

River Improvements Mark New Measure

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three miles to the main channel in the river, at an estimated cost of \$875,000.

Major Werner said that it is believed that these modifications will insure greater safety in handling fully loaded vessels and make the facilities at this locality more nearly comparable with those at similar ports on the South Atlantic coast.

The Senate document provides for increasing the depth to 32 feet from Wilmington to the ocean and in turning basin and anchorage basin, including lengthening the approach to the anchorage basin at an estimated cost of \$790,000. This increased channel depth, it is believed, will result in savings in transportation costs on cargo carried in larger vessels loaded to economic capacity, avoid delays now experienced by larger vessels awaiting favorable tides, eliminate losses due to groundings, and reduce maintenance costs.

In addition to these provisions for the Cape Fear river, the bill also contains an authorization of \$73,000 for the Northeast (Cape Fear) river and provides for a channel 25 feet deep and 200 feet wide, with increased width at bends, extending from Hilton Bridge to and including a turning basin of the same depth and 600 feet wide, at a point one and one quarter miles above.

The bill contains a provision for providing a channel eight feet deep and 90 feet wide, extending from the inland waterway via Mott and Banks channel to a point just within Masonboro Inlet at Wrightsville Beach, at an estimated cost of \$9,000.

Other North Carolina projects included in the bill are the following: Pembroke Creek, \$9,500 to provide a channel 12 feet deep and 80 feet wide for 500 feet in the improved channel in Edenton Bay and thence eight feet deep and 50 feet wide to the wharf of the United States fish hatchery. The present channel is not considered adequate and causes loss of time to hatchery boats.

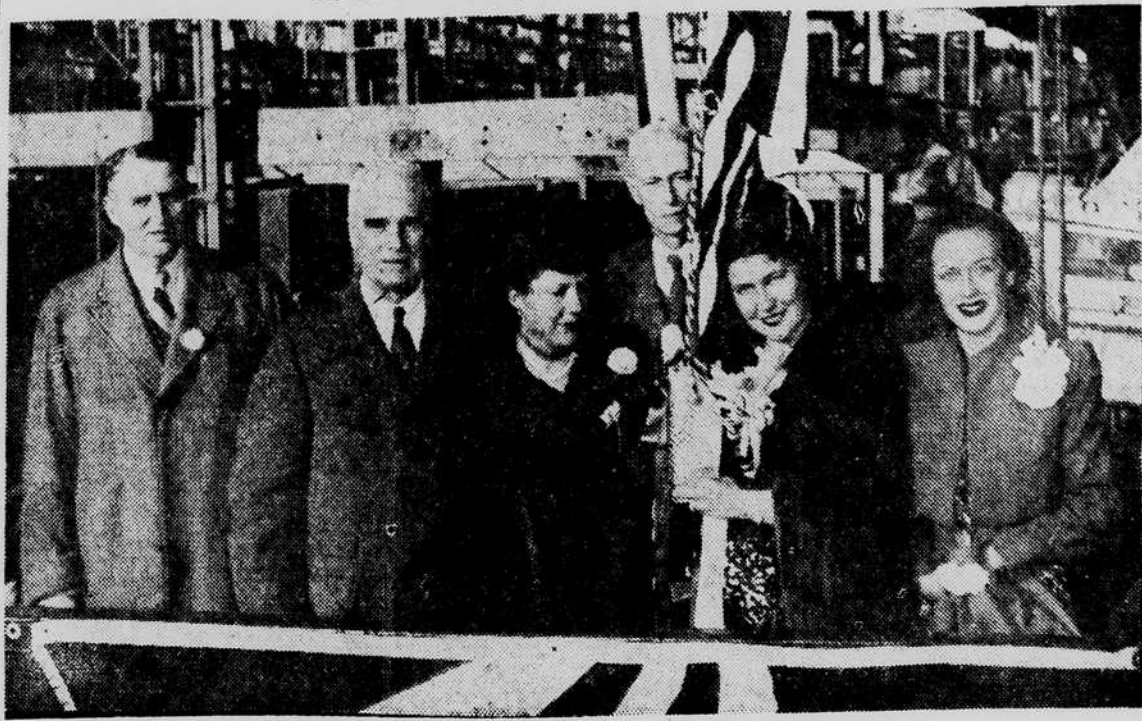
Channel from Pamlico Sound to Rodanthe, \$5,000 to provide a channel six feet deep and 100 feet wide to include a basin of the same depth at the shore end, 80 to 100 feet wide and 1,200 feet long, including arms. It is believed the improvement will benefit the activities of the Coast Guard and those of the National Park Service. It will also provide a harbor and facilitate the transfer of fish and incoming supplies.

