

# SENATE PASSES BILL FOR MORE LOANS TO FINNS

## Project Contest Winners Are Announced OFFERS TOTAL OF \$20,000,000 TO REDS' FOES

### Sports Arena Proposal Tops Lengthy List

### Suggestion To Develop City As Industrial Area Is Awarded Second Prize

### MANY IDEAS OFFERED

### Star-News To Prepare New Program For Development Of City And Area

Heading the list of projects suggested in the Star-News civic project contest was a sports arena, seating 7,000 persons and suitable for industrial displays and convention sessions.

The other two leading suggestions were: Development of Wilmington's natural and acquired suitability as an industrial area.

Creation of a Southeastern North Carolina health center for negroes, with the recently-completed Community hospital as a basis.

The winners: These three civic development suggestions, submitted in order listed by Father J. A. Manley, E. M. Allen, of Masonboro Sound, and the Rev. J. J. Howze and E. W. Butler, president of the Negro Ministerial Alliance and Colored Citizens' League, were announced yesterday by R. B. Page, publisher, as winners of the first, second, and third prizes in The Star-News community improvements suggestions contest.

Fifteen additional \$1 prizes will also be awarded, the publisher said. Announcement of these winning suggestions will be made in groups of five.

Other meritorious suggestions of the more than 200 submitted will be printed from time to time. All suggestions received during the contest period will be studied.

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### BROWN AND FIVE OTHERS PAROLED

### Local Negro Was Serving Long Term For Second Degree Murder

A. (Alfred) Brown, negro, sentenced to from 20 to 30 years on a second degree murder charge in New Hanover superior court in July, 1935, was one of six prisoners paroled in Raleigh yesterday by Governor Hoyer.

Brown, who at the time of the slaying was an operator of a restaurant on Campbell street, was charged with shooting George James, negro, on June 21, 1935.

Brown claimed at his trial that James came into his cafe and tried to hold him up and that he shot him in self-defense.

Sheriff C. David Jones said last night that the negro had been an A-grade prisoner for the past two or three years and had served as a cook both at state's prison and at the prison farm.

Other prisoners paroled were Dewey Potter, sent up from Hay-

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### WEATHER

FORECAST: North Carolina: Occasional rain in east and central and rain changing to snow in extreme west portion, somewhat colder Wednesday; Thursday generally fair, colder on the coast.



This "awkward squad" of ski tyros is part of the first contingent of army volunteers from Canada and the United States to arrive in Finland. They are being instructed by a Finnish expert. Photo taken by Eric Calcraft, NEA Staff photographer in Finland.

### PUMP OPERATORS' MEETING SLATED

### Conference For Firemen To Be Conducted Here On March 20 And 21

An initial pump operators' conference, to be staged by an extension of the North Carolina Fire College and Drill school working in conjunction with the recently established bureau of education of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, will be staged here March 20 and 21 for pump operators of fire departments all over North Carolina.

Sherwood Brockwell, state fire marshal, announced the conference here yesterday after completing plans in a meeting with Chief J. Ludie Croom, of the Wilmington Fire department.

Chief W. H. Palmer, of Charlotte, first vice-president of the International association, will be present for the conference and will explain a manual recently published by the International association of fire pump operation, care and maintenance, as well as explaining the objectives of the educational activities of the International association.

Chief Croom, Second Assistant Chief J. M. Grimsley and Brockwell will also be on the faculty of the conference which will also be attended by W. G. Allen, of At-

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### TAMMANY DISTRICT LEADER ARRESTED

### G. O. P. Leader Also Charged With Extorting \$34,833 In State Contracts

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—(AP)—William Solomon, an influential Tammany district leader, and Charles H. Mullins, a republican assistant deputy state comptroller, were arrested today on an indictment accusing them of having extorted \$34,833 for negotiating \$750,000 in state contracts for the Burland Printing Company, Inc.

