And Southeastern North

Carolina

V. F. W. Will Address

Meet Thursday Night

ing of the Veterans of Foreign

Wars of Wilmington in the court-

house Thursday night at which

time Otis N. Brown, of Greensboro,

Commander Brown, one of the

youngest men ever to be elected

is scheduled to arrive in Wilming

He will be greeted by city and

lowing a conference with post and

auxiliary members, he will be the

o'clock.

as follows:

honor guest at a luncheon at 1

The mass meeting, to which the

public is invited, will open at 7:15

clock with Norwood S. Westbrook,

The program in full for the visit

Arrive 8:15 o'clock: Greetings

9 o'clock: Conferences with post

1 o'clock: Lunch and sightseeing

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IS AMONG LEADERS

Month Of January

Total \$904,439

The district kept pace with the

five leading districts, New York,

Massachusetts, Philadelphia, Mary

ahead of four other districts in the

January collections represented

an increase of \$51,200.80 or approxi-

mately five per cent when compared

with collections of \$858,193.05 for

The total included collections re-

ceived at the Wilmington headquar-

ters port for the district and the

following eight sub-ports: Winston-

Salem, Durham, Gastonia, Reids-

ville, Beaufort, Morehead City,

Collector of Customs Hill said

that customs collections in the dis-

trict amounted to \$6,243,656.17 for

approximately two per cent when

511,882.16 for the sam e seven

months period for the 1939 fiscal

Elizabeth City, and Washington.

Hill said.

CUSTOMS DISTRICT

from committee, city and county

officials, post and auxiliary members

members and auxiliary.

by Mr. Brown and the meeting is

local post commander, presiding.

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DEMOCRATS PICK CHICAGO FOR 1940 CONVEN

Saunders Is Indifferent Call For New Canatorium Sounded To Charges Against Him;

Urgent Needs Of Institution Are Explained

Trask Proposes That County Appropriate Funds For Additional Units

WESSELL GIVES VIEWS

Says Old Building Is Infested With Termites And In Need Of Repair

he Red Cross Tuberculosis Sanathe Red Cross Tuberculosis Sana-torium corporation and physician oldest member of the U. S. suin charge of the institution, last preme court and last of the "connight voiced the urgent need for servatives," pictured in Washingmight voiced the urgent need for hew and larger quarters for the hospital.

His statement followed a proposal

His statement followed a proposal County Commissioner George ask at the meeting of the county ommissioners appropriate funds for ne construction of three or four new rooms at the institution.

Need More Space Trask said he knew of where a patient was suffering from severe case of tuberculosis but ould not gain admission to the anatorium due to the lack of

The board did not take any acon on Trask's proposal. Harry lardner stated that he thought the equest should come from the auorities of the hospital themselves

Dr. Wessell said last night the embers of the board appreciated National Commander in Chief of rask's efforts, but said that new the V. F. W., will be the principal fill the need. ne old building, he said, is about years old, is of frame construcon, is infested with termites and commander-in-chief of the V. F. W. baily in need of repair.

Dr. Wessell said he and other ton at 8:15 o'clock Thursday mornnembers of the board have, on ing. previous occasions, asked the city the institution, but added they members with a police escort. Folhave met with refusals due to the fact that the hospital is not publicly owned.

The sanatorium is owned by a private corporation, named the Red (Continued on Page Ten; Col. 2)

WEATHER

FORECAST North Carolina and South Carolina:
Rain Tuesday, clearing late Tuesday
night: Wednesday generally fair,
slightly colder in west and central
with police escort.

(Meteorological data for the 24 hours Index for the 24 nours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday).

1:30 a. m. 43; 7:30 a. m. 41; 1:30 p. m. 59; 7:30 p. m. 50; maximum 62; minimum 40; mean 51; normal 47.

Humidity

1:30 a. m. 62; 7:30 a. m. 59; 1:30 p. m. 32; 7:30 p. m. 54.

Precipitation

Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., 10ne; total since first of the month, 10ne. throughout city and county.

Tides For Today High

Wilmington 8:27a 3:04a 8:27a 3:04a 8:42p 3:34p 6:36a 6:96a 6:44p 11:50p Sunrise 6:53a; sunset 5:35p; moon-rise 5:42a; moonset 4:35p.

Cape Fear river stage at Fayetteville, 11 feet.

