

# National, State Leaders To Attend Blythe Funeral

## GEORGE BLYTHE

### McGrath To Represent President

#### Federal Slotted 2 P. M. Tomorrow

By J. A. DALY  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Many men distinguished in national and state public affairs, including a personal representative of President Truman, will join with Charlotteans in paying solemn final tribute to Joe L. Blythe, 68, nationally known Democratic Executive Committee treasurer and construction contractor, at his funeral here tomorrow.

President Truman requested Senator Howard McGrath (D-Ill.) to represent the President at the funeral, which will be held at 2 P. M. in First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.

The North Carolina General Assembly ordered adjournment for tomorrow as a memorial to Senator Blythe. Gov. Kerr Scott, Lt. Gov. E. F. Taylor and other leading executives of the State Administration announced their intention to attend the funeral.

Members of the Senate will attend a service in tribute to their colleague. Numerous members of the lower House likewise will join the official contingent on the trip to Charlotte.

At 10:30 a. m. this afternoon, said that the list of State officials attending to attend the funeral.

General Harry McMillan, Washington, D. C., will be the chief of the funeral. Mr. McMillan, director of the State Bureau of Investigation, Agriculture Commissioner L. V. Ballentine, Motor Vehicle Commissioner L. H. Blythe, Jr., and other State officials will be in the Oaklawn Mausoleum, after the service at the church.

Senator Blythe's body was interred in the chapel here at 2 A. M. and will remain in the chapel until tomorrow morning. Then it will be removed to the home, where it will be held for the funeral.

President Truman in a message of condolence to the family.

### DIES SUDDENLY IN WASHINGTON

### State Senators Will Attend Blythe Rites

By J. A. DALY  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Senator Blythe, representing Mecklenburg County in the North Carolina General Assembly since 1939, died suddenly at 9:30 A. M. yesterday in Washington. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

Senator Blythe went to the national capital last week to attend the inauguration of the new President, Dwight D. Eisenhower. He was accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Blythe, and their two children.

Senator Blythe was a member of the House of Representatives from 1935 to 1939. He was re-elected to the Senate in 1945 and served until his death.

Senator Blythe was a member of the National Association of Manufacturers and the National Association of Manufacturers.

Senator Blythe was a member of the National Association of Manufacturers and the National Association of Manufacturers.

### Soldiers Following Gen. Chiang Thousands Quit Nanking Defenses

By SEYMOUR TOPPING  
SHANGHAI (AP)—Thousands of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's "personal troops" were following their "retired" leader south today, abandoning the Shanghai-Nanking defense area.

Immediately after news of this unexplained movement, Acting President Li Tsung-shan was reportedly reporting bringing 50,000 soldiers personally loyal to him into the Nanking sector from the Hanow front farther west.

The Communists, who the disintegrating Chinese Government in Nanking has been suing vainly for peace on almost any terms, meanwhile reported their unopposed advance southward had reached points only 30 miles north of Nanking by Sunday.

The Reds presumably were still nearer today.

The telephone operator at Pukow, Nanking's railway station on the north bank of the Yangtze River, said: "Everyone is going out here."

This apparently meant there were no Government troops left on the north bank to oppose the Communists march.

Also, planning to go to Nanking 50,000 troops that Acting President Li was bringing up were reported to be deserting from the Reds or to present themselves to the Communists from violating any cease-fire order.

This strongly suggested the possibility of Government faction mutinying or fighting among themselves. It pointed to the possibility that what remains of Nationalist China was rapidly degenerating to the days of rival warlords with personal armies.

The movement of Chiang's "personal troops" could have several meanings, none of which was clear to the outside world. They might be intended for his personal defense, for a last-ditch stand somewhere in the south, or for bargaining purposes with the Communists.

The last-ditch stand somewhere in the south, or for bargaining purposes with the Communists.

### A New Charlotte News Feature

### Cash For Identifying This Man

Who is the mysterious Mr. X? The Charlotte News today begins a unique contest which offers entertainment for all—and attractive prizes for some.

Today appears in The Charlotte News the picture of a front-page personality with a large white "X" across his face on the photograph.

He is someone known to all who read The Charlotte News. He has figured in the news for many years.

Today we are giving you the first clue to his identity. You will see the first clue under his picture.

Tonight between the hours of 7 and 8 The Charlotte News will telephone 30 people in the city and ask if they can tell us the name of Mr. X.

To the first person who answers we did not telephone him. The News will send \$10.

No more calls will be made tonight after Mr. X is identified.

The telephone numbers for tonight's calls will be picked at random from the Charlotte Telephone Directory. Members of the News family will not be called.

If no one of the thirty people telephoned tonight knows the name of Mr. X, then tomorrow we will supply another clue, and tomorrow night between 7 and 8 we will make telephone calls to 30 more people.

The first person tomorrow night to give us the name of Mr. X will be given \$20.

Who is Mr. X? He will get \$20.

And each day the name is not guessed, still another clue to his identity will be given.

If by 6 o'clock Friday night, no one has guessed the mystery man, the \$50 prize will be accumulated throughout the week will go to the first person to identify him.

A charity which each year guarantees Christmas cheer for needy families.

Here is your clue to the identity of Mr. X. (Another clue will be given tomorrow if his identity is not solved today.)

Clue No. 1—He is a native of New England.

A new contest with a new figure will be featured Monday.

Republican-sponsored tariff act and the closed door to the world's markets.

