

## HOUSE PASSES PLAN TO EXTEND TRADE ACCORDS

### County Board To Push Airport Paving Proposal

#### Drainage And Top-Soil Work Is Completed

Chairman Hewlett Says Application Will Be Made To WPA From Project

#### QUARRY MAY BE USED

Two Paved Runways Would Be 1,000 Feet Long And 100 Feet Wide

With a complete drainage system installed and top-soil work completed, the New Hanover county board of commissioners is now planning to go ahead with its original plans of paving runways at Blue-church airport.

#### WORK IS STARTED ON SEAPLANE BASE

Thirty-Five Negro Youths Engaged In Construction Of Base Here

Mrs. Julia B. Hussey, NYA supervisor for New Hanover county, reported yesterday that work has been started on the NYA seaplane base project at the foot of Greenfield street.

#### WEATHER

FORECAST  
North Carolina: Mostly cloudy and warmer Saturday, followed by rain in west portion Saturday afternoon and in east and central portions Sunday, slightly colder Sunday.

#### Speaks Tonight



NEWMAN R. THURSTON

#### EXCHANGE LEADER WILL SPEAK HERE

Representatives From Carolinas Clubs Will Honor Thurston Tonight

The vanguard of the expected 130 representatives of all Exchange clubs in the Carolinas began arriving in Wilmington last night for the meeting today in honor of Newman R. Thurston, of Grand Rapids, Ohio, president of the National Exchange club, who arrive this morning for an official visit to the city.

Mr. Thurston will speak tonight at 7:30 o'clock at a banquet in his honor at the Cape Fear hotel, using as his subject, "Tangible Assets of Life."

#### N. C. BEEKEEPERS SELECT HUGGINS

Wilmington Man Is Named President At Annual Meet Of Association

F. L. Huggins, of Wilmington, was elected president of the North Carolina State Beekeeper's association at the closing session of its annual meeting in the customhouse yesterday afternoon.

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Other officers elected were: vice-president, C. C. Thompson, of Mountain Park; secretary-treasurer, F. B. Meacham, of Raleigh; and executive committee members, C. I. Sams, of Raleigh; and G. E. Curtis, of Graham.

#### William Strickland Not Figure In Burgaw Case

On January 27 The Wilmington Morning Star published a report from its correspondent in Burgaw stating that William Strickland, of Burgaw, had been committed to jail under \$1,000 bond, on a charge of forcibly entering one of the dormitories of the colored high school in the northern part of the city.

#### Soviet Army Makes Gains On Finn Line

Thrusts Forward At Several Points But Loses 3,000 Men In Battles

#### DEFENDERS USE FORTS

Several Factors Favor Finland's Army As It Continues Great Resistance

By THOMAS F. HAWKINS  
HELSINKI, Feb. 23.—(AP)—The Russian army thrust forward at several points along a jagged 30-mile front in an intensified drive through the western half of the Mannerheim line today, but at tremendous cost, losing nearly 3,000 killed in a single day's bitter combat.

The Russian penetration at one point reached to within ten to 12 miles of Viipuri—to the vicinity of Naykki lake, roughly four miles northwest of the amara railway station, where fighting began Thursday, according to today's communiqué.

Costly Advance  
If this meant that the Soviet advance was part of a major offensive to celebrate today's 22nd anniversary of the forming of the Red army, it was a costly one, and one which failed to win Viipuri, as the Reds had suggested they might do to celebrate the occasion.

The Russian dead, said the communiqué, approximated two battalions—about 2,000 men—in one sector and 8200 in another in the fighting on the isthmus.

The widened front and the indication of the slight Soviet advance toward Viipuri, together with the fact this was acknowledged by the Finns, might seem to present a highly serious picture for the defenders, but there were several additional factors.

#### PROJECTS CONTEST PRIZES AWARDED

Final Five One-Dollar Prize Winners Are Announced By R. B. Page

The awarding of prizes in the Star-News civic improvements suggestions contest was concluded yesterday with the announcement by R. B. Page, publisher, of five additional \$1 prizes.

Winners are H. F. Newkirk, Jr., Herbert W. Slack, Arthur Xanthos, W. W. Storm and F. D. Weaver.

#### Others To Be Printed

Prizes to the \$25, \$15, \$10 and \$5 prize winners will be mailed out in a few days. It is planned to print all worthy suggestions not winning prizes in groups from time to time.

