

### CHERRY APPOINTS PENAL INSPECTORS

RALEIGH, April 24.—(P)—Governor Cherry today appointed two five-member legislative commissions, one to inspect and report to the next General Assembly on the State's penal institutions, and the other to study the advisability of financial responsibility or compulsory insurance for automobile drivers.

Sen. George T. Penny of Greensboro, who sponsored a resolution authorizing an inspection of jails and prisons, was named to head the first group. On it are Sen. W. B. Hodges of Hendersonville, and Repr. C. E. Quinn of Duplin, Walter R. Sellers of Alamance, and James A. Bridges of Bladen.

The second commission will be headed by George A. Shuford of Buncombe, as chairman. On it are Repr. George R. Uzzell of Rowan, W. W. White of Perquimans; and Senators Henry Vann of Clinton and George L. Hundley of Davidson.

The Governor said both commissions would be self-governed but would receive no pay for their services. The Shuford commission will "inquire into the problem of financial responsibility, compulsory insurance or any feasible method of compensation for injury or damage to persons or property caused by operators of motor vehicles on the highways of the State."

A bill which would have set up a law of financial responsibility for drivers was defeated in the House, and the resolution authorizing a study of the merits of a financial responsibility program later was passed.

### JAPS MAKE LAST STAND AT BAGUIO

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of Mount Mapatad, east of Manila. On Cebu island, American Division units under Lt. - Col. Louis F. Franco of Chicago, Ill., made a shore-to-shore thrust, landing near Davao, nine miles north of Cebu city. The landing cut off Japanese fleeing northward.

Around Cebu city, an American unit under Capt. Robert F. Pence of Gary, Ind., surprised a Japanese force, killing 60. Keith D. Stewart of Aldrich, Mo., led another unit which killed 110 Japanese in a bitter fight, in which the Americans took some losses.

In the fan-like thrust from Kabacan, the Doughboys of Maj. Gen. R. B. Woodruff's 24th Infantry Division apparently struck across country for Davao instead of following highway No. 1 south eastward.

The communique said the Japanese force on Mindanao, believed to number some 50,000 troops, "has as yet been unable to concentrate."

Supporting the 25th and 33rd Divisions' advances in northern Luzon, centering around Balete pass and Baguio, attack and fighter bombers dropped more than 250 tons on Japanese positions.

The patrols were operating in the wild St. Mapo National Park area of Mindanao island. Flanking the road they are following are peaks rising to some 9,000 feet. The American forces are headed for Digos, on the coast of Davao gulf. A coastal road leads north-eastward to Davao city through the big town of Santa Cruz and a half dozen villages.

Monday's communique said main Yank forces of Maj. Gen. R. B. Woodruff's 24th Infantry Division had occupied Kabacan, road junction about 60 miles northwest of Digos. Kabacan is almost halfway to Davao city from the American beachhead.

Seizure of Kabacan cut off the Japanese forces in northern Mindanao from those in the south, the communique said. It is believed, however, that most of the estimated 50,000 Nipponese fighting men still on the island are in strong positions in the Davao sector. Richard Bergholz, Associated Press war correspondent, reported the Japanese appeared to be withdrawing into the rugged country around Kabacan and into the Davao region.

On Luzon island other American forces scored new advances on the outskirts of Baguio and east of Manila. On the latter front two companies of the 145th Regiment of the Sixth Division, with the support of 72 field guns, slugged their way to within 500 feet of the summit of 1,800-foot Mt. Pacaway while the 43rd Division was within a mile of Mt. Napatad.

Monday's communique boosted Japan's total dead in the Philippines to 334,111, adding 10,896 killed during the week of April 16.

### High Honor Is Awarded To American Air Chief

U. S. STRATEGIC AIR FORCES HEADQUARTERS, France, April 24.—(P)—The legion of honor, grand officer rank, was awarded today by the French government to Gen. Carl Spaatz, senior U. S. air commander in the European theater.

The Croix de Guerre with palm was awarded to Martin Bateman, commanding officer, 302nd transport wing, Camden, S. C.

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### Obituaries

**MRS. ALEXZENA SAWYER**  
Funeral services for Mrs. Alexzena H. Sawyer, 68, who died at her residence, 711 Grace street, at 11:45 a. m. Monday, were held at 3 p. m. yesterday from the Yopp Funeral home. The Rev. E. W. Pate, assisted by the Rev. Earl Bradley officiated.

Active pallbearers were Walter Phelps, George White, W. P. Carroll, Gayhart Whilden, Thomas Rabon and J. L. Colley. Honorary pallbearers were Dr. G. R. C. Thompson, Lynn Todd, A. W. Allen and Joe Brown. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Bessie Benton, of this city; and a son, R. E. Sawyer, Baltimore, Md.

**JACOB L. SOLOMON**  
Funeral services for Jacob L. Solomon, 60, who died at his residence at 811 Dock street Monday morning, were conducted from the chapel of the Ward Funeral home by Rabbi M. M. Thurman at 4 p. m. yesterday with interment following in Oakdale cemetery.