Washington, February 5.— (P)—
Weather bureau records of temperature and rainfall for the 24 hours ending 8 p. m., in the principal cottongrowing areas and elsewhere:
Station High Low Prec.
Alpena, cloudy 35 28 04
Asheville, cloudy 55 32 0.00
Atlanta, rain 43 37 0.36 John Bright Hill, collector of customs, reported yesterday that he North Carolina district of the United States custom service maintained its leadership among the top ten districts in the country with collections totaling \$904, 439.85 for the month of January.

Asheville, cloudy
Atlanta, rain
Atlatte Citly, clear
Birningham, rain
Boston, clear
Buffalo, cloudy
Chiego, cloudy
Chiego, cloudy
Cincinnati, cloudy
Cleveland, rain
Dallas, cloudy 0.02 land, and Chicago, and remained Cleveland, rain
Dallas, cloudy
Denver, cloudy
Detroit, cloudy
Duluth, cloudy
El Paso, cloudy
Galveston, cloudy
Hayre, cloudy
Jacksonville, cloudy ahead of four other districts in the 0.04 first ten, New Orleans, San Francisco, Norfolk, and Los Angeles, Jacksonville, cloudy
Jacksonville, cloudy
Kansas City, cloudy
Key West, cloudy
Little Rock, cloudy
Los Angeles, clear
Louisville, cloudy
Meridian, cloudy
Miami, clear 0.00 the corresponding month in 1939. Miami, clear
Miami, clear
Minn, St. Paul, cloudy
Mobile, rain
New Orleans, cloudy
New York, cloudy
Norfolk clear
Norfolk clear Norfolk, cloudy
Norfolk, clear
Pittsburgh, rain
Portland, Ore., rain
Portland, Me, clear
Richmond, cloudy
St. Louis, cloudy
San Antonio, cloudy
Sarvannah, cloudy
Vicksburg, cloudy
Washington, cloudy
Wilmington, cloudy
Wilmington, cloudy 0.00 trict amounted to \$6,243,656.17 for 0.00 the first seven months period of 0.00 the 1940 fiscal year, a decline of 0.40 compared with the total of \$6,-

McReynolds. Won't 1 **Another Big** Push By Reds

> Watch Karelian Isthmus. Lake Ladoga Regions For New Developments

AIR RAIDS RESTRICTED

Finnish Headquarters Official Denies Russian 18th **Division Destroyed**

HELSINKI, Feb. 6 .- (Tuesday)-P-Finnish soldiers watched the Karelian isthmus and the Lake Ladoga regions today for the next madoga regions today for the next major development in the war with Rusdra had a lot of Christmas mail sia, but reports abroad that the Russian 18th division had been destroyed three blocks away. In answer to were denied by a headquarters representative.

The spokesman said the report of

The spokesman said the report of he annihilation of the division apparently arose from the fact that a decisive development north of Lake Ladoga, in the Kitela area, had been awaited for days since the Soviet Commander In Chief Of offensive there had been stalled and many Russians were cut off from their supplies.

Seeks To Divert Finns Some observers interpreted eavy attack at Summa, on the Karelian isthmus, as a Russian attempt to diver the Finns from the Ladoga region and relieve the two divisions eported stranded there.

Instead, the Finas have been bor ing into Russian positions north of the lake and yesterday's communique announced the taking of a new speaker, were announced last night stronghold, the killing of 500 Russians and the capture of seven tanks and other war materials.

The Finnish populace hoped today for a repetition of yesterday's general snowfall which blotted out the countryside so successfully that air raids were restricted to a few scatommissioners for aid in revamping county officials, post and auxiliary tered districts, chiefly along the purported letters from southwestern coast.

Woman Killed One woman was killed and seven women and children were injured are forgeries."

and seven houses were destroyed (Continued on Page Ten; Col. 6)

PAVING OF FRONT STREET ADVANCED

Two Additional Blocks Are Scheduled To Be Re-Opened To The Public Today

James E. L. Wade, city commis sioner of public works, said yesterday that, barring unfavorable weather conditions, two additional blocks on Front street, from Market to Chestnut, will be opened for public use this morning at 7 o'clock. Two other blocks on Front street from Orange to Market streets were reopened to traffic on Saturday as

Hill Reports Collections For scheduled, Commissioner Wade said. Works Projects administration forces are now preparing two and a quarter blocks on Front street from

is laying the surface. The final base was being laid today on the block between Chestnut and Grace streets and workmen will result of the accident, the negro northern end of the city. Officers the second put Allison down for the return tomorrow morning, weather conditions being favorable, to the Bulluck hospital last night under cess street. Officers said that gointersections south of that point, charges of concealing and trans-Commissioner Wade said.

