

## SENATE PASSES CAPE FEAR RIVER IMPROVEMENTS

### Germans Abandon Roros In Face Of British Drive

#### Retreat To Tolga After Lightning Capture Of City

**TROOPS DIGGING IN** **ALLIES WITHDRAW**  
Retreat Believed Made Because Of Need For Hasty Fortification  
**BRITISH ARE ACTIVE**

#### Heavy Artillery And Airplanes Participate In Bitter Fighting At Tolga

STOCKHOLM, April 25.—(AP)—The Germans have abandoned Tolga, which they seized for a few hours in a dazzling exhibition of lightning war yesterday, and are retreating to Tolga, 15 miles to the south in the Osterdalen valley, Swedish newspaper correspondents reported early today.

#### British Advance

Another cause also appeared to be a British advance south in the Gudbrandsdalen valley to the west, threatening to outflank the Germans' extended positions.

#### Manpower In Britain Is Increased With Arrival Of Canadian Troops

LONDON, April 25.—(AP)—Allied detachments withdrew today from hard-won positions in the Lillehammer area of Eastern Norway under the weight of the German northward thrust from Oslo while in Britain the opposition in the house of commons clamored for more money, more planes more guns.

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(Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday):  
Temperature: 7:30 a. m. 59; 7:30 a. m. 51; 1:30 p. m. 60; 7:30 p. m. 58; maximum 62; minimum 49; mean 54; normal 65.

Humidity: 7:30 a. m. 81; 7:30 a. m. 78; 1:30 p. m. 72; 7:30 p. m. 78.  
Precipitation: Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. .00; total since first of the month, .24 inches.

**Tides For Today**  
High 9:51a 8:06a  
Low 1:11p 4:23p  
Masonboro Inlet 10:15a 4:10a  
Savannah 10:45p 4:18p  
Sunrise 5:25a; sunset 6:52p; moonset 11:22p; moonrise 9:19a.  
Cape Fear river stage at Fayetteville, 15.50 feet.

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#### Germans Keep Close Watch Upon Sweden

**Little Country Moves Into Center Of Nazi Diplomatic Attention**  
**ALLIED PRESSURE SEEN**

#### Reich Claims British Bombing Towns Of No Military Importance

BERLIN, April 25.—(AP)—Sweden moved tonight into the center of German diplomatic attention.

#### W. O. SAUNDERS, 56, DROWNS IN CANAL

**Former Colorful Elizabeth City Editor Loses His Life Near Norfolk**  
**EARLIER THAN USUAL**

NORFOLK, Va., April 25.—(AP)—W. O. Saunders, 56, former Elizabeth City (N. C.) editor, who once campaigned for more comfortable summer dress for men by parading along Elizabeth City's main street in pajamas, died this afternoon in the plunge of his automobile into a canal south of Norfolk.

#### GIUNTA PREDICTS WAR WILL SPREAD

ROME, April 25.—(AP)—A fascist leader's conviction that the war will spread until it is a conflict of "peoples against the world of hoarders" was given today to Italy's chamber of fates and guilds, along with his classification of Great Britain and France as powers unfriendly to Italy.

#### NORWAY PLACED ON LIST OF EUROPEAN BELLIGERENTS BY F. R. PROCLAMATION

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL  
WARM SPRINGS, Ga., April 25.—(AP)—A Presidential proclamation added Norway today to the list of European belligerents and another declared the intention of the United States to remain neutral in the Scandinavian nation's war with Germany.

#### Colorful Figure

ELIZABETH CITY, N. C., April 25.—(AP)—W. O. Saunders, who drowned today near Norfolk, Va., was associated with the Elizabeth City Independent for nearly 30 years, and his name was a household word in Eastern North Carolina.

#### Signs Bill

WASHINGTON, April 25.—(AP)—President Roosevelt signed today a bill providing for automatic reapportionment of the 435 seats in the house on the basis of the 1940 census. The reapportionment will be effective in 1942.