The Charlotte News, if you know the answer—if you think you have guessed the identity of Mr. X—

### Wants Tax, Bond Issue Separated

#### Tax Sought Even If Bonds Rejected

RALEIGH (AP)—Gov. Kerr Scott said today he wanted a one-cent increase in the gasoline tax—even if the people failed to approve his proposed \$200,000,000 bond issue for building rural roads.

The Governor has asked the General Assembly for legislation authorizing an election on the bond issue for the roads and a one-cent gasoline tax increase to repay the bond issue.

There has been persistent talk among legislators of the possibility of making the gasoline tax increase independent upon approval of the people of the bond issue.

"I think it ought to be entirely separate," the Governor said in response to questions as to his new proposal. "I don't think it ought to be mixed up."

The Governor then was asked if he thought it would be a one-cent gas tax increase should be used for a rural road building program if the people voted against approving the bonds.

"That's what I think ought to be done," he answered. The Governor pointed out that the Cherry Administration was able to use a \$400,000 surplus plied up during the war on the road building program, and he asserted that the gas tax increase or the bond issue would "have less money to spend" on roads than the Cherry Administration.

"We can't carry on even the highway program if we don't have the money," he said.

"We don't have a program to keep on primary road development," he said. "We have a program to keep on primary road development."

See SCOTT on page 5-A

### Western Rail Strike Looms

### Truman Again Calls For ariff Repeal

CHICAGO (AP)—The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen announced 25,000 engineers would strike against Western railroads starting Friday.

The dispute involves the brotherhood's demands for a second engine crew and a 10-cent raise.

J. P. Shields, first assistant general president of the Brotherhood, said the strike is set for 6 A. M. Jan. 31 in all time zones.

Shields said his efforts under provisions of the National Railway Labor Act.

The railroad industry has declined arbitration.

A spokesman for the Association of American Railroads issued a statement saying:

"The engineers' insist on additional engineers on all diesel engines. We told them no, as extra engineers are not necessary on diesel. The firemen have no coal to shovel and no fire to watch and can assist the engineer."

"Their purpose is to create a good, fast-paying job. The railroad has announced they will not arbitrate the dispute. The railroad has announced they will not arbitrate the dispute."

Members of the brotherhood started taking the strike vote late last night. The strike vote was taken by telephone.

Without a full interchange of trade, Mr. Truman wrote, "there can be no sure foundation for economic peace."

These are the major developments as Congress buckled down to hard work after three weeks of get-goings.

### Truman Again Calls For ariff Repeal

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman renewed his call on Congress today to repeal the 1940 Republican-sponsored tariff act and the closed door to the world's markets.

At the same time, the Senate got busy on a drive to kill the bill. The Senate has a closed door to the world's markets.

The House group hopes to approve by the end of the week a bill repealing the existing law minimum wage in interstate industry from 40 cents to 25 cents an hour. The bill may reach the House floor this week.

President Truman's request for authority to reorganize the executive branch of Government when and how he sees fit is the subject of a House Expenditures Committee hearing starting today. It is billed to run at least through tomorrow when former Budget Director Herbert Brownell will testify.

Both committees are considering a bill to increase the minimum wage from 40 cents to 25 cents an hour. The bill may reach the House floor this week.

President Truman's request for authority to reorganize the executive branch of Government when and how he sees fit is the subject of a House Expenditures Committee hearing starting today. It is billed to run at least through tomorrow when former Budget Director Herbert Brownell will testify.

Both committees are considering a bill to increase the minimum wage from 40 cents to 25 cents an hour. The bill may reach the House floor this week.

### Condolences To Sen. Blythe's Family

### Messages Of Sympathy Pour In

By EMERY WISTLER  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Messages of condolence poured into the home of the late Senator Blythe yesterday from all over the country. Many of the messages were from prominent citizens from every section of the country. Many of the messages were from prominent citizens from every section of the country.

Senator Blythe's body was interred in the chapel here at 2 A. M. and will remain in the chapel until tomorrow morning. Then it will be removed to the home, where it will be held for the funeral.

President Truman in a message of condolence to the family.

Senator Blythe's body was interred in the chapel here at 2 A. M. and will remain in the chapel until tomorrow morning. Then it will be removed to the home, where it will be held for the funeral.

President Truman in a message of condolence to the family.

### Egypt-Israel Talks Resumed

By J. A. DALY  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

RIHODES (AP)—Israeli-Egyptian negotiations resumed today after a brief period in which it was feared the talks had been broken off in failure.

The resumption may be temporary, but it is a sign of progress in the Middle East.

Members of the Egyptian delegation, including the Egyptian Minister of War, General Sirag, and other high-ranking officials, arrived in Cairo today.

The Egyptian delegation, including the Egyptian Minister of War, General Sirag, and other high-ranking officials, arrived in Cairo today.

### Pianist Faints During Service

### Klan Visits Chattanooga Church

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP)—A group of hooded men, known as the Ku Klux Klan, paid a complimentary visit to the Chattanooga Baptist Church last night.

The church pianist fainted and her husband resigned from the church.

The Klan visited the church last night.

The church pianist fainted and her husband resigned from the church.

### Man Dies In Dynamite Blast Near Columbia

COLUMBIA, S. C. (AP)—The accidental explosion of dynamite late Friday night killed one man and injured two others near Columbia.

The victim was identified as Mr. Arch Gray, 40, of Columbia.

The explosion occurred while Gray was working on a construction project.