

AMERICAN CARGO VESSEL SUNK IN RED SEA

County Budget All Set

\$1,413,564 Approved by New Hanover Commission for 1941-42 Year

The \$1,413,564.58 budget for the 1941-42 fiscal year was given final approval yesterday by the New Hanover county commission in the same form it first was presented several months ago by Thomas K. Woody, clerk. The total represents a slight increase over that of last year.

Final action came in the form of a resolution for appropriation of funds, introduced by Commissioner Harry Gardner and seconded by Commissioner George W. Trask. It was approved unanimously.

The finished instrument represents only minor changes, with the total remaining the same, but some increases were made in various departments, with money to meet these boosts taken from the emergency fund.

Major items listed in the new budget, and the funds for the various departments follow:

School buildings, \$500,000; general fund, \$175,796; old age assistance, \$93,540; school supplement, \$24,525; dependent children, \$40,800; county aid and poor relief, \$18,658; hospital fund, \$20,000; health fund, \$18,594; port commission, \$8,860; salary fund, \$35,428 school fund, \$80,229 school books, \$12,000; school pensions, \$4,427; welfare department, \$22,155; county home building fund, \$2,897; bond funds—county home, \$2,581 courthouse, \$14,775; ferry, \$2,509; schools, \$90,806.

The funds are to cover operating costs of the entire county until next June 30, plus governmental costs from July 1 of this year to date.

Included in the budget, and an item which drew the fire of Commissioner R. F. Coleman is \$500 which will be split jointly between the city governments of Wrightsville Beach and Carolina Beach for advertising of the resorts.

Mr. Coleman claimed that the county appropriation of these funds

BERLIN HEAVILY BOMBED BY RAF

Germans Admit Long Raid Worst of War; Many Blazes Reported

LONDON, Sept. 8.—(AP)—British pilots, attacking in coldly furious commemoration of one of Britain's most tragic nights, beat at Berlin for hours last night and early today in a raid officially termed the heaviest ever delivered upon Hitler's capital.

It was payment, in the red, familiar coin of fire bombs and explosives, for the first mass air attack on London on the night of Sept. 7-8, 1940, an assault of eight hours and 18 minutes that by British count cost the Nazis 65 planes. Twenty British bombers and one

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Russians Rout Eight Nazi Divisions Of 115,000 Men From Smolensk Area

MOSCOW, Tuesday, Sept. 9.—(AP)—The Red army proclaimed today as its greatest victory of the war against Germany the routing of

LONDON, Tuesday, Sept. 9.—(AP)—A dispatch from a special correspondent of the British news agency Reuters reported today that it is certain the Germans have not encircled Leningrad.

The Germans have approached fairly close only from the southwest, Reuters said, but not close enough for practical large-scale shelling.

Eight Nazi divisions totaling about 115,000 men in the Smolensk area of the central front.

The Germans were smashed in a 26-day battle that ended in a victory for Soviet arms yesterday when Red army units regained the



SHE'S BEAUTIFUL—She's blonde—she's "Miss America, 1941." Wearing the nation's No. 1 beauty crown, Rosemary La Planche, 19, of Los Angeles, Calif., stands beside the trophy that tells the world she outshone local beauties from all over the country at the annual Atlantic City, N. J., beauty pageant. Twenty-four thousand spectators cheered at her coronation.

GERMANS OUST HANNOVER JEWS

Civil Disorders Spreading in France as Anti-Nazi Sentiment Flares Up

HANOVER, Germany, Sept. 8.—German authorities began herding Hannover's Jews into the mortuary hall of the Jewish cemetery here tonight, following the mayor's order evicting them from their homes on 24-hour notice.

Scores of men, women and children were conducted to this fast-crowding provisional abode. The eviction orders also provided for the sale of their property, the proceeds to be turned over to them "at a given time."

The orders cited, as one reason for the ousters, a book written by "the Jew Kaufmann in New York," (presumably "Germany Must Perish") by Theodore N. Kaufman) demanding "sterilization of all Germans and employment of German soldiers as coolies in foreign lands."

In Newark, N. J., Theodore Kaufman called the reference to his book "a flimsy pretext for another of the innate cruelties of the German people."

