

### Balkan Powder Keg Warmed By Recent German Movements

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Unofficial reports today placed Britain's losses at sea at slightly more than three million tons since the beginning of the war. Costly raids on British shipping have been admitted during the past few days.

On the African continent, British forces continue to score new gains while the war in Albania is apparently at a standstill pending the outcome of future developments by Germany.

In this country, the United States Senate, heading up the move to slow down defense, has virtually adopted a filibuster, and there is no reason to believe the lease-lend bill will pass this week. Just as Congress is delaying action, the effect of strikes is becoming more pronounced, and industrialists are securing new gains in Congress in the way of tax relief.

Given ample time, the United States will be bent and broke internally before Hitler is ready to come and take over.

Late reports state that the opposition has about spent itself, and that only one more two-hour speech will be directed against the lease-lend bill. While it is likely that the opposition will end its attack on the bill itself, considerable delay is expected in handling the debate on proposed amendments to the bill.

Two new strikes, neither of wide scope, were reported this morning, one in Toledo and one in New Jersey. Strikers withdrawing from Camp Davis at Holly Ridge have not materially disturbed the progress of work there, one report stating that more men were employed today than a week ago. No violence has been reported there. A few local people, participating in the strike, have returned to their homes here.

### Jamesville Team Is Ousted In Tourney

Jamesville's all-star entry was eliminated in the first round of the Gold Medal basketball tournament at Rocky Mount last evening by the Carolina Ramblers. Intra-mural team that wandered down from Chapel Hill to do battle with the Dudes. Jamesville's Brown and Diem, borrowed for the special event, led their mates, but the lads from the center of learning triumphed by a 38-23 score. Jamesville was the only team from this county entering the tourney as an independent.

The Jamesville and Bear Grass boys' basketball teams are entering the A. C. College tourney which gets underway the latter part of this week. Jamesville is the defending champion from last year's tourney in the B class.

Mr. Marvin Britton is in Richmond, where he went for a physical examination.

### Far East Commander



Commander-in-chief of the British Far Eastern forces is Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, whose conference in Sydney, Australia, with all heads of the defense services is reported to have decided course of British action in the critical area. The crisis arose from Japanese moves toward southern region of the western Pacific.

### Uneventful Session Held By The County Authorities Monday

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objections to the assessments. The board in its meeting took no steps to have a permanent grand jury established in the county, and four times each year a few citizens will be called into service to handle the multiple duties imposed on a grand jury.

The sale of timber on the J. D. Leggett property for \$425 was approved.

The board recommended that the road in Goose Nest Township leading from Highway 125 one mile south of the Halifax County line near Howell's Store and running north via Lester Morgan's, Robert Higgs', Dempsey Brown and others to the old Hobgood to Palmyra road be worked as a community road.

Supported by more than 100 signatures, a petition was placed before the board asking that they recommend to the State Highway and Public Works Commission that the road leading from a point near the residence of Will G. Hardison in Griffins Township via Dymond City to Pinetown be maintained by state forces. Leading citizens in Martin and Beaufort Counties signed the petition. It was pointed out in the petition that the Civilian Conservation Corps forces had widened the road to a width of 28 feet, that the heavy traffic over the route made it impassable, and that no organization is in charge of its upkeep. It was also pointed out that the road would link valuable farming territory on the east and west side of the old dismal swamp and reduce the distance between the two areas by about twenty miles.

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### Wets Are Having Their Say Today In The Assembly

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later than Friday of next week and possibly may fold up and withdraw about the middle of next week. Floods of local bills were introduced last night and today, and the committees are winding up their work. The homestead exemption plan was again reported unfavorably in committee, the action flouting the will of the constitution.

Last night the Senate passed on second reading the bill redistricting the Senate membership. The second Senatorial district will remain unchanged, leaving Dare, Hyde, Washington, Tyrrell, Pamlico, Beaufort and Martin in the district. The bill as it now stands gives the west an additional senator at the expense of the east.

A movement to increase superior court judges' pay has met with defeat. The nine-months school term was killed by committee, but a ninth salary increment for teachers was given favorable consideration along with a provision for the gradual addition of a twelfth grade to the State school system.

### Steps Up Output As Product Is Needed

Prime example of how the experience and manufacturing technique gained by certain U. S. industries during lean years when there was little demand for their products has become of great importance in meeting the sudden demands of the national defense program is the magnesium fabricating industry, says Wisner Brown, president of American Magnesium Corporation. His firm's output of magnesium castings has already been stepped up to 20 times the normal peacetime demand experienced by it in 1938. Now purchase of four buildings and land at Bridgeport, Conn., are to be used for further immediate expansion. Total employees of the concern's six plants now exceed 2,000, will be nearer 3,500 by mid-1942. 'Know-how' in fabricating magnesium (extremely volatile in the molten state) acquired during years when the industry was experimenting and attempting to develop a market is a valuable factor in making such speedy expansion possible, Brown said.

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### Legislative Review By County Representative

#### THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

With the exception of three minor wrecks, the highways and streets in Martin County were fairly safe during the seven-day period ending Sunday. While driving conditions during the period were not very favorable, motorists exercised care and discretion to go through the week without attacking human life and impairing limbs. Two of the accidents were reported by Sergeant L. L. Jackson of the Highway Patrol who classed them as minor. A complete report could not be had before the sergeant was called to Camp Davis for service during a strike there early yesterday.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

9th Week Comparison		Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge	
1941	3	1	0 \$ 30
1940	0	0	0 00
Comparison To Date			
1941	19	10	2 \$ 900
1940	18	13	0 \$1935

### Control Plan For Peanuts Is Given Approval by House

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bill is the best thing in the world that could happen to our peanut growers.