They were taken into custody in the office of District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey when they arrived there, with counsel, at the prosecution's request. Both pleaded in-

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### Observance Of Fire Laws Is Requested By Cooper

### A. C. L. Porter Saves Child At Crossing

DOTHAN, Ala., Feb. 13.—(AP) Fellow employes of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad today hailed Will Gibson, negro porter, for his heroism in saving the life of four-year-old Crawford Kennedy.

Gibson was flagging at a crossing when the child ran past him into the path of a passenger train. The negro dived across the tracks just in front of the engine, sweeping the child with him. Both tumbled to safety by inches.

The porter got up, dusted off his overalls and handed the lad to a conductor, who returned him to his home nearby.

### HUDSON INQUEST SCHEDULED TODAY

### Several Witnesses Are Summoned To Testify At Bur-gaw This Afternoon

BURGAU, Feb. 13.—An inquest into the death of W. A. (Bill) Hudson, 69-year-old Hampstead reclus who was found shot to death near his home last Tuesday, will be held in the Pender county courthouse here Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

George Millis, 35-year-old white man of Hampstead and neighbor of Hudson, is being held in jail here for the slaying.

Officers of Pender county and the SBI have announced that Millis signed a confession last Saturday admitting that he struck Hudson with an axe, shot him with a shotgun and robbed his pockets of \$11.

Millis, they said, implicated three negroes who are being held in jail as witnesses in the slaying.

Coroner M. O. Pope said that he thought the negroes "know something about it." He said that evidence showed that even if they were not present at the time of the killing that they knew about it afterwards. All three of the negroes have denied any knowledge of the case.

The coroner said that seven or eight witnesses have been summoned.

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### STEADY PROGRESS MADE ON CENSUS

### Jeter Says 60 Per Cent Of Business Firms Have Been Visited Here

Harold H. Jeter, census enumerator for New Hanover county, said last night steady progress is being made in the business tabulation now under way and stated that about 60 per cent of the business firms in New Hanover county have been visited.

All business reports must be in Washington by April 1, Jeter said, and from that time they will be tabulated and compiled into composite facts and figures.

He said no information regarding the census and the information gained therefrom can be released locally. None of the facts will be released to the public until late summer or fall.

The census of population will begin on April 1. The county, divided into 12 districts, will be canvassed by 12 enumerators and the count must be completed within two weeks.

This information also will be released only from the bureau headquarters in Washington.

Jeter said more than 250 applications for these 12 jobs have been received. They will be awarded through the district office in Lumberton following an examination of the applicants and will be given out on merit only.

### Swann Wins And Barnhill Loses In Atlanta Fights

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 13.—Jimmie Swann, Wilmington "buzz-saw" fighter and defending Southeastern U. S. flyweight champion, knocked out Richard Kelley, of Fort Benning, Ga., in one minute and 15 seconds of the first round here tonight in the second night of the regional Golden Gloves tournament.

Harry Barnhill, light-heavy member of the Wilmington, N. C. Star-News team, was knocked out in the second round tonight in his match with Earl Dixon, of Atlanta.

Three other Wilmington fighters are scheduled to see action tonight.

Henry Gilliken vs. Willie Hall, of Fort Benning; Vance "Red" Beard vs. Dewitt Bell, of Macon, Ga.; and Tiny Taylor vs. Scrapper Donoho, of Fort Benning.

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### ALSO ASSISTS CHINESE

### Measure, Passed By 49-27 Vote, Also Provides For Loan To China

### BILL SENT TO HOUSE

### Two Amendments By Taft And Danaher Are Beaten Down During Debate

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—(AP)—Voting 49 to 27, the senate today approved legislation to make possible additional loans of \$20,000,000 each to Finland and China.

The bill, passed over the protest of a group which hotly contended that the action was an "entering wedge" for later loans to Great Britain and France, now goes to the house.

Without naming either Finland or China, the legislation would increase the lending authority of the Export-Import bank by \$100,000,000 and permit it to extend future credit grants to a maximum of \$20,000,000 for any one country. The money would be used for the purchase of non-military supplies in this country.

