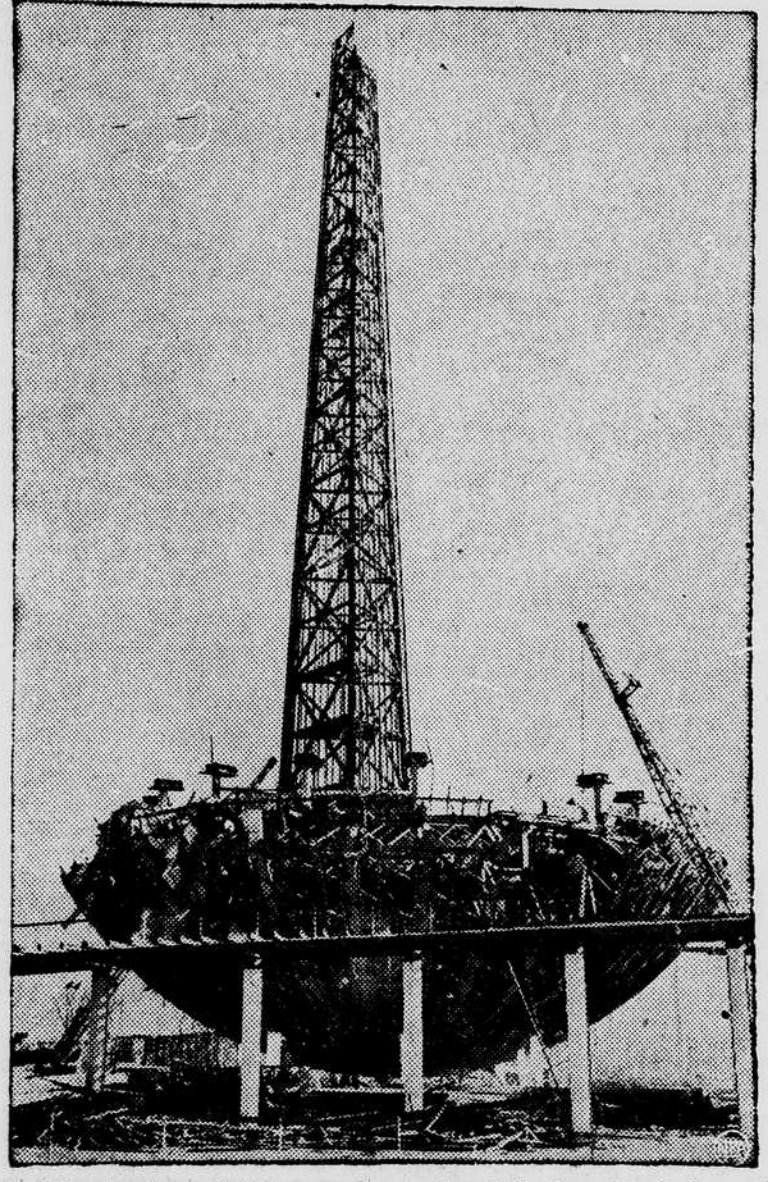


F. R. APPROVES \$1,500,000 ARMS HOUSING PROJECT

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End Of The World Of Tomorrow



Only structural steel framework remains of the imposing trylon and sphere which served as the theme of the New York World's Fair. Three-fourths of fair construction has been demolished.

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, March 1.—(Saturday).—Bulgaria stated officially early this morning that she will join the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo axis today. Before the ink is dry on the documents at Vienna—expected scene of the ceremony—German troops already marching in Rumania will enter Bulgaria automatically as allies and Great Britain will have to break relations with the newest Axis recruit, keenly-watching diplomatic quarters predicted. The official word that Bulgaria finally has yielded to the Nazi program was conveyed to Yugoslav Foreign Undersecretary Smaljanic by Bulgaria's charge d'affaires, Ivan Stratoff.

Flying to Vienna Diplomatic reports from Sofia said Bulgarian Premier Bogdan Philoff and Foreign Minister Ivan Popoff were flying to Vienna in a special plane this morning to sign the pact. German Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop and the Japanese ambassador to Berlin, Lieut. Gen. Hiroshi Oshima, already are in Vienna. Thus, on Bulgaria's own official word, she finally was yielding formally to the Axis in a few hours. A Bulgarian merchant who arrived here late last night from Sofia said that many millions of Bulgarian levas (the monetary unit) had been purchased recently by agents for an unknown account which was assumed to be the German quartermaster corps acquiring funds for the German troops (Continued on Page Two; Col. 5)

TRIAL OF TRAFFIC CASES SIMPLIFIED System Set Up for Handling Minor Violations in City and County