Surviving are his widow, Emma S. Solomon; two sons Lt. Louis S. Solomon, U. S. Army, and Lt. Bernard S. Solomon, USNR; one daughter, Mrs. Charles C. Baggett; a brother, Albert Solomon; and a grandson, Charlie C. Baggett, Jr. Honorary pallbearers were Dr. A. H. Harris, Dr. R. B. Hare, Dr. G. R. C. Thompson, Dr. Donald B. Koonce, W. S. Bunting and W. T. Spragens.

Active pallbearers were Arthur Lewis, W. T. Brown, Wash. W. King, Rudolph Geischen, Dan Williams and Marion Cox.

**MRS. MAMIE S. SWAIN**  
Funeral services for Mrs. Mamie S. Swain of Southport, who died Monday, were held at 3 p. m. yesterday at the Southport Baptist church with the Rev. A. L. Brown and the Rev. C. N. Phillips in charge.

Interment followed in the Antioch Baptist church cemetery near Bolivia.

Active pallbearers were R. T. Woodside, Walker Clemmons, Robert Thompson, D. B. Garrish, J. E. Smith, M. R. Saunders and Fred Willing.

Mrs. Swain is survived by a daughter, Mrs. G. W. Fisher; five sons, James G. Swain, LeRoy Swain, Bennie D. Swain, Warren G. Swain and Dearmond Swain. Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. G. W. Edwards and Mrs. C. E. Volles and three brothers, Harry Spencer, Fred W. Spencer and M. C. Spencer.

### VETS' AID UNIT AUTHORIZED HERE

The Veterans Hospital at Fayetteville yesterday was authorized by the Veterans Administration to establish a contact unit in Wilmington to provide ex-servicemen with general information on all activities of the Administration, according to an announcement from Washington by Representative J. Bayard Clark.

The unit, consisting of a contact representative and a clerk stenographer, will be opened as soon as space can be obtained and personnel secured, Representative Clark said.

Officials of the Fayetteville facility said the Wilmington office, part of the general expansion program of the administration, would provide information and assistance on all phases of the administration, including compensation, hospitalization, vocational training and other services.

They said the date of the opening of the new unit could not be determined yet because of the manpower shortage.

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### DAUGHTER VISITS FIGHTING FATHER

Coast Guard Lieutenant Commander R. W. Thresher, skipper of a Coast Guard cutter operating in the North Atlantic, and former Wilmingtonian, was recently visited by his daughter, WAC Private Mary "Polly" Thresher, stationed at Headquarters, ATC, Gravelly Point, Washington, D. C.

The Skipper is a veteran of 20 years' service in the Coast Guard and a total of 29 years at sea. He served with the U. S. Navy in World War I.

Miss Thresher was well known during her stay here and graduated in 1941 from the New Hanover High School.

During his two years of duty here as Captain of the Port, Lt. Cmdr. Thresher resided in Colonial Village. He was recently decorated for participating in the capture of a spy ring in northern waters.

### Accused Negro Sent To Superior Court

The case of Arthur Lee Stevenson, 38, Negro, charged with house breaking and larceny and receiving, was bound over to Superior court yesterday in Recorder's court. His bond was set at \$1,000.

He was accused of breaking into the home of Willie McKeller, 910 Miller street, and taking a radio valued at \$25 and women's clothing, valued at \$40.

The case of Beatrice Reeves McRae, 25, Negro, 320 McRae street, accused of breaking into the house and store of P. D. Tripp, of 1005 North Fourth street, was dismissed for want of probable cause.

Mamie Iris, charged with reckless operation of an automobile involved in an accident in which two people were injured, pleaded guilty. She was given a 30-day suspended sentence and placed on probation for one year.

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### HIGHWAY BIDS ARE RECEIVED

Low bidders for two highway resurfacing projects in New Hanover and Brunswick counties were announced yesterday by officials of the North Carolina Highway Commission, following the opening of bids in Raleigh at 10 a. m.

F. D. Cline, of Raleigh, was low bidder with a proposal of \$84,186, to resurface a six-mile portion of the Carolina Beach highway, U. S. 421, from the city limits of Wilmington to Spindle's place; and to pave about one and one-half miles of U. S. Highway No. 117 from Smith's creek bridge to the first turn-off to Bluetenthal Army Air base.

The Dickerson Co., of Monroe, was said to be the low bidder to pave a 17-mile stretch of U. S. Highway 177 from Bell Swamp to Grissetown in Brunswick county. The proposal was \$103,356.

Officials said the Highway Commission probably would award contracts early next week following a study of the bids submitted yesterday.

### PAYMENT AUTHORIZED

RALEIGH, April 24.—(P)—Payment of \$3,000 each to Jesse Jones of Kinston and J. H. Harrell of Greenville for their services as special prosecutors in the first trial of Dr. Leon Meadows, former president of East Carolina Teachers college, was authorized yesterday by the council of state.