Chowan river, \$15,000 to provide a channel 12 feet deep and 80 feet wide from the mouth of the Chowan river to the confluence of Nottoway and Blackwater rivers. It is thought the improvement will produce large savings due to northward shipments of wood pulp and lumber products and return shipments of salt products, in addition to its value to general commerce.

Channel from Pamlico Sound to Avon, \$15,500 to provide a channel six feet deep to and including a basin at Avon. The value of this project is believed to be the fact that it will provide a protected harbor and allow safer transportation and handling of supplies for the locality which is largely dependent on water transportation.

Rollinson channel, \$27,000 to provide a six foot channel 100 feet wide from the existing channel to and including a six foot depth in

S. S. Ruth Lykes Launched Here



The S. S. Ruth Lykes, 203rd ship to near completion at the yard of the North Carolina Shipbuilding company, was christened yesterday morning at 9:30 o'clock by Mrs. Mildred W. Chandler, wife of U. S. Senator Albert B. Chandler, of Kentucky. Shown above are the members of the launching party. Left to right are Solon Turman, of New Orleans, executive vice president of the Lykes Brothers Steamship company; Capt. Roger Williams, president of the shipyard; Mrs. Turman, matron of honor; P. F. Halsey, vice president and general manager of the company; Mrs. Chandler and Mrs. Mildred Cabell, matron of honor. The C-2 type ship was the second of several to be built here for the Lykes Brothers company.

front of the wharves at Hatteras. General navigation is expected to be benefited by this improvement as well as the services of the Coast Guard, Weather Bureau and National Park Service.

Waterway connecting Swan Quarter Canal to a basin eight feet deep at the head of the canal near Swan Quarter. The town of Swan Quarter has no railway facilities and the improvement is expected to effect substantial savings by eliminating delays in the shipment of farm products.

Neuse and Trent Rivers, \$11,000 to provide at New Bern a boat basin 600 feet long and 250 feet wide and a repair basin 300 feet long and 220 feet wide at the adjacent boat works, with access channels 90 feet wide to each basin, all to a depth of eight feet at mean low water. The cost of this improvement is \$16,500, which includes a local contribution of \$6,500. The work is required to provide for added safety and convenience of fishing boats and recreational craft.

Channel connecting Thoroughfare Bay and Cedar Bay, \$20,000 to provide a depth of seven feet.

Waterway connecting Pamlico Sound and Beaufort harbor, \$35,000 to provide channels seven feet deep and 75 feet wide, located near the east and west ends of Harkers Island respectively, and for a side channel 75 feet wide and five feet deep to and including a basin of the same depth, 150 feet long and 130 feet in width at Davis. Saving in time of commercial fishermen going to and from the fishing grounds, the permitting of heavier loading of boats and avoidance of groundings with possible loss of catch is expected to be effected by the work.

Another improvement of the same waterway is proposed to provide for dredging a side channel 75 feet wide and seven feet deep from that depth in Core Sound to and including a turning basin of the same depth, 200 feet wide and 500 feet long at Seallevel. The estimated cost is \$8,000, of which \$1,000 will be contributed by local interests.

Channel from Back sound to Lookout bight, \$50,000 to provide for a dredged channel seven feet deep and 100 feet wide from deep

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Egyptian Premier Slain After Nation Enters War On Axis

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Although the war has been fought on Egyptian soil, the country never was a belligerent.

The agreement dissolving the British protectorate over Egypt in 1936 ended British military occupation of the country, but British interests in the defense of the Suez canal were maintained, permitting full use of Egyptian bases by the British when the Germans invaded North Africa.

