

### In Our Own Jungle!



The caption writer wanted to write "Aren't They Just Too Daring!" because they are more important for the home folks, though, is the fact that the two lion cubs you see peeping through the bars above are in what is practically our own jungle. The two little kittens—who haven't been named yet and for whose names a contest may be started—are just 27 weeks old. No, they weren't born in Wilmington, but in Florida. Yet, they have spent most of their young lives here. They're in the winter quarters of the R. and S. Amusement company just across the Cape Fear on the Whitefield road. One of their owners, Eddie Lewis, just rattled a paper bag in front of their cage and they walked right up, fearlessly, to have their picture snapped. Sure, they're fearless. Their papa rides a motorcycle sidcar in a motordrome.

### BOWLES ASKS COOPERATION Economic Stabilizer Says "Line" To Hold

Former OPA Chief Assures Nation Prices Of Three Essentials—Food, Clothing, Shelter—Can Be Held At Levels

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18. — (AP) — Chester Bowles assured the nation Monday that under President Truman's new wage-price policy the prices of the three essentials of life—food, shelter and clothing—can be held at about their present levels.

But he solemnly warned that cooperation of the entire nation is necessary—that the inflation boiler is dangerously near the explosion point, "with our entire economic future at stake."

He climbed Capitol Hill to appeal to Congress for a continuation of price controls, which are due to expire June 30.

The lobbyists and the profiteers are licking their chops," he declared. "It is going to take a firm and decisive action—it is going to take teamwork and support on every hand—if we are to hold this country on an even keel."

But, appearing for the first time in his new role as designated Economic Stabilizer, Bowles told the House Banking committee Mr. Truman's new wage-price policy is "a program that will work" and will turn back the inflation pressures.

No Retreat It does not mean a retreat to a new and higher price line, he said. Moreover, he declared: "To those people who are betting on inflation in the stock market and in the commodity markets, let me say you are betting on the wrong horse. There isn't going to be any inflation. We're going to hold the price and rent line as we've held it since May, 1943—all the speculators, lobbyists and pres-"

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### Citizens Ask Adequate Facilities Here

Wilmington Leaders Impress Need For Service On Commissioners STATE STUDY PLANNED "Fact-Finding" Group To Study Service In North Carolina Cities

Wilmington's Bluethenthal airfield, all \$11,000,000 worth of it, may soon come under the authority of a legal, permanent, and energetic airport commission, and the city's rightful place in the air-age will be assured.

In a dramatic meeting yesterday morning in the County Courthouse, a group of about 20 persons, among them prominent members of the Chamber of Commerce's aviation committee, city councilmen, and local businessmen, asked outright that the Board of County Commissioners create a separate airport commission which would have full power to develop and manage the airfield and to refer back to the county board any suggestions for improvement of the field's facilities.

Stressing the fact that the field is far and away the largest and best equipped field in the Carolinas, the delegates emphasized the urgency for the creation of the commission, lest "we find ourselves outstripped by smaller airfields in other cities."

In direct and positive answer to the proposal, the county board voted to send its members, together with members of the Chamber and delegates from the Wilmington Aero-Club, on a "fact-finding" mission to airfields in Winston-Salem, Durham, Raleigh, Greensboro, and High Point. The fact-finding committee, tentatively scheduled to leave the end of this week, will compile the information necessary to the organization of the airport commission.

County Attorney Marsden Bellamy pointed out that legal difficulties stand in the way of the immediate creation of the commission. According to Supreme Court rulings in the past, the airport commission cannot be financed by taxation except by a vote of the people, and the matter will have to be referred to the voters.

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### APPROPRIATIONS NOW PERMISSIBLE

President Lifts Bar To Rivers, Harbors Measure By Signing New Bill

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18. — (AP) — President Truman signed today legislation permitting appropriations for rivers and harbors construction authorized by Congress in March, 1945. The legislation repeals a section of the authorization prohibiting appropriations until six months after the official end of war.

Navigation, irrigation and hydroelectric power works estimated to cost \$500,000,000 are listed in the 1945 act. Only those important to national security could be undertaken until the President signed the measure lifting the six-month restriction.

All now are eligible for appropriations, subject to recommendations of the Army Engineers, the Budget Bureau and action by Congress. Among the larger projects and the estimated first costs are Alabama Coosa river \$60,000,000; Mississippi river between Ohio and Missouri rivers, \$10,290,000.

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### In Ickes' Shoes



Naturally, nobody'll ever be able to fill the self-styled "Old Curmudgeon's" shoes in the Department of Interior. But, until Truman can pick the "right man", Oscar L. Chapman, shown here, will run the department so hastily and recently vacated by Harold L. Ickes. He is the assistant secretary for 13 years — same length of time Ickes was secretary — and he's 49, a native of Virginia.