### EX-CHANCELLOR REPORTED SLAIN

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to the camp's administration building. Later Schacht returned alone. The following morning a French dentist, who recognized Schuschnigg's body, was ordered to remove the gold fillings from the former Chancellor's teeth and a crematory attendant who also knew Schuschnigg was instructed to burn the body.

Bertrand said he did not know how Schuschnigg was slain but that evidence pointed to hanging. The prisoners said 13 American paratroopers were hanged near the camp April 1 and their bodies burned in the camp crematory. A Heidelberg medical student said he was ordered to cut down the bodies and send them to the crematory.

Some prisoners who previously had been held in the notorious Buchenwald camp near Weimar declared that Flossenburg was much worse because the food ration was less. They said most of the deaths at Flossenburg resulted from starvation.

They reported that 5,000 prisoners made a forced march in six days from Buchwald, spent two days trying to recuperate at Flossenburg and then were headed out again in the direction of Dachau. The Flossenburg camp was discovered by a patrol from the 358th

Regiment commanded by Lt. Col. Jacob W. Bealke, Jr., Sullivan, Mo. Leaders of the patrol were Capt. Charles W. Watson, New Lebanon, Ohio, and Lt. William B. Kilpatrick, Paris, Tex.

The patrol found the crematory ovens still burning with eight bodies alongside waiting their turn. Nearby the Americans found a huge pile of victims' shoes, many of them worn through.

The camp was surrounded by three barbed wire fences, the outer one electrically charged. It was closed to outsiders a few hours after the liberation because 800 of the prisoners were suffering from typhus, 90 from tuberculosis, two from diphtheria and two from scarlet fever. All 1,600 were suffering from malnutrition.

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### Western Union To Cut International Rates

WASHINGTON, April 24.—(P)—Western Union Telegraph Co. was authorized by the Federal Communications Commission today to make substantial reductions in international message rates.

Effective May 1, a charge of four cents a word will be made for full rate international messages carried overland to gateway

points for transmission out of the country. At present these overland rates vary from 4 to 15 cents a word.

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# GENERAL MOTORS REPORTS TO THE NATION

on its 1944 Production, Employment and Earnings

### Production

**GM DELIVERIES (Billions of Dollars)**

Total deliveries of General Motors products in 1944 amounted to \$4,300,000,000. Of this volume of materials produced by General Motors with the assistance of many thousands of subcontractors and suppliers, 90.2% were war products and the remainder authorized as essential to the war economy.

The actual physical volume of war products was increased by some 15% over the preceding year. The high quality of GM war production has been tested in combat on all fronts.

### Employment

**EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLLS IN GENERAL MOTORS**

Employment in General Motors for 1944 reached a new high, with an average of 465,617 people employed. Payrolls rose to more than \$1,380,000,000! In 1943, average employment was 448,848; payrolls totaled \$1,322,000,000.

### Earnings

**GM NET INCOME AND EXCESS PROFITS TAXES PER SHARE OF COMMON STOCK**

In line with our wartime pricing and profit limitation policy initiated early in 1942, price reductions on war products have been passed on to the Government as cost reductions were achieved. In 1944, only 2.8% of GM war deliveries were made on a cost-plus-fixed-fee basis. Before providing for taxes, the overall profit margin from manufacturing operations expressed as a percentage of sales, was limited to about one-half that of 1941, the last prewar year. As a result, net income available to stockholders was \$170,995,865. Net income per share were \$3. Income taxes and excess profits taxes amounted to \$264,413,156.

### GM as a Wartime Producer

The value of GM war production deliveries to the end of 1944 was 10 billion dollars. GM has produced more than 3,600 different war products—ranging from huge tanks to tiny ball bearings. Output in the U. S. from the beginning of the defense program to the end of 1944 included:

- More than—140,000,000 shells and shell casings;
- 180,000 cannon;
- 1,000,000 .30-cal. and .50-cal. machine guns;
- 2,400,000 carbines;
- 180,000 airplane engines;
- 9,000 complete bomber and fighter planes;
- 245,000 gyroscopes;
- 740,000 tanks, tank destroyers and armored cars;
- 3,200,000 trucks, including amphibious "Ducks";
- 11,000,000 electric motors of all sizes;
- 300,000,000 fuses;
- 300,000,000 ball and roller bearings;
- and a major part of all the Diesel engines produced for U. S. Army and Navy use.

Its cooperation with thousands of subcontractors and suppliers continued to be a vital part of General Motors' war effort during 1944. Postwar plans are being made to renew peacetime relationships with thousands of suppliers and subcontractors with whom GM did business prewar. In a great many instances these concerns are among those cooperating with GM in its war production program.

Of the 104,000 GM men and women who have entered the armed forces, more than 9,000 have already come back to GM. In addition, 16,000 veterans of this war not previously employed by General Motors have been hired.

Almost 116,000 written suggestions were received by GM Divisions in 1944 under the GM plan of encouraging suggestions for facilitating production and improving working conditions. Awards of \$1,138,656 in War Bonds and Stamps were paid to employees for 28,393 suggestions in 1944.

General Motors units engaged in the war effort:

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