Letter Of Thanks



"Bunny" Glatt writes Sondra Roosevelt for the new mail box now located only a few feet from Roosevelt

DIES GROUP ACTS

Refers Charges Pelley Letters Were Forged To Justice Department

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.-(AP)-The Dies committee decided today to refer to the justice department for "appropriate action" its charges that letters purporting to link its chairman, Rep. Dies (D-Tex), with the Silver Shirt Legion were forged.

Announcing this action, the committee said it was presenting to the department "indisputable evidence and testimony showing that William Pelley to D. D. Mayne placed in the Congressional Record appendix of January 22, 1940,

Pelley is the leader of the Silver Shirts. The letters made it appear that there was some understanding between Dies and Pelley.

The committee's request for justice department action was the third received by Attorney General Jackson.

Rep. Hook (D-Mich) who put the letters in the Congressional Record, previously had asked a grand jury inquiry, and today a government official asked for an investigation to spike reports of a dinner party "plot" to end the committee on unAmerican activities. "Charges that proceed from suppositions through inferences to er-

roneous accusations can be answer-

F. D. R. Weary Of Many Third Term Queries

Says Attempts Of Newsmen To Make Him Discuss Issue Are Amusing

HE PRAISES NEW DEAL

Points To Big Advances In National Income, Dividends And Exports

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL HYDE PARK, N. Y., Feb. 5-(AP -President Roosevelt used up the better part of an hour today to emphasize that he was weary of being harrassed about his third term in tentions.

Too, indirectly he pumped figures favorable to the New Deal at some of those who want to succeed him in the White House.

Attempts of newsmen to lure hir into disclosing his stand on a third term, the President said at a press conference, have been awfully amusing and have produced some perfectly grand wise cracks on his part and theirs.

Suggests They Quit Suggesting that they quit trying to draw him out, however, the chief executive declared that when any thing was said it would be at a time chosen by himself and not by news paper editors. After all, he asserted, you can drive a willing horse to death-both the press and the Presi-

term antics at his press conferences it was by indirection that Mr. Roose velt supplied an answer to critics of his domestic policies.

like New York County District At- night, when more of the tourney favtorney Thomas E. Dewey, Senator Taft (R-Ohio), and Frank Gannett, speeches in which they have cam

dential nomination. Nor did he speak of some execu. crowd yelling from 8 o'clock until deadly weapon. tives of the American Federation of after all. Labor who took potshots at the Nev Deal yesterday from Miami, where the Federation's executive commit-

tee met. porters a list of figures, with a few spoonds. Without larger than his game to populate the spoonds of the spoo comments interpolated, which we's down to the floor. Taylor, who tips case and the general opinion is that designed to show there were big ad- the beam at 232 pounds against the greater part of the week will be vances in national income, wages Liles' mere 176, was master of the spent on the trial. and salaries, factory payrolls, farm situation throughout. Liles carried income, dividend receipts, exports, the fight to his opponent most all McPherson and Burroughs at the and non-agricultural employment the way and one time nearly drove latter's filling station on the Tabor between 1932 and 1939.

ed only through a finding of facts ures, he commented, to take on and were telling the tale. Still in the (Continued on Page Three; Col. 3) (Continued on Page Three; Col. 1)

Man Hurt While Fleeing From ATU Officers Here

jured early last night when his Grace street to the Atlantic Coast car overturned several times on after they had chased Andrews that looked a bit harder than the Line depot for the contractor who the Princess street road while he for about 12 blocks through the was fleeing from Alcohol Tax Unit city. officers.

The accident occurred about o'clock, ATU agents said, and came

The negro was first sighted comwas being held under guard at gave chase and he raced out Prin- ten count.

it. That's for you boys to worry about," said John Saunders, proprietor of a purported magazine business. azine publishing house here, as he sat in his jail cell yesterday "If they'd let me alone," and listened to o icers read five additional warrants against "They can't do nothing but

Hearing Scheduled Today

put me in jail, and I'm already It can't be no worse Preliminary hearing for Saun-

"I don't care no hing about

ders, who was arrested about weeks ago, will be held this morning in recorder's court before Judge Alton A. Lennon. He is accused of obtaining money under false pretense and passing worthless checks in a

against him. "That's an unlucky number," he said. "I wish somebody would take out another one.' His arrest followed complaints by several of his employes that he had charged them money to

total of 13 charges now lodged

work for him and they claimed he was using the mone; in the operation of his purported mag-

Saunders said, "we would have had the paper out by now and we would have some real money. Them addleheaded wom-The accused embezzler seemed

to be enjoying life to the fullest as he languished in his cell and remarked, "It's pretty clean in here. I been in dirtier jails than this."