### SENATE PASSES ALLEN FOR JOB

Question Of Pauley's Nomination Still Under Solon's Fire

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18. — (AP) — The Senate confirmed George E. Allen and a couple of other Presidential appointees Monday while its committees quizzed Commodore James K. Vardaman and delved further into Edwin W. Pauley's background.

Before acting on Allen, the Senate passed an appropriation bill from which funds for a White House addition wanted by President Truman were stricken. The bill carries \$4,000,000,000 for veterans benefits and money for various federal agencies. It goes back to the House for consideration of minor Senate changes.

The House, passing several minor bills, heard a speech by Rep. Gibson (D-Ga.) blasting Harold L. Ickes as "an opportunist without regard to principle or scruple." Gibson said that the resigned Interior Secretary's actions in the Pauley matter "should be a lesson to our party." The Georgian added that "for many years now our party has dragged in anything that could swing a few votes regardless of the detriment of the nation."

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### HIGHWAY ACCIDENT NEAR SANFORD TAKES LIVES OF TWO MEN

SANFORD, Feb. 18. — (AP) — Two men were killed and four others injured Monday in a two-car collision on U. S. Highway No. 1, two miles north of Sanford, according to Lee county Sheriff A. G. Buchanan.

He listed the dead as Wesley Thompson, 33, of Sanford Route 4, and Herbert Mack Crump, 21, of Greensboro. The injured, Buchanan said, were Raymond Thomas of Sanford, Hermon Dowdy of Sanford Route 4, Marvin Phillips of Pittsboro, and Silas Williams, also of Sanford Route 4.

The condition of Dowdy, a patient at the Duke hospital in Durham, is listed as "very critical," the sheriff reported. The others, all patients in the Lee county hospital, are in "fair" condition, he added.

### Along The Cape Fear

OLD SHELL ROAD — Now that the county has proposed to make improvements on the old Shell road which leads from the city to Wrightsville Beach, we've kind of got interested in its history. For example, we've always heard that the old Shell Road was the first paved road in North Carolina. The story, as we know it, says that someone got the idea of paving the road with oysters—the shells, that is.

There were regular gates lowered across the road at these places, just like the ones at frontiers in Europe, and the man-in-charge wouldn't lift it and let you through until you crossed his palm with silver. That's another thing we don't know. What was the fee?

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## 250,000 TELEPHONE WORKERS SET FOR STRIKE VOTE TODAY; GM-UA W NEGOTIATIONS FAIL

### Peace Move Deadlocked Over Issues

Wages Now Considered Secondary As Conferees Dispute On Principles NEW FUSSES ARISE

### Local Issues Now Creep In to "Reasons" For Extending Long Stoppage

DETROIT, Feb. 18. — (AP) — General Motors corporation and the CIO United Auto Workers' union renewed their strike settlement parleys Monday with little outward indication of an early agreement.

The disputants apparently were still as far apart as ever in the issues of union security and promotions as Federal Mediator James F. Dewey brought them together again.

Although no statements were issued, it appeared wages had become a secondary issue to the dispute over other contract clauses. The corporation has offered 18 1/2 cents (16.5 per cent) an hour increase and the union has demanded 19 1/2 cents (17.4 per cent).

### SHIPYARDS PAY BOOST IS VOTED

Hike Of 18 Cents Must Be Approved By Wage Stabilization Board

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18. — (AP) — The Shipbuilding Wage Stabilization conference, by a majority vote, overruled industry representatives Monday and voted an 18-cent hourly-wage increase for shipbuilding workers.

However, the conference indicated it was uncertain whether the wage boost would be approved by the National Wage Stabilization board.

Under the board's regulations, it cannot consider a wage dispute, if whether the immediately made clear whether the conference action was to be regarded as an agreement or whether the Wage Stabilization board still would consider management's refusal to accept the recommendation.

### And So To Bed..

The police, veritably, are public servants. Yesterday, Rudolph Jarrell, the policeman on the Grace to Chestnut beat, was passing the entrance to the Star-News. A lady came up and asked him to "drop into the Star Classified Department and place an advertisement for me."

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### 100 Per Cent Census— U.S. TO ENUMERATE ALL CITY STATISTICS

A complete, 100 per cent census, covering not only the number of people in the city but also occupational skills, economic and social characteristics, and housing, was virtually assured to Wilmington yesterday—and at no extra cost to the city. A census of this type is, according to enthusiastic reports from civic leaders, exactly what the city needs to further its plans for post-war industrial and economic development.

### FARRELL IN DUAL ROLE

New Industrial Agent To Keep Chamber Job City Council Resolution Provides \$4,000 Budget To Carry On Work Until June 30; Full Cooperation To Be Extended

Wilmington's bid for "a place in the sun" in the economic and industrial post-war world received a strong shot in the arm yesterday afternoon when the City Council, in special session with the Economic Industrial committee,

### EMBASSY OFFICIAL GAVE FIRST TIP ON ATOMIC SECRET LEAK

OTTAWA, Feb. 18. — (AP) — Ottawa police circles said Monday that the first "tip" to Dominion officials on the operations of a vast espionage ring came from Ivor Gosenko, youthful attaché of the Russian Embassy. The ring allegedly operated in behalf of Russia and despite official denials the belief persisted that the atomic bomb secrets of the United States, Great Britain, and Canada at least came within the scope of its efforts.