Amendments Rejected  
In the course of the debate, the senate rejected two amendments—one by Senator Taft (R-Ohio) to cut the proposed increase in lending authority to \$50,000,000 and a second by Senator Danaher (R-Conn) to forbid the bank to make loans to governments.

Meanwhile, the senate foreign relations committee received from Secretary Hull a letter opposing the application of the Neutrality Act to the undeclared war between China and Japan. Although the letter's contents were not made public, the administration is known to feel that invoking the act would help Japan and hurt China.

At the same time, the senate banking committee postponed action on a proposal that the treasury abandon its program and policy of purchasing foreign silver. A subcommittee had approved the proposal, but many committeemen felt that the views of the State and Treasury departments should be studied before action was taken.

George Leads Opposition  
Senator George (D-Ga.) took a leading part in the opposition to the Finnish proposal. Pending was a measure to increase the lending authority of the Export-Import bank by \$100,000,000, with authorization to lend up to \$20,000,000 to any one country. Finland already has borrowed \$10,000,000 from the bank. China is also expected to seek additional credit if the bank's lending authority is increased.

"There is already a feeling growing up that we may be drawn into the European war," George said. For this reason, he contended, the United States should take extreme care about any step that could be interpreted abroad as unusual.

Senator McCarran (D-Nev) denounced the proposition as an "en-

### Joseph Kennedy Refuses To Run For Presidency

### Ambassador Says Energies Should Not Be Diverted From Present Post

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—(AP)—Joseph P. Kennedy flatly refused tonight to enter the presidential race, declaring that his job of ambassador to England in these times of strife "involves matters so pre-vious to the American people" that his energies should not be diverted.

Only a short time before, friends of the Bostonian had announced that a state of delegates pledged to him would be entered in the Massachusetts democratic presidential primary April 30.

Papers Obtained  
Nomination papers for such pledged delegates were taken out by John F. McCarthy, Boston attorney, who said Kennedy would file the authorization necessary under Massachusetts law.

But Kennedy, financier and business man who long has been prominently identified with the

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### BRITAIN CALLS FOR 10,000 FISHERMEN VOLUNTEERS TO FIGHT GERMAN RAIDS

LONDON, Feb. 13.—(AP)—Britain sent more planes to scout vulnerable spots in German territory today and called for 10,000 fishermen volunteers to combat Nazi Germany's three-dimensional sea warfare which daily claims new victims.

A venturesome Heinkel bomber was chased from the mouth of the Thames river in a 14,000-foot dive attack by three British Spitfire fighters, the air ministry reported. Its communique said the Spitfires made "effective hits" on the Nazi bomber and it last was seen heading eastward in the darkness.

The house of commons defeated, 186 to 119, a labor motion recommending government ownership and operation of British railroads in place of the existing plan under which the government uses and controls the transport lines and guarantees a standard income.

Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain, before the house of commons, told a questioning member that the government, in welcoming United States Undersecretary of State Sumner Wells, would "take him fully into their confidence" so that President Roosevelt can get a clear estimate of the British side of the war.

Wells is leaving for Europe on Feb. 17, to visit London, Berlin, Rome and Paris, on an information-gathering tour for Mr. Roosevelt.

From French bases British scouting planes dived deep into Northwest Germany despite frigid flying weather and the opposition of Nazi pursuit planes. All the British aircraft were reported to have returned safely.

The admiralty's call for 10,000 fisherman volunteers was tied in with Britain's naval expansion program. Since the war started 10,000 fishermen already have entered the navy to help fight the German campaign against British shipping.

Latest British marine casualty list was the 290-40 British trawler Togimo, whose 11 survivors reached the Irish coast after 28 hours in an open boat and reported a German submarine sank their ship with more than a score of shells. One man was killed and three were wounded.

Another of the fishing fleet on which the British rely to supplement their imported meat supplies—the 226-ton trawler Gurth—was wrecked on the east coast. Her crew of nine was saved.

Other victims of German attempts to isolate Britain by undersea boats and mines, surface raiders and aerial bombings were:

The Norwegian motorship Snel-

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