Saunders has contended throughout the investigation the firm was financed by Charles Cartwright, but police have checked throughout the coal mining sections and have found no trace of him. The police in Charleston, West Virginia, reported to be his home and the headquarters of the publishing firm, said they could find no

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Excellent Battles Open Golden Gloves Meet Here

Novices Show Plenty Of Form And Open Division Lads Release Dynamite

Before a house which would not hold another spectator, the fourth annual Star-News Brigade Boys club Golden Glove tourney was opened at the New Hanover High school last night with some of the best fighting which has been seen here in years. Even the Novice looked better than the inexperienced boys of last year

the Open division packed dynamite

in their punches, which they aimed, generally, with rifle-like accuracy. 22 Fights Tonight Another fast set of fights . . He took no note by name of men in all. . . has been scheduled for to-

The results follow: Tiny Taylor won a decision in the Liles, of Raleigh.

Taylor, much larger than his game between 1932 and 1939.

his opponent off his feet, but all the City highway in the Beaver Dam time greater weight and strength section last December in what of thir dit was Liles who carried the fight to his opponent, taking his punshment and dealing out what he could. He was game. . . one of the gamest. . . and the crowd was

> Red Vance Beard, of Lumberton won over Doc Allison, of Charlotte, in 34 seconds of the second round with a clean knockout.

as just too much.

Red, using a good left and a right one he had a year ago, soon had his opponent down for a nine count early in the first round. Two hard Josh Johnson won a decision over

LARGE CROWD ATTENDS STAGE PREPARED **FOR NORRIS CASE**

Number Of Minor Trials for San Francisco and, in some Are Cleared In Columbus Superior Court

WHITEVILLE, Feb. 5-The stage vas set tonight for the opening of the trial of Gaston Norris, 25-yearold Columbus county farmer charged with the slaying of Frank McPherterms he was tired of all the third the Open division makes and the saying of Frank McFrief-December, in superior court here tomorrow morning.

District Solicitor David Sinclain has announced that he will ask the

A number of minor cases It would be hard to pick out any cleared from the docket toda;, as a foremost position in the move to newspaper publisher, who have lam one fight as the best of last night's preparations were made to call the draft Mr. Roosevelt for an addibasted the administration in presentations. There were decisions Norris case tomorrow. Most of to-.. some of them close. . . and there day's cases consisted of pleas of paigned for the republican presi- were knockouts, technical knockouts guilty to charges ranging from and what have you which kept the simple assault to assault with a

> Judge J. Paul Frizzelle has ordered a special venire of 100 men for candidate. Introducing Farley, Gar-Tiny Taylor won a decision in the jury duty in the case, which has atopen heavyweight class over B. Huck tracted considerable attention in ficient national chairman in fifty this section. More than 100 witnesses have been

seconds, litterally pounding him summoned in connection with the

Norris is charged with shooting section last December in what officers termed a "jealousy" slaving Norris' wife and two children were in McPherson's car at the time.

the gamest. . . and the crowd was with him till the end. But Taylor **COTTAGES BURNED**

> Fire Of Undetermined Origin Levels Buildings At Loss Of \$5,000

ELIZABETHTOWN, Feb. 5.-Fire of undetermined origin destroyed five cottages at White Lake early last Today's night with an estimated loss of approximately \$5,000. Three of the cottages belonged to

W. M. Corbett and Sons and two to T. L. Lucas, of Fayetteville. Mr. Rhyme Corbett carried no insurance and it is not known here whether Mr. Lucas' loss was covered by insurance or not.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Marshall, who occupied one of the cottages, were away from home at the time and all their furniture and household fixtures were burned. The other cottages were unoccupied. Because of White Lake being froz-

en over, it was impossible to bring the Corbett fire fighting equipment, which is located over the lake, into use. Last night was the first time that the equipment has been needed. This is the first time in five years that the lake has been frozen over. The fire was finally halted by tilting over two cottages in the path

of the flames. The fire was kept

from spreading somewhat by the lack

of strong winds.