Rommel's eastward advances carried well inside the western border of Egypt and within less than 60 miles of Alexandria, but it was the British army, not the Egyptian, which defended the country and subsequently drove the Germans back.

The decision of Egypt and other nations of the Middle East, like that of Turkey, is explained in diplomatic circles to be the result of the Big Three agreement making a declaration of war on the Axis a condition of participation in the United Nations meeting at San Francisco April 25.

For Egypt the question became complicated with internal politics and opposition groups were fighting the war declaration. A vote was not necessary under Egyptian law, however, and the premier recommended that the king declare war by decree.

The parliament was convened at 5:30 p. m., and Ahmed Maher made a brief statement reviewing the reasons for the government action, then formally read the royal decree.

He was heard in absolute silence. Concluding, he stepped from the speaker's dais and walked toward a corridor.

A newspaper photographer halted him, asking that he pose in the doorway. At that instant a young man stepped close, produced a pistol and fired into the premier's body at point-blank range.

The wildest tumult ensued. Scores of deputies rushed into the corridor as the premier sank to the floor. A well-known Egyptian physician, Aly Ibrahim Pasha, who was seated in the chamber, went to the premier's side, but death occurred before he could stanch the flow of blood.

It was made known that regardless of the assassination, the decree placing Egypt at war stands as read.

The cabinet issued a formal announcement of the death, expressing its sorrow and declaring, "a criminal hand has assassinated him. He died while carrying out his duty in the service and to the glory of his homeland and his king."

water in the Sound to deep water in the ocean. It is believed that this improvement will provide a safe and convenient channel for a large fleet of Menhaden boats.

Beaufort harbor, \$54,000 to provide for the enlargement of the existing basin at Beaufort. It is expected that this will relieve the congestion now prevalent in the harbor; facilitate maneuvering of vessels using the inland waterway and encourage greater use of the harbor by other craft.

Inland waterway, Beaufort to the Cape Fear river, \$24,000 to provide for the construction of six mooring basins along the main channel of the inland waterway at points north and south of Morehead City, and in the vicinity of Swansboro, Peru, Seabreeze and Fish Factory.

In the same bill, preliminary examinations and surveys of the following localities were authorized:

Channel from the Thoroughfare to Albemarle sound, either by way of lower Cashie river, Middle river and Bachelors Bay, or by way of any other route.

Purviance Creek, New Hanover county.

When the bill becomes a law, these two examinations will be referred to the appropriate district engineer for examination and report. Hearings will be held for interested parties to submit their views and to state what improvements are desired.

REDS WITHIN 33 MILES OF DANZIG

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enigsberg, besieged East Prussian capital.

The assault on Breslau, Germany's eighth largest city of 630,000 population, mounted in intensity and an enemy broadcast said that in a wild melee in the streets one Soviet force had penetrated to the neighborhood of the German barracks deep inside the city before being thrown back to "the outer town ring."

Berlin said the Russians were using "several army corps" and that these had been ordered to take the important industrial and communications city quickly and avoid a long siege. Russian artillery barrages had been stepped up, and Berlin acknowledged that German nests inside Breslau had been wiped out by the Russians.

Savage Resistance

A Nazi garrison believed to number 100,000 men fought savagely to hold Breslau and delay the Russian advances on Berlin and Dresden.

Marshal K. K. Rokossovsky's Second White Russian Army attacking on a 70-mile front gained up to seven miles from their previous positions, capturing 10 localities in the Polish "corridor" and in Pomerania on the west.

Flanking the Vistula river town of Gniezno one Soviet group seized Dzierzazno, four miles east of Gniezno and 33 miles south of the former free city of Danzig. In this area the Russians were within eight miles of the border of Danzig territory and were attacking toward the 10-way road and rail junction of Starogard on the Gerdin-Canzig trunk railway.

Amy Air Medal Awarded Posthumously To Orrell

The Air Medal, with two Oak Leaf clusters, awarded posthumously to S-Sgt. Claude D. Orrell, son of the late Claude D. Orrell and Mattie Orrell Wright, of Wilmington, has been received by his mother, at her home 206 North Seventh street.