FRENCH UNREST SPREADS VICHY, Sept. 8.—More than 100 Jews, including Pierre Masse, former minister of justice, and Theodore Valensi, a former deputy, today were reported arrested as hostages by German authorities at Paris in new reprisals for growing disorders against the occupying power.

Vichy no longer tried to conceal the gravity of strife in the East.

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MOSCOW RAIDED

MOSCOW, Tuesday, Sept. 9.—German air formations struck at Moscow early today for the first time since Aug. 27 and a Soviet communique said only two of the raiders broke through the defenses. An alarm was in force for three hours.

town of Yelnya, 40 miles east of Smolensk, an official announcement said.

This was the first time in more than two years of European war that Hitler's men have been driven out of any major position once they had taken a foothold.

On both ends of the front, meanwhile, counter-attack after counter-attack by the Red forces appeared to be relieving pressure on Lenin-

VALUABLE ORE LOST TO NAZIS

Daring Expedition Invades Far North Outpost in Spectacular Dash

LONDON, Tuesday, Sept. 9.—(AP)—Canadian, British and Norwegian troops have made a spectacular 2,500-mile round-trip expedition by sea to the Norwegian Archipelago of Spitzbergen in the Arctic Circle where they smashed valuable coal mines coveted by Germany, it was announced today.

The raid on the group of islands 500 miles north of the Norwegian mainland was unopposed.

British ships removed some 1,000 Norwegian miners and their families, the men promptly enlisting in the Norwegian forces in Britain.

The announcement did not disclose when the expedition led by a Canadian officer was made. Nor, was it revealed whether an allied garrison was left on the islands, which are ice-bound most of the year.

The landing was made by troops armed for instant action, but members of the expedition said not a single follower of Maj. Vidkun Quisling, the Norwegian Nazi leader, was found in the islands. Nor were any Germans stationed there.

This was the second British descent on Norwegian territory since the withdrawal before the Nazi occupation. An expedition landed on the Lofoten islands in March and destroyed whale oil factories.

There was no interference from German bombers either on the voyage to Spitzbergen or at the Archipelago itself, members of the expedition said.

The war office statement said: "For various purposes it was recently decided to send a military force to the Arctic."

"In the course of operations which were carried out without enemy interference."

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AAA URGES GAS BAN BE LIFTED

Senator Downey Charges Railroads Not Able to End Sabotage

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—(AP)—The American Automobile Association urged a Senate investigating committee today to recommend discontinuance of the night-time ban on gasoline sales in eastern states, but a spokesman for filling station operators asked its continuance.

Meanwhile, in a step to facilitate the use of railroad tank cars to bring petroleum east from the southwestern oilfields, the Association of American Railroads applied to the Interstate Commerce commission for authority to make consideration of the application.

At the Senate committee hearing, however, Senator Downey (D., Ohio) had "overjudged what the railroads can do," Pelley's statement that 20,000 tank cars were available to move gasoline to the East, Downey said, was based on

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Lumberton Girl Drowns As Boat Capsizes Near Tarheel Ferry; 6 Saved

ELIZABETHTOWN, Sept. 8.—Cardene Ivey, 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lvey, of Lumberton, was drowned yesterday near the Tarheel ferry on the Cape Fear river when the motor boat in which she was riding capsized.

Eugene Bordeaux, operator of the boat, pulled four small children, who were riding in the boat, to safety and the father of the Ivey child saved two, but lost his daughter. Seven were riding in the boat. The body of the little girl was recovered late yesterday.

Negro Youth Rides Bike Into Car; Face Lacerated

Robert Chadwick, negro youth, received severe lacerations of the face yesterday afternoon when he rode his bicycle into the side of a car driven by Miss Hester Struthers. The driver picked up the injured youth and took him to the James Walker Memorial hospital where he was treated and later released. She was absolved of blame.

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ALIENS RUIN SPITZBERGEN COAL



FOUR AMERICAN AIRMEN bound for service with the RAF were drowned but these were among the saved when their ship, en route to England, was torpedoed. The rescued men are shown after being landed at an unnamed British port. Pictured are (left to right) Norman Echord, Missouri; Tom Griffin, Mississippi; Jack Gilliland, Kansas; James Jordan, California; and Rivers Grove, Georgia.