Under the bill, a national acreage allotment of 1,610,000 acres will be made. Of this, North Carolina is to receive 224,133. The measure provides that in no year may the acreage allotment be less than 95 per cent of this figure. Quotas will become effective for a three-year period only after peanut producers have signified their approval in a referendum by a two-thirds majority.

### Unbalanced Budget To Force Assembly Into Extra Period

#### Bill Would Eliminate Fertilizer Companies From Potato Farming

By CLARENCE W. GRIFFIN, Martin County Representative

Several days ago, some members of the General Assembly predicted adjournment by March 8. These hopes faded last week when the estimates on the Revenue Bill were revealed and it was learned that the Appropriations Bill was approximately two million dollars out of balance with the Revenue Act. I am sure that it will take at least an additional week to make the changes and reductions in the appropriations bill so as to bring it in line with the Revenue Act. Several State institutions received some small increases over those contained in the Advisory Budget Commissions' recommendations. A large portion of these increases will have to be taken away in order for the Appropriations Bill to conform to the anticipated revenue for the next two years.

The liquor question is being aired thoroughly before the committee. A rather stormy session was held last week and others are scheduled for this week.

The bill which would give the Supreme Court rule making power over the lower courts was killed last week on the floor of the House after a rather heated and bitter discussion. I do not think that this bill can be revived during this session. An act to allow the use of school busses to transport school children to the school houses one day before the opening day and one day after the close of the session has been introduced. The purpose of this bill is to enable the children to have their

books and be prepared to begin work on the opening day. This bill was given a favorable report in the committee and I rather expect that it will be enacted into a law.

Another bill introduced would permit the State to use \$10,000 per year from the contingency fund to aid Roanoke Island in putting on The Lost Colony. This could not be used except in case of a deficit in the operation of the project. The representative from Currituck County introduced a bill which apparently has for its purpose eliminating the fertilizer concerns from potato farming. This law would require furnishers of seed potatoes, fertilizers and other supplies to guarantee to the grower a net return of at least five dollars per bag on each bag of potatoes planted. The bill is still in the committee and it cannot now be said just what disposition will be made.

The Governor continued his efforts of reorganizing the various departments of the Government by supporting a bill to create a three-man Utilities Commission rather than the one-man commissioner with two part-time assistants which we now have. This bill will undoubtedly be passed.

The drug stores in the country will probably be interested in a bill which was introduced making drugs used in the last illness of a deceased person a preferred claim against the estate of the deceased. These drugs would be placed in the sixth class to be paid before unclassified debts.

Several bills have been introduced relating to the cost of car and truck license, none of which has been finally enacted into laws. The latest bill to be introduced would reduce the cost of car license from 35 cents to 30 cents per hundredweight. This bill is before the committee and has not yet been reported before the House.

It now looks as though it will be at least two more weeks before the session adjourns. If adjournment can be had within this time, this will still be a short session of the legislature compared to any of our previous sessions.

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### Cooperate In Local Dollar Days Event

In cooperation with the merchants who are sponsoring Community Dollar Days this week-end, E. and K. Grocery, The Soda Shoppe and Pittman's are advertising a number of specials in this issue. Both the Guaranty Bank and Branch Bank are extending a welcome to the visitors and homefolks who plan to shop here Community Dollar Days.

Mrs. Eloise Bennett entered a Washington hospital this afternoon for treatment of an arm injury received in a fall from her automobile here last week. She will be in the institution several days.

## WANTS

**FOR SALE — RED BLISS HOME** grown seed Irish potatoes. Joshua L. Coltrain. m4-7

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**FOR RENT — APARTMENT, FIVE** rooms, hardwood floors, bath with tub and shower, hot water, steam heat, electric range, Hotpoint refrigerator. Apply Mrs. Jim Staton. f21-5t

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**FOR RENT — ONE SIX-ROOM** brick residence, South Main Street. Good neighborhood. In Robersonville. C. L. Wilson, Robersonville, N. C. f14-8t

**N. C. U. S. APPROVED BABY** chicks are ready for you at Martin County Hatchery. Thousands weekly. Also started chicks. Hatches every Tuesday. Located on U. S. No. 17, south of Williamston. Prices are reasonable. J. C. Griffin, Prop. f18-tf

**READ THE NEWS AND OBSERV-** er for current events. 20c weekly, 15c daily only. R. E. Peele, agent. Williamston. n12-2a T-tf

**WANTED: SECOND-HAND BABY** stroller. Call or see Mrs. David Hix. m4-2t

## Notice to Landowners of Martin County

You are hereby notified that the Board of Commissioners of Martin County will meet as a Board of Equalization and Review for its first meeting on Monday, 17th day of March, 1941, at 9:30 A.M., at the Agricultural Building in Williamston, N. C., for the purpose of hearing Complaints of Taxpayers with respect to valuations placed upon their real estate.

Monday, March 17th, 1941, citizens of Jamesville, Griffins, Williams and Bear Grass Townships will be heard at the Agricultural Building.

Tuesday, March 18, 1941, citizens of Williamston, Poplar Point and Cross Roads Townships will be heard at the Agricultural Building.

Wednesday, March 19th, 1941, citizens of Robersonville, Hamilton and Goose Nest Townships will be heard at the Agricultural Building.

### This Monday, March 3rd, 1941

## R. L. PERRY

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD.

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Star Corned Beef Hash 25c | 48 lb. Snowdrop Flour \$1.85

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### Bargains in Groceries Feeds, Etc.

10 pounds MEAL . . . . . 25c	Purina PIG CHOW . . \$3.25
5 pounds MEAL . . . . . 14c	90-day SPRING OATS \$3.50
1 lb. Luzianne Coffee .25c	LIQUID SMOKE, qt. \$1.45
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