### CITY'S ZONING MEETINGS BEGIN

Citizens To Get Preview Of Plans At NHHS Auditorium Tonight

The first in a series of public hearings on the proposed city-zoning will be held tonight, 8:00 p. m., in New Hanover high school auditorium. In a preview of preliminary zoning plans, George W. Simons, Jr., city planning consultant, and his associate, Harold Weldon, will disclose the plans for the area bounded by 13th street on the west, Burt Mill creek on the east, and the new city limit boundaries on the north and south.

These plans are by no means final. The purpose of the meeting is to elicit the approval, or suggestions for change, of the plans from the citizens living in that area. Hearings for other sections of the city will be announced later.

### RESORT PLANNING BUSINESS GUIDE

Catalogue Of Wrightsville's Concerns Talked By Chamber

The compilation of a business directory and the location of a Chamber of Commerce information booth were topics that bred considerable discussion at last night's meeting of the Wrightsville Beach Chamber of Commerce. Especial consideration was given to the directory which, it is proposed, will be an exhaustive catalogue of Beach concerns, housing, recreation, and amusement; extremely useful to residents and an indispensable handbook for vacationers. The Chamber is sending a form

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### No Walkout Planned By Group Here

Local Union Has As Yet Received No Orders To Leave Jobs MEET IN MEMPHIS

### More Powerful Members Of National Union Declared To Favor Strike

Miss Minnie I. Boone, chairman of the Wilmington local of the National Federation of Telephone Workers, told The Star last night that she had not been advised up to a late hour of probable strike action by the federation. Miss Boone, who succeeded C. L. Garner as chairman of the local when he was transferred to the Raleigh office of the Southern Bell Telephone company, said that she would probably be informed of the status of the strike situation sometime today.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 18. — (AP) — The greatest telephone strike in history appeared likely Monday night as a union-by-union survey of National Federation of Telephone Workers affiliates, showed the larger and more powerful members definitely in favor of a walkout.

Majority Favors NFTW President Joseph A. Beirne, emphasizing that the survey did not constitute a formal vote, said that a majority of the 50 members favored a strike by the federation's 250,000 telephone workers.

### 32 NEW CARDINALS NAMED BY CHURCH

Largest Group Raised To Purple In 1,900 Years Of Catholicism

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 18. — (AP) — The Roman Catholic church Monday created 32 new cardinals, the largest and most cosmopolitan group ever raised to the purple in 1,900 years of church history. The new cardinals, representing 19 nations and six continents, were created at a history-making secret consistory, the first to be convened since 1940 and the first to create new princes of the church in the seven-year reign of Pope Pius XII.

Today's action, which the Pontiff said he had "meditated for a long time" but had not been able to carry out because of the war, brought the membership of the sacred college to 60—on a short of the maximum 70—and made the college more universally representative than at any time in history.

The new cardinals included four from the United States, seven from other parts of the Western Hemisphere, four from Italy, three from Spain, three from France, three from Germany, and one each from Turkish Armenia, Poland, Hungary, China, Portuguese East Africa, England, Australia and the Netherlands.

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### A WORD FROM YOUR Morning Star Carrier

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### Now, See 'Ere, Matey! 'Oos Th' Eathen Tawker?

LONDON, Feb. 18. — (AP) — So the Elton chronicle thinks American slang is defiling the pure stream of the English language?

This correspondent, with the chronicle's complaint of last week in mind, dug around for some slang of the British variety. What gives?

Americans say, briefly, they're going "to bed," in England, it's "up the wooden hill." Net waste: two words.

If some one in a restaurant is simply "awkward" because he spilled some food, the British call him a "slosh pot." Then, if he

### The Weather

FORECAST  
North and South Carolina: Tuesday rain and a little colder. (Eastern Standard Time) (By U. S. Weather Bureau)

Metereological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m., yesterday.

Maximum: 60;	Minimum: 43;	Mean: 52;
Normal: 48.	Humidity: 70.	
1:30 a.m. 48;	7:30 a.m. 44;	1:30 p.m. 60;
7:30 p.m. 44;	9:30 a.m. 44;	4:04 p.m. 57.
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Precipitation  
— Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m. —  
— Since the first of the month —  
1.21 inches.

Tides For Today  
(From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey)

Wilmington	High	Low
	5:57 a.m.	7:26 p.m.
Masonboro Inlet	5:57 a.m.	7:26 p.m.

Sunrise 6:52; Sunset 6:00; Moonrise 9:31 p.m.; Moonset 9:04 a.m.

River Stage at Fayetteville, N. C. at 8 a.m., Monday, (no report) feet.

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