "poison death" of Duncan Stewart of Graham was scheduled to be resumed here today by a coroner's jury.

Stewart's wife and a former boarder at the Stewart home have been held without privilege of bond pending further investigation into the death of Stewart several weeks ago.

GUARD STRIKE AREA

CLARKSVILLE, Ark., July 26.—(P)—National Guardsmen patrolled the county jail and prepared to act in emergency today as troopers and county officers rounded up reputed leaders of the union miners who injured a coal pit boss in an attempt to stop non-union labor yesterday.

The roundup was launched late last night and the jail patrol established against further disorder as three men were arrested.

Business Looks Up

—By The Associated Press—

Bright spots continue to appear on the business map.

In addition to the advance in the securities markets yesterday, the following items were gleaned from the news:

The Tulsa (Okla.) world said the Consolidated Oil Company has made a profit the first six months of 1932, with economies assisting. The profit, the size of which has not yet been announced, contrasts with a loss of about \$20,000,000 reported for the corresponding period last year by the Sinclair and Prairie companies merged into the Consolidated concern last January.

At Fort Worth, Tex., the Williamson-Dickie Manufacturing Company, which makes clothing, is working a night shift for the first time in two years. Operators numbering 150 were added to the force. The Illinois highway department announced 8,400 men are at work on highway construction, a considerable increase over recent months.

More than 175 employees will be recalled to the Florence Stone Company of Gardner, Mass., which will go on full time.

William H. Parsons, New York engineer, said he plans to reopen soon an extensive quarry at Branchville, Conn., to mine silica, mica and felspar. That will mean jobs for 150 when the plan is in full operation, he said.

The Crosley Radio Corp., cut its net loss from \$144,957 in the three months ending June 30, 1931, to \$77,698 for the corresponding period this year.

At Superior, Wisconsin, the grain committee of the northwest shippers advisory board forecast that big crops in the near-northwest would require greatly increased transportation facilities. For grain alone, the forecast said, nearly three times the facilities used in July, August and September last year will be required in the similar period this year.

FITCHBURG, Mass., July 26.—(P)—A decided upward trend in the textile business in Fitchburg, based on new orders, increased production and the re-employment of a large number of workers, was noted today by heads of several plants.

The Shirreffs Worsted Company, a branch of the Aetna Mills, is working full time days and also has a crew of 80 on a night shift. A total of 250 workers will be employed at least until September 1st and indications are that a good fall business will develop.

The Arden Mills of the American Woolen Company are working full time with 50 per cent of normal help. There are 174 employed.

The Star Worsted Company reported it was employing two-thirds of its normal help until Sept. 1 anyway, and orders were still coming in.

The Fitchburg Yarn Company reported business picking up and a fairly satisfactory fall business in the offing.

The Fitchburg Duck Mills are working three days a week with full orders coming.

Mazze and Sharff, a firm of furniture manufacturers, which recently closed its business place, announced it was reopening.

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BANKS CONTINUE WITH CURRENCY ISSUE PLAN

WASHINGTON, July 26.—(P)—A stream of inquiries from National banks concerning the possibility of their issuing currency with government bonds as security as permitted under the Glass-Bohrer amendment to the home loan bill continued today to flow into the office of the comptroller of the currency.

The act permits National banks to issue the currency by depositing with the treasurer of the United States government bonds bearing not more than 3 3/8 per cent interest and paying a charge of one half per cent a year, together with the expense of turning out the money.

The act, operative for three years, would permit a maximum expansion of \$905,000,000 in the nation's currency.

While the names of a number of banks which inquired about the working of the law were made public yesterday, officials of the comptroller's office said today no further information of that kind would be announced.

Heiress Named In Divorce Action



Only last September a whirlwind courtship by Thomas Cartledge, well known in aviation circles, of Miss Jane B. Stetson, above, resulted in an elopement and marriage. But now the daughter of John B. Stetson, Jr., millionaire hat manufacturer, is being sued for divorce in Philadelphia.