#### Marina Needed

"In my opinion, we as a community would fill a 'crying' need, if we provided a strong, well lighted municipal dock for the accommodation of visiting private yachts. As matters stand now, there are but few responsible captains' with a private yacht in their command, that will risk their charges and take them to the city."

#### Seeks Divorce



ALICE FAYE

#### ALICE FAYE FILES SUIT FOR DIVORCE

Actress Charges Cruelty, Does Not Make Alimony Request

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 23.—(AP)—Alice Faye, blonde film actress, filed suit for divorce today against Tony Martin, radio crooner. She charged cruelty.

Her two-page complaint alleged that for 18 months, Martin "inflicted grievous mental suffering" upon her, causing her "to become physically and mentally ill." Such treatment, it added, "was without cause or provocation" on her part.

It included no request for alimony and made no mention of any property settlement.

Filing of the blonde actress' suit bore out her declaration that "it was inevitable" she and Martin should part, and gave weight to Hollywood's axiom about long distance marriages seldom being successful.

Her brief statement of last midnight is so similar to those of Dorothy Lamour and Bette Davis and Binnie Barnes and Madeleine Carroll, some of recent memory, that they might have come from the same stencil.

Alice said, "Tony's a grand person, but we simply didn't have a marriage."

Tony, who didn't catch on in the movies the way Alice did, has been away for months at a time for stage and radio engagements. He has been a traveling troubadour almost continuously since he and the blondest of the movie charmers were married in September, 1937.

"We did our best to make a go of it," added Tony in Miami. "There doesn't appear to be anything else but a divorce."

And so it always goes—"inevitably"—with Hollywood wives who are separated from husbands by miles and oceans.

Lamour made a similar statement when she officially broke up with Herbie Kay, musically busy.

#### WPA Starts Construction Work At Robeson Schools

Work of erecting or improving buildings at seven Robeson county schools was started this week by WPA forces, L. J. Jordan, area supervisor, said last night.

At some of the schools, he said, the new construction is to enlarge the present facilities, while at others new buildings are being built. Work on three of the buildings got under way the first of this week and the ground work of the other four has been started.

#### Hore-Belisha Urges Allies To Fight Reds

Ousted British War Minister Calls For Real Moves To Save Finland

#### CELEBRATION STAGED

Crowd Acclaims Men Who Won Rio Plata Victory Over Graf Spee

By ROBERT E. BUNNELLE  
LONDON, Feb. 23.—(AP)—Great Britain and her French ally, feinting cautiously at Germany in western Europe, were exhorted boldly tonight by Leslie Hore-Belisha, ousted war minister, to make real war on Soviet Russia on land, air and sea—to save Finland and to shorten their own ordeal by fire.

This revealing and vigorous speech was delivered by the forthright, unchastened Hore-Belisha to his parliamentary constituents at Devonport on a proud day for this island at war.

#### ROSE ADDRESSES WHITEVILLE MEET

Members Of Columbus Legion Post Celebrate Its Tenth Birthday

WHITEVILLE, Feb. 23.—Whiteville's American Legion post celebrated its 10th anniversary with a turkey dinner here tonight, with Junior K. Rose, of Greenville, commander of the State Department of the Legion, delivering the principal address of the evening.

R. L. Sholar acted as master of ceremonies at the session, which was held at the Whiteville hotel.

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#### EXTENSION OF ALLIES' BLOCKADE SEEN AS STEP TO HALT GERMAN IRON TRAFFIC

By ELMER W. PETERSON  
COPENHAGEN, Feb. 23.—(AP)—Allied action in thrusting an arm of the blockade against Germany into the Arctic off northern Norway, Finland and Soviet Russia was interpreted here tonight as possibly aimed primarily at halting German transport of high grade iron ore from Kirkenes, northern Norwegian port.

Scandinavian commercial circles said they believed a secondary motive was the blocking of any effort by German vessels which may be taking refuge in Murmansk, Russia's ice-free port in that region, to get back to Germany.

Likewise there was no support for rumors that a clash with the Soviet Arctic navy already had occurred.

Both Norwegian and Swedish iron ore is loaded at Kirkenes, a modern little port with a good harbor.

Commercial circles pointed out that as a rule ships must proceed outside territorial waters there, on account of the weather, before gaining the shelter of the numerous islands dotting the Norwegian coastline.

They said they believed the British intended to safeguard their own shipments of ore from Kirkenes while trying to check the flow of supplies to Germany.