The city, county and state authorities joined hands here yesterday in steps to solve the traffic problems of the city by inaugurating a streamlined system of handling minor traffic violations in both Wilmington and New Hanover county. Under the program invoked yesterday it is possible for motorists to submit their guilt and pay speedily. (Continued on Page Two; Col. 3)

WEATHER FORECAST North Carolina: Generally fair and continued cold except rising temperatures in mountains Saturday, Sunday fair with rising temperature. (By U. S. Weather Bureau) Temperature 1:30 a. m. 65; 7:30 a. m. 33; 1:30 p. m. 38; 7:30 p. m. 36; maximum 30; minimum 22; mean 36; normal 50. Humidity 1:30 a. m. 89; 7:30 a. m. 91; 1:30 p. m. 86. Precipitation Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 a. m. 0.8 inches; total since first of the month 3.22 inches. Tides for Today (From Tide Tables published by the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey) High 7:03a Low 7:03p

Wilmington Hotel Annex Contracts Are Awarded IS \$100,000 PROJECT

Preliminary Work on New South Wing to be Started This Morning Contracts for the erection of an addition to the Wilmington hotel costing approximately \$100,000 were awarded yesterday, according to E. B. Bugg, owner and manager. Bugg estimated from 50 to 60 workmen would be employed on the project, which would require about four months for completion. Preliminary operations will begin this morning and actual construction work will get under way Monday, Bugg said. Low Bidders The successful bidders were general contract, W. A. Simon; plumbing contract, Ideal Plumbing company, and heating contract, W. W. Way and Sons. The names of the other bidders for the general, plumbing, and heating contracts and the amounts of their bids were not immediately available last night. James B. Lynch, of Lynch and Ford, is the architect for the project. The new south wing, to be seven stories high and containing from 40 to 50 rooms, will be constructed on the adjacent lot on the Front street side. Bugg said the addition will provide additional hotel accommodations in keeping with Wilmington's progress and will be the very latest in hotel building and equipment. The addition, to be 35 feet wide and 100 feet deep, will be of structure. (Continued on Page Two; Col. 2)

23-Degree Temperature Is Forecast for Today

Local weather bureau officials last night predicted the lowest temperatures of the winter season today and tomorrow for Wilmington and vicinity. Weathermen forecast fair and continued cold for today, with the mercury expected to drop to a low of about 23 degrees, as compared with the previous low of 24 degrees recorded during the first week in January. Fresh north and northwest winds will predominate. Tomorrow will be fair and not quite so cold. A hard freeze over the state to the coast was predicted by weather officials.

SNOWSTORM HITS EASTERN STATES

CHARLOTTE, Feb. 28.—A driving snowstorm accompanied by high winds and sub-freezing temperatures struck mid-Atlantic and Eastern states, today with a violence which disrupted traffic, forced schools to close, and brought out storm warnings for ocean going craft. The storm, winter's farewell party for February, centered in mid-day over New Jersey and Delaware. (Continued on Page Two; Col. 2) Traffic Disrupted, Schools Forced to Close, Storm Warnings Raised

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French Silent On Japs' Call To Cede Land

Sharp Ultimatum that Thailand be Given Large Territory Expires MAY DELAY ACTION

Vichy Announcement Says France's Position in Indo-China Decided

TOKYO, March 1.—(Saturday).—A Japanese ultimatum that France cede large areas of her Oriental empire to Thailand or suffer "forceful action" by Japanese armed forces expired on the stroke of last midnight (10 a. m., Friday, E. S. T.) with nothing from the French but their silence. This silence appeared to make the next move Japan's, under the reported terms of her ultimatum, but there were immediate indications that any "forceful action" in Indo-China would be delayed. Ships off Indo-China (According to reports at Saigon that could not be confirmed, Japanese naval patrols numbering 51 vessels of various classifications were in the Gulf of Siam and waters off southern Indo-China. (Moreover, Japan is reported to have in northern Indo-China, aside from air bases, more than double the 6,000 troops allowed under last September's accord with the French—these ostensibly for prosecution of the war with China—and the airfield at Saigon, southern Indo-China, is said to have been converted by the Japanese into a "nucleus" air base. (In Vichy, after a French cabinet meeting, it was announced merely that the French position on Indo-China had been decided. During the meeting, however, an official spokesman said France "is obligated to conserve the integrity of her empire by the terms of the armistice"—with Germany.) Authoritative sources said the Japanese foreign office planned an extraordinary conference of key officials. (Continued on Page Two; Col. 7)

TRAIN-CAR CRASH TAKES FOUR LIVES

MILLARD AND ADRIAN TEACHEY, Mrs. Newton and Baby Killed Near Watha BURGAW, Feb. 28.—Four persons were killed instantly early this morning when the car in which they were riding was struck by a southbound Atlantic Coast Line railroad freight train near Watha, Sheriff Jack Brown, of Pender county, reported. The dead were: Millard Teachey and Adrian Teachey, brothers of Watha. Mrs. Paulie Newton, sister of the Teacheys, and her 18-months old baby. Sheriff Brown said that he had not completed his investigation last night. An inquest into the deaths will probably be held next week. Highway patrolmen who investigated the deaths said that the car was struck by the train when it drove on the tracks just as the train was passing. (Continued on Page Two; Col. 6)