The medal and clusters were presented for "meritorious and heroic conduct while engaged in aerial combat operations over enemy targets during April, May and June, 1944, and the destruction of one enemy aircraft on his final mission, June 6, 1944."

S-Sgt. Orrell's mother previously had received the Purple Heart for her son, together with the Presidential Citation, given for valor and heroism while in action against the enemy.

He was nose turret gunner on a Liberator bomber, and was attached to the 15th Air Force, stationed in Italy. He was killed during combat with enemy fighters while on a mission over the Ploesti oil fields in Romania. He is buried in the American cemetery near Bari, Italy, on the Adriatic coast.

S-Sgt. Orrell was 21 years old and was a graduate of New Hanover High school, class of 1942.

Motorists May Deduct State Gasoline Taxes

North Carolina motorists may deduct on their Federal Income tax returns this year the money they paid out in state gasoline taxes in 1944, Coleman R. Roberts, president of the Carolina Motor club, announced yesterday. The state tax rate is six cents per gallon.

"It must be added," the motor club official said, "that any deductions, whether based on a state gasoline tax or on other items, may be only when the taxpayer reports his income in detail on form 1040. In the main, no deductions may be claimed by those who file a withholding receipt as a return, or who use form 1040 and take advantage of the tax table or standard deduction. The blanket allowance granted in the latter cases is deemed to be sufficient to cover allowable personal deductions."

A detailed listing of deductible items has been prepared by the American Automobile Association and a supply of copies is on hand at the offices of the Carolina Motor club for the benefit of motorists in making their returns.

Jewish Appeal Near \$15,000 Goal Here

The \$15,000 local goal of the United Jewish Appeal is being neared, according to latest reports.

Credit for part of this success is given to group meetings held in the homes of Sam Berger, chairman of the Initial Gifts committee, and Abe D'Lugin and William Block, members of the executive committee. B. Kingoff is general chairman of the Appeal, and B. May is co-chairman of the Initial Gifts committee.



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HEARINGS PLANNED ON ELECTION RULES

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agreement that had arisen as to the legal effect of the referendum under the 1943 act.

Scheduled for introduction to the General Assembly this week by Mr. LeGrand is the amendment to the City Pension act that would provide benefits for employees of the Associated Charities, Alcoholic Beverage Control board, and Wilmington public health nurses, he said.

Presented last Thursday by him was an act enabling city and county to rebate taxes assessed against the American Legion home. It is now being held by the Finance committee, as Mr. LeGrand is awaiting word of approval from the city and county. He said he had been informed the bill had been endorsed by the two governing bodies, but that later he learned through the press that the county had disapproved the measure.

In connection with a bill received by him to enable the City Council to relieve churches from paying street paving assessments, Mr. LeGrand said he had asked the local minister presenting it to him to obtain approval first from the Council. Pointing out that he had just been presented the item of legislation that would allow the city and county to set up a domestic relations court, he said he would "have to study it before I render a decision."

Pidgin English is often used in official documents, especially in New Guinea.

Bombers Blast Oil Plants, Ship Yards

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resses and Liberators and 500 Mustang fighters of the Eighth Air Force. They blasted oil refineries at Misburg near Hannover, Hamburg and Hamburg and submarine construction yards at Bremen and Hamburg.

Later in the day, RAF bombers, escorted by British Spitfires and Mustangs, hit a synthetic oil plant at Kamen near Dortmund in another unrelenting blow at Nazi fuel supplies which already are critically scarce.

Most of the target areas were covered by clouds and bombing

wa by instrument. But crew member could see great columns of smoke rising above the cloud layer at 3,000 feet.

Although the Luftwaffe again failed to challenge the Allied raiders, bur bombers and 11 fighters failed to return from the American missions.

The U-Boat targets were the Blohm und Voss at Hamburg and the Deshmag yards at Bremen—two of the biggest in Germany.

producing the latest type of submarine which is fitted with an "air-mast" to enable the undersea craft to recharge their batteries without surfacing.

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