#### Steps Are Taken To Seal Vital Harbors Against Marauding Subs

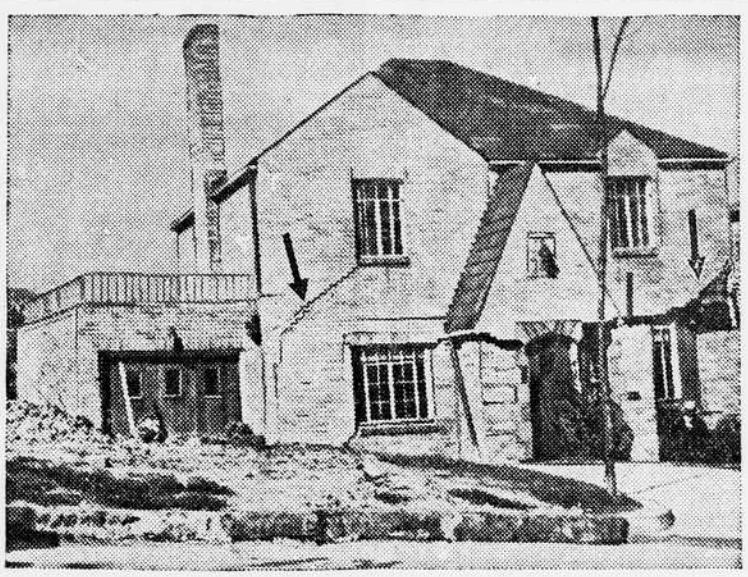
WASHINGTON, April 25.—(AP)—The national defense program moved forward today with plans to seal the nation's vital harbors against marauding submarines in the time of war and to increase the shooting range of three battleships.

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Carroll L. Brown, Elizabeth City, N. C., is the author of the article on W. O. Saunders.

#### JUST A TUMBLE-DOWN HOUSE



Its foundations undermined by the recent heavy rains, the home of Hyman Vogel, in Pittsburgh, Pa., starts to crumple. Shortly after cracks, indicated by arrows, appeared . . .



. . . the \$12,000 structure rapidly disintegrated, collapsing into the heap of tangled wreckage seen above. Position of side wall at left shows house almost turned over in its fall.

#### Carolina Beach Decides To Open Season May 25

Carolina Beach will officially open for the 1940 season on Saturday, May 25, the resort chamber of commerce decided at a meeting in the town hall last night.

#### Request For Fish Is Filled By U. S.

Representative J. Bayard Clark yesterday advised the chamber of commerce here that a request for a supply of minnows and small fish for re-stocking Greenfield Lake is being filled by the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries.

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**Important Undertakings Included In Large Rivers And Harbors Bill**

#### VETO THREAT LOOMS

**Widening And Deepening Of The Channel At And Below City Is Planned**

Cape Fear river improvements were given a bolstering "ahead" signal yesterday as the senate voted approval of the \$150,000,000 rivers and harbors bill, which includes three Wilmington projects totaling \$1,436,000.

Approval of the measure was by a 40-29 vote.

Backers of the bill here were notified of its passage by Senator Josiah W. Bailey, who has pushed enactment of a rivers and harbors measure for the past several weeks.

**Veto Threat Looms**  
The house is expected to approve the senate-passed bill without any amendments. However, the hitch lies in the fact that President Roosevelt may veto the measure.

Earlier in the present congressional session, the President told Senator Bailey and the senate commerce committee that he would veto any large rivers and harbors bill.

The measure, passed yesterday was drawn up by Senators Bailey and Shepard (D-Texas) as a substitute bill and excites all power and flood control projects, which were contained in the original bill.

In all, there were 16 North Carolina projects in the omnibus bill.

The Cape Fear river projects include:

(1) Cape Fear river at and below Wilmington, channel widening, \$675,000, with \$50,000 annual maintenance cost.

(2) Cape Fear river at and below Wilmington, channel deepening, \$790,000, with \$25,000 annual maintenance cost.

(3) Northeast Cape Fear river, \$73,000 for deepening and widening channel, with \$3,000 annual maintenance cost.

Under the projects the Cape Fear channel is to be widened from 300 to 400 feet with numerous bends in the river removed, and deepening the channel from 30 to 32 feet. The turning basin in the harbor is also to be widened from 600 to 800 feet.

Also contained in the local projects is a provision for providing a short cut channel of 12 feet

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#### ADVERTISING LAW EFFECTIVE SOON

**Regulates Legal Advertising, Defines Newspapers Which May Accept It**

RALEIGH, April 25.—(AP)—Thad Eure, secretary of state, today urged publishers of North Carolina newspapers to comply with a new law regulating legal advertising and defining newspapers which may accept such advertising. The law, passed by the 1939 general assembly, will become effective May 1.

Under the measure, legal advertising may be accepted only by newspapers with "general circulation to actual paid subscribers," which have been published "at least one day in each calendar week for at least 25 of the 26 consecutive weeks."

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