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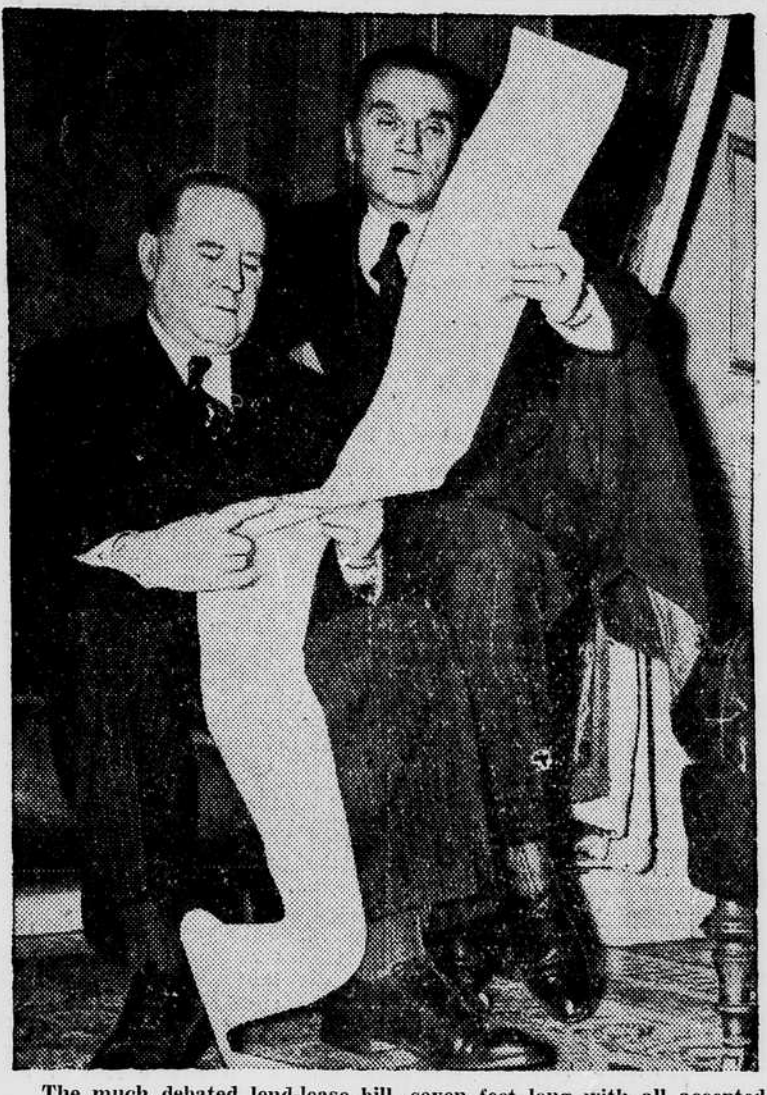
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Long Debate... Long Bill



The much debated lend-lease bill, seven feet long with all accepted amendments attached, is examined by Senators Bennett Champ Clark, left, Missouri democrat, and Gerald P. Nye, North Dakota republican. Both oppose bill.

Banks Cash \$114,000 In Camp Davis Pay Checks

ALL FOUR REMAIN OPEN Total Number of Checks Handled by Institutions Estimated at 3,800 Approximately \$114,000 worth of Camp Davis payroll checks were cashed by Wilmington's four banks last night as the financial institutions remained open for the third successive Friday night as a service to the workers and local merchants. This amount was by far the largest yet cashed on a night following payday at the camp construction project. On Friday, February 14, the banks cashed \$54,992.46 in checks, which totaled 1,848. The following Friday, Feb. 21, the banks cashed 3,470 checks for approximately \$98,000. The total number of checks handled by the banks here last night was estimated at 3,800. Each bank reported more business than on previous nights. The check-cashing service was established a few weeks ago especially for the workers on the large anti-aircraft firing center project at Holly Ridge. Although there were no definite figures available for the downtown business enjoyed by the merchants who remained open until 9 o'clock, it was estimated that approximately \$15,000 in checks were cashed at these stores. The weekly payroll of the camp is approximately \$500,000. Most of the banks say that at least as many checks as were cashed at night will be cashed by workers the week following the payday. PETAIN TO SPEAK VICHY, France, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Chief of State Petain will travel tomorrow to the manufacturing city of Saint-Etienne to deliver a speech which is expected to be an appeal to French labor.