COUNTY TO BACK LIGHT RATE CUT

Joint Meet With City Council Asked to Study Tide Water Power Slash

Prospects that the city of Wilmington and New Hanover county may join the State Utility commission in pressing the Tide Water Power Co. for a reduction in power rates in eastern North Carolina was seen yesterday when the county commission instructed the clerk to arrange a joint meeting with the city commission tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock to discuss the matter.

The county action followed receipt of two letters, one from Cyrus D. Hogue, local attorney, and the other from Horace Pearsall of the Wilmington Oil and Fertilizer co., requesting that the commission join in the action when a public hearing is set.

Commissioner Harry Gardner told the commission that it could not well refuse the requests because it would be "breaking faith in the trust placed in them by the people who elected them to office."

In his letter, Mr. Pearsall stated that he had made an individual study of the case, and found it of merit, and said that he also had contacted the city council by letter, urging action.

The commission agreed that some move should be taken by the board and it was proposed that it, after conferences with the city, hire an attorney to appear with counsel of the utility commission in Raleigh when the hearing is called.

Mr. Hogue pointed out that it long had been an established fact that the company here was charging

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New Hanover Enrollment At 9,704 For First Day

First-day attendance at New Hanover county schools, although 977 above the closing enrollment of last year, nevertheless fell below expectations, H. M. Roland, superintendent, revealed last night. Total first-day figure was placed at 9,704 pupils.

In explaining the drop in yesterday's registrations, the school chief said that in many instances families have not returned from summer vacations, and that children of these families are expected to bring enrollment to the anticipated 11,000 figure within the first two weeks of the semester.

Everything was carried out yesterday with a minimum of trouble it was said, and officials found that teachers and classrooms had proved adequate to the initial demands.

Any crowded conditions in school buses and classrooms as the registration increases, Mr. Roland said, would be eased as rapidly as possible. He expressed the hope that parents of children who believe that such an over-crowded condition exists, will report it to the principal of the school or to the county board.

Of the total increase in enrollments yesterday, 815 were white children, with the negro registration going up only 162. Six thousand 483 white pupils were registered yesterday as against 3,221 negroes.

Registration, according to schools, follows: New Hanover High school 1674; Isaac ear 707; Hemenway 571; Bradley's Creek 264; Catlett 272; Wrightsboro 356; Cornelius Harriet 228; Forest Hills 295; Sunset Park 232; Tileston 874; Winter Carolina each 170; Williston Industrial 1273; Williston Primary 667; Middle School (Continued on Page Two; Col. 5)

Fort Bragg Artillery Brigade Ends Opening Phase of Field Tests

HICKORY, Sept. 8.—(AP)—The 13th Field Artillery Brigade, en route to Pisgah national forest and back, completed the first phase of its journey about 6 p. m., today and made camp on the western edge of Hickory.

The brigade left Fort Bragg at 8 a. m., on its 600-mile road march. The first staff car reached here about 3:40 and not until more than two hours later did the last of the 4,000 men and 500 vehicles arrive.

Aeronautics Board Hears U. S.-Africa Airline Plea

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—(AP)—The Civil Aeronautics board held a secret hearing today on the application of Pan-American Airways for authority to operate a plane service between the United States and West Africa. No decision was announced.

Just prior to the hearing, the board announced that "inasmuch as much evidence contains secret information affecting national defense, it will be received in executive session."

SHERIFF GIVEN NEW PATROLMAN

Walter Horne, Jr., Appointed to Law Enforcement Staff by the County

Walter Horne, Jr., yesterday was named by the county commission as patrolman on the staff of Sheriff C. David Jones, the appointment to become effective Monday. The addition now brings the staff of the sheriff's office to an all-time high.

The selection was made by the commission, on the recommendation of Sheriff Jones, from a list of three names submitted by the Civil Service board. Others on the list, and whose names will be held to fill any vacancies in the future, were W. E. Singletary of Wrightsville Beach and J. F. Jarrott of 307 Greenfield St.

At the same time, the commission, again acting on the advice of Sheriff Jones, passed an \$80 monthly fund for the operating expenses and upkeep of the county patrol car until Jan. 1, at which time the county will decide definitely whether to furnish all members of the sheriff's office with county-owned cars or sell the one car now owned and force the deputies and patrolmen to supply their own transportation.