Three Guilty Of Court House Theft

John Hope, confessed courthouse robber, turned state's evidence Monday to aid effectively in the conviction of Kathleen Wilkes and Maggie Means, Gastonia negroes who were charged with receiving stolen goods on Hope's statement in his confession that he gave them a considerable part of the \$1,500 county funds he admitted stealing from the safe in the courthouse office of County Treasurer E. L. Froneberger on Thursday, May 26th. Both negro women were declared guilty by a jury that brought in its verdict late Monday afternoon. Judge Wilson Warlick, of Newton, who is holding the present one-week term of criminal court here, has not passed sentence on any of the defendants yet.

Beginning trial of this case late Monday morning, Solicitor John G. Carpenter called only three state's witnesses, County Treasurer Froneberger, John Hope and Ed Mitchell, negro resident of Bethel, S. C.

Hope, who pleaded guilty, was represented by Attorney Wade H. Sanders. Appearing for the negro women were City Attorney Ernest Warren and Frank Carpenter.

Treasurer Froneberger told of discovering that the \$1,500 was missing early Thursday afternoon, May 26th, when he came back to his office after being out to lunch.

John Hope, the confessed robber, who was formerly employed as a janitor at the court house, affirmed a previous written confession in detail, saying that he used a pass key to enter the treasurer's office and got the money. He swore that he gave

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GOATS CLEAN PASTURE

ROXBORO, N. C., July 26.—(P)—Fifteen goats turned loose on new ground two years ago have completely cleaned the area of bushes and weeds and now W. K. Moore of Hurdle Mills is ready to seed the area with grasses for a pasture.

Mr. Moore said the goats had thoroughly prepared the area for seeding and that he was going to turn it into a permanent pasture while the goats worked on clearing another area.

Test Your Knowledge

- Can you answer seven of these test questions? Turn to classified page for the answers.
- 1.—When did China adopt the Gregorian calendar?
 - 2.—Name the straits separating Europe from Africa?
 - 3.—Which Macedonian King was a world conqueror?
 - 4.—What is another name for a sea mile?
 - 5.—What is the name of the most recently discovered planet?
 - 6.—Who was the author of "Gulliver's Travels"?
 - 7.—What is Speaker John N. Garner's middle name?
 - 8.—Who was Chairman of the Resolution Committee of the last Republican Convention?
 - 9.—How many persons comprise a Grand Jury?
 - 10.—Which state has political subdivisions called parishes?

City Tax Rate May Be Lower

See Possibility Of Cutting Tax Rate From Former \$1.32 To \$1.25.

SCHOOL BUDGET GIVEN FINAL APPROVAL STAMP

Complete Figures On 1932-'33 City Budget, Showing Items Of Reduction.

The city budget for 1932-'33, adopted by the city council in special session Monday evening, is \$60,000 less than that of last year and will probably call for a seven cent reduction in the tax rate, or a cut from the former rate of \$1.32 to \$1.25.

The grand total of the budget, including the school expenses is \$372,194.32. Of this amount, the sum of \$105,717.01 goes to the schools, leaving \$566,477.31 for the city. This latter sum is divided as follows:

General city funds	\$149,563.19
Light and water	\$123,737.40
Debt service	\$293,176.72

These appropriations for 1931-'32 were as follows:

General city fund	\$175,179.30
Light and water	\$137,637.00
Debt service	\$296,098.99

As will be seen from the above, there have been drastic reductions in the general city operating funds and in the light and water department. The first has been cut some \$25,000 and the other \$14,000. Other reductions have been made to bring the total up to about \$60,000.

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COUNTY TREASURER SHORT HALF MILLION

ARLINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE, Va., July 26.—(P)—A shortage of \$564,405 in the accounts of former Treasurer E. Wade Ball of Arlington county was alleged today in a report of state Auditor T. Coleman Andrews, filed with the county board.

The report charged a number of "kiting" checks to prevent detection of shortages in previous audits.