SUBURBAN SEWAGE CHANGE IS REMOTE

Request of Forest Hills Residents for New Hook-up Declined by City So far as the city of Wilmington is concerned, residents of Forest Hills—one of the most exclusive suburban developments in eastern North Carolina—will have to continue suffering the "objectionable odors" of the Oleander sewage disposal plant overflow. That, in effect, was the city's decision yesterday in answer to a request. (Continued on Page Two; Col. 6)

ARMY ORDERS

Department released the following orders yesterday, dated Feb. 25: MAJOR GENERAL Lynch, G. A., Chief of Inf., retired on own application, April 30. BRIGADIER GENERAL Sheep, W. L., Fort McPherson, Ga., and from additional duty at Station Hospital, Atlanta, Ga., about April 1, to command Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, Ga. COLONELS Lippincott, A. Cav., three months leave at Dallas high schools, Dallas, Texas. Kimball, A. E., Q.M.C., to Constructing Quartermaster, West Point, N. Y., in addition to other duties, upon relief of Lieut. Col. J. A. Gilman. Allen, W. H., Med. Corps, Santa Barbara, Calif., to Hoff General Hospital, same station. Chappell, H. L., Med. Corps, Vancouver Barracks, Wash., to Barnes General Hospital, same station. Dale, H. L., Med. Corps, Fort Benj. Harrison, Ind., to Billings General Hospital, same station.

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Wilmington is Listed As One of Best Cities In U. S. for Business Wilmington is listed in Forbes Magazine in the March 1 issue as one of the best places in the United States for concentrating sales activities, for collections and other promotion operations of business. Wilmington is the center of the second best high-spot territory in the United States today. Twenty other nearby cities make up the territory. This district, with the four other high-spot territories, is chosen for special mention by Forbes because in it business is farther ahead of last year than in any other territory containing 1,000,000 or more population. For the territory which includes Wilmington the median gain over last year has recently been 33 per cent.

EX-KING ALFONSO PASSES IN ROME

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BETHLEHEM STEEL STRIKE IS ENDED

Company and Lackawanna Employes Approve Government-Drafted Pact BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 28.—(AP)—Cheering, flag-waving CIO workers terminated a two-day strike at Bethlehem Steel's Lackawanna mill today after the company and employes approved a government-drafted agreement. After the strikers unanimously ratified the three-point program submitted by President Roosevelt's office of production management, Lackawanna plant Manager Ed-

TEACHER TENURE PLAN IS DOWNED

RALEIGH, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Senate redistricting was approved and teacher tenure, or job security, was disapproved by committees today as the general assembly continued to grind out legislation. The big joint appropriations committee, meanwhile, added \$176,400 to the spending bill by increasing funds for several agencies—despite the fact that it faces an apparent deficit of \$2,000,000 for next biennium. As things now stand, the measure calls for spending that amount in excess of anticipated tax receipts, not counting the proposed transfer of moneys from the highway to the general fund. Hence, the committee must pare the tentative budget, which now includes huge increases for schools and some other agencies. The appropriations bill is the one big obstacle to adjournment—now thought possible by March 12—and it was indicated it might be reported to the legislative floors Thursday. At any rate, the spending committee set its next meeting for Monday morning, a time not ordinarily used by legislative bodies. Both houses today received bills which would allow municipalities with over 10,000 population to ex-

SHORTAGE REPORTED Nation's Chief Allocates Funds to Proceed With Construction WILL SELECT AGENCY Selection of Site and Type Of Building to be Decided by Builder

Finding that a housing shortage exists or impends in Wilmington which private capital is unable or unwilling to meet in the rent ranges needed, President Roosevelt yesterday approved plans calling for the erection of 375 units of dense housing "in Wilmington including Holly Ridge" to care for a portion of the increase in the population caused here by the erection of Camp Davis. The President approved allocation of funds of the Federal Works Administration with which to proceed with construction. The units, which will be single units and duplex apartments, with the former probably predominating, will cost approximately \$3500 apiece for construction alone, and when the cost of land, architect fees and other costs are added, the project will cost in the vicinity of \$1,500,000. The next step in the procedure which must follow before any of the houses can be erected here is for John M. Carmody, administrator of the Federal Works Administration, to delegate to an agency of his choice the actual construction work. Agencies now being used by Carmody for such work include the Public Buildings Administration, local housing authorities and the United States Housing Authority, the Farm Security Administration, and some of the defense housing units are handled directly through his office with local housing authorities while still others are handled directly through Carmody's office with private contractors. Selection of a site, the type of building and other such items will be left up to the agency which is selected to build the units. The units, however, will be permanent structures and will not be frame dwellings. The units will be used solely to house the families of non-commissioned officers from Camp Davis (Continued on Page Two; Col. 8)

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