Under the latter method the deputies would receive an allowance. The move was taken when Sheriff Jones told the board that he had been unable to find any worthwhile men who were willing to take the job of \$140 per month and provide their own automobiles.

Commissioner Harry Gardner told the group that he believed the action taken was rank discrimination against those in the department who for years have been furnishing their own cars and who are continuing to do so. He said that some arrangement should be worked out at the earliest possible moment when the county could pay the men sufficient salaries to meet their expenses, or else the county should buy cars enough for each man to have one.

Family Retainers To Bear Mrs. Roosevelt To Grave

HYDE PARK, N. Y., Sept. 8.—(AP)—Men from the family estate will bear Mrs. Sara Delano Roosevelt, 86-year-old mother of the chief executive, to her grave tomorrow, just as another generation of workmen did her husband before her.

Simple Episcopal services, omitting a eulogy, will be held at 2 p. m. (EST) in the big, comfortable library of Mrs. Roosevelt's ancestral home.

Heads of nations throughout the world, American officialdom, and plain, common citizens continued to tax communications facilities with messages of condolence.

Mr. Roosevelt was alone today with his family and with his grief. An American flag flying at half-staff from the Franklin D. Roosevelt library, near Hyde Park House, was the only visible evidence of his sorrow.

The final arrangements for the

Air Bomb Hits War Aid Ship

State Department Officials Say Crew Saved; Identity of Attacker Unknown

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—(AP)—The State department said tonight it had been informed the American freighter Steel Seafarer was sunk by an airplane bomb in the Red Sea, Sept. 7.

The department, in answer to inquiries, said the nationality of the plane was unknown. All members of the crew were saved.

The information, the department said, was sent to Washington by the American minister at Cairo, Egypt, Alexander Kirke.

Shipping records available here showed the Steel Seafarer as owned by the Isthmian Steamship Co.

It was assumed she was one of the string of American ships carrying goods to the British in the Middle East since President Roosevelt declared the Red sea to be out of the combat zones from which American flag vessels are barred.

Ships from the United States to the Middle East via the Red sea have been under way a little more than four months.

On May 9, the Maritime commission disclosed that arrangements had been made to start the first shipments. By the first of July, the flow of supplies to Egypt had reached the rate of almost a ship a day. The first cargoes included a fast, new type of 13-ton army tanks, bombers, pursuit planes, guns, ammunition and other military supplies.

The report on the sinking followed by five days a duel between the United States destroyer Greer and a German submarine off Iceland.

Earlier this summer, the American freighter Robin Moor, en route across the South Atlantic, was torpedoed by a German submarine. Her crew and passengers were saved.

The Steel Seafarer was a 424-foot ship of 5,719 gross tons, built in 1921 at Kearny, N. J.

JAPANESE STUDY GREER INCIDENT

Newspaper Opinion Divided Over Responsibility For Attack on Craft

TOKYO, Sept. 8.—(AP)—The question of who fired first in the U. S. S. Greer-Nazi submarine sea duel assumed prime importance in the Japanese press today as leaders of public opinion weighed the chances of the incident involving Japan in war.

Article 3 of the Tripartite pact among Japan, Germany and Italy obligates signatories to aid the others if "attacked" by an outside power.

Press opinion was divided between those blaming the United States for the incident and those who was the aggressor.

The arms-dominated orran, Kōkumin, led press comment on the Greer incident with the observation it meant Germany now felt able to take a positive attitude toward the United States. The newspaper added, however, that contradictory American and German versions of who egan the duel made it doubtful what Japan's obligations would be if the incident were extended.

WEATHER

FORECAST North Carolina: Continued warm and fair, except scattered thundershowers in mountains Tuesday afternoon or night. Wednesday partly cloudy, scattered thundershowers, cooler west portion by Wednesday night.

(By U. S. Weather Bureau) (Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday.) Temperature 1:30 a. m. 77; 7:30 a. m. 75; 1:30 p. m. 91; 7:30 p. m. 81; maximum 93; minimum 73; mean 83; normal 76. Humidity 1:30 a. m. 88; 7:30 a. m. 85; 1:30 p. m. 47; 7:30 p. m. 50. Precipitation Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 0.99 inches. Total since the first of the month 0.48 inches. (Continued on Page Two; Col. 5)