Power To Set **Meeting Date**

ESTABLISHED 1867

Decisions Reached At Meeting Of Executive Committee In Washington

HOUSTON BID REFUSE

Farley Says Roosevelt Favored Taking Convention To Illinois City

By RICHARD L. TURNER WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 .- (AP)-The democrats chose Chicago. enter of pro-third term activity. as their 1940 convention city today and left it to National Chairman James A. Farley to set the date, resumably after he learns when he republicans will meet.

These decisions were reached at n excited and sometimes turbulent neeting of the party's national committee, which saw Houston, Texas, in Vice President Garner's own state, vainly offer \$200,000 for the convention, \$50,000 more than Chicago's bid.

Philadelphia Second Chicago's nearest competitor, in

act, was Philadelphia, which also offered \$150,000. For a moment, it appeared that Philadelphia might win, but then members from western states who had cast their votes cases for Houston, switched to the Illinois city. The final count was Chicago 48, Philadelphia 38, San Francosco 7 and Houston 2. One of ner himself.

After the meeting, Farley told newsmen that he understood President Roosevelt himself favored taking the convention to Chicago. He indicated he would announce the date for the big party meeting after the republican national committee selects its time and city at a meeting here on Feb. 16.

Chicago, the scene of President Roosevelt's original presidential nomination in 1932, is also the home of the powerful Kelly-Nash demowere cratic organization which has taken tional term

Exchange Felicitations Today's meeting was notable, too, for a warm exchange of felicitae tions between Farley, who is widely regarded as a presidential aspirant, and Garner, an outright

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ALLIED WAR BODY AGREES ON PLANS

Complete Accord Reached On Measures Assuring **Greatest Collaboration**

PARIS, Feb. 5.—(P)—The Allied supreme war council, meeting for the fifth time since the beginning of the European conflict, was reported tonight by the war ministry to have reached "complete accord" on measures "assuring the greatest efficacy of French-British collaboration."

("It can be assumed that the war in Finland took a prominent place in the discussions of the Al-(Continued on Page Ten; Col. 2)

Cash-Raising

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Charge Your Ad If You Like

porting non-taxpaid liquor. (Continued on Page Ten; Col. 6) (Continued on Page Three; Col. 3) CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMER TORPEDOED OFF IRISH COAST BY NAZI SUBMARINE

LONDON, Feb. 6.—(Tuesday) (AP)—Britain counted new losses today in the relentless war at sea as the 9,874-ton Canadian Pacific steamer Beaverburn was reported torpedoed off the Irish coast a few hours after the minesweeper Sphinx. crippled by German air raiders. sank as she was being towed

to port. Mystery shrouded the sinking of the Beverburn, which was announced in a terse bulletin by the authoritative British Press association. No details on the number of casualties was immediately available. Shipping circles said it was

unlikely that full details would

he known until rescue vessels

had picked up survivors.

Owners of the ship, a fast freighter plying between Liverpool and St. John, New Brunswick, said she carried a crcw of between 100 and 200 men. A competent source there was reason to believe that all except one had been rescued.

The foundering of the Sphinx, a vessel of 875 tons, brought to 24 the total number of British naval vessels sunk since the start of the war. The Beaverburn was the first Canadian ocean going ship reported sunk by torpedo since the start of the war. Fifty-four of the 100 men

aboard the Sphinx were feared

lost. Five were known to have

been killed by Nazi bombers

which ranged British east coastal waters Saturday attacking at least 11 ships. The, minesweeper's engines

were disabled and as she was being towed into an eastern port the tow-line snapped and the Sphinx capsized. Built in 1938 at a cost of

about \$500,000, the Sphinx was the third minesweeper Britain lost. The other two went down in November. Naval observers regarded Germany's three air attacks last week on shipping off the exposed east coast as a prelude to sharper efforts to establish a real "bomb blockade" and to renewal of the Nazi submarine campaign in an effort to offset Allied maritime strength.

Britain said three raiders were shot down Saturday but in the first two raids. Monday and Tuesday, all the German warplanes escaped, apparently unscathed.

British military experts asserted, however, that swift expansion of the Allied fighting forces and munitions in-dustries had blacked out Germany's chances of winning a spring "blftzkrieg"—lightning

The land and air power of the belligerents, these experts declared, is approaching a tie -making a weapon of exhaustion the best bet for Britain and France to try to win the war.