#### Pledges Louisiana Clean-Up



Turning from his smashing ballot victory over Gov. Earl K. Long, brother of the late Huey Long, Louisiana's next Governor, Sam Houston Jones, 42, declares his objectives will be to "restore constitutional, democratic, decent government and to put Louisiana on a sound financial basis." The Lake Charles attorney is pictured with his wife as he heard of his triumph.

#### Excess Weed Sales Levy Enforcement Demanded

RESOLUTION ADOPTED  
Action Taken At Conference Of AAA Officials, Farmer-Committeemen

RALEIGH, Feb. 23.—(AP)—A resolution calling for strict enforcement of a 10-cent a pound penalty on tobacco sold in excess of marketing quotas was passed today at the closing session of a three-day conference of AAA officials and farmer-committeemen.

The resolution was endorsed after J. B. Hutson, assistant AAA administrator, had warned that the record-breaking tobacco crop grown last year would affect prices of this year's crop.

Price Outlook  
"It would appear," said Hutson, "that prices for the 1940 crop would be somewhere near those for the 1939 crop."

The assistant administrator warned that if quotas were exceeded this year, or if the world consumption of tobacco should drop, allotments for 1941 might be smaller than those for 1940.

"If growers plant well within or below their 1940 allotments, and if world consumption is maintained at present estimated levels, the acreage allotments for next year probably will be as large as those for this year," Hutson said.

An increase in the domestic consumption of tobacco was cited by Hutson as a "favorable factor" in the flue-cured tobacco situation. He said domestic consumption in the last seven years had been at a record level—approximately five per cent above that of the corresponding period in 1939.

The use of cigarettes has increased 5.3 per cent over the same period last year, he added.

#### Hope Short, Alabama Quadruplet, Succumbs

JASPER, Ala., Feb. 23.—(AP)—Hope Short, one of Alabama's 41-day-old quadruplets, died about 7 o'clock tonight.

The infant's death was attributed to bronchial pneumonia.

Hope had been under an oxygen tent and had been receiving glucose injections since yesterday.

Condition of the other quadruplets—Faith, Charity and brother Franklin—was reported excellent. All weigh about four pounds. The babies weighed approximately three pounds each when they were delivered Jan. 14 in a coal-miner's shack near Nauvoo, Ala., by the light of a kerosene lamp.

#### STRIKE IS VOTED BY LONGSHOREMEN

Plan To Walkout Here And Other Ports Unless Pay Demands Met

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 23.—(AP)—Longshoremen striking coastwise boats at eight Atlantic and Gulf ports voted today to strike at midnight Saturday, unless their demands for a pay increase are met, it was learned from James L. Bernard, maritime labor board representative.

#### Hull Program Approved On 216-168 Vote

Continuation Resolution Is Sent To Senate, Hearings Planned Monday

#### THREE YEAR EXTENSION

Republicans Aided By Scattering Of Democrats, Battle Legislation

By RICHARD L. TURNER  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—(AP)—The house gave the administration its first great victory of the session tonight with a vote extending the reciprocal trade agreements program for a period of three years.

The continuation resolution, passed 216 to 168, goes next to the senate, where the finance committee plans to begin hearings on Monday, with Secretary Hull as its first witness.

The republican leadership fought the legislation to the end, assisted by a scattering of democratic members from farm and cattle sections particularly. These members have been in rebellion against the program on the ground that tariff reductions effected under it have injured the producers of their districts.

#### Triumph For Hull

In addition to being a victory for the administration, the vote was in the nature of a personal triumph for Secretary Hull, and one which some thought might increase his prestige as a potential democratic presidential nominee.

Hull issued a statement tonight saying "I am, and I am sure the supporters of the program everywhere are, immensely gratified at the vote."

Hull had fought for such a program for years before he became secretary of state in the Roosevelt cabinet. Arguing that a revival of world trade depended principally on the elimination of such trade barriers as high tariffs, he obtained congressional approval for a three

#### NLRB PROBE BODY GIVEN MORE FUNDS

House Votes Another \$50,000 To Continue Special Investigation

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—(AP)—Without a word of debate, the house voted today to give another \$50,000 to its special committee investigating the Wagner act and the national labor relations board.

Chairman Smith (D-Va.) disclosed later that the first \$50,000 the house appropriated last year "already has run out."

"We will use this new money to complete our inquiry into activities of the labor board and into the other things the resolutions which created the committee calls for," Smith said.

He referred particularly to sections which instructed the investigators to determine what effect the

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