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## VHF Sure Thing For Field

# NEWEST AIR DEVELOPMENT ASSURED FOR BLUETHENTHAL

The ultra-modern VHF (very high frequency) radio range, the very latest scientific development in aviation navigation, is now a "sure thing" for Wilmington's Bluethenthal airfield.

Construction of the VHF range will be opened on May 1. Actual construction is expected to be completed about July 1, and the range will be commissioned and in operation about August 1.

pasture' air... Briefly, this is the story of the VHF radio range: Radio Range The compass is divided into 360 degrees. The old four-way radio range transmitted radio signals to planes in only four directions.

## THREAT TO PORT

# Wilmington To Fight Tampa Plan Of Rates

Florida Port Seeks To Be Included In Freight Rate Area With Wilmington, Which Would Mean Higher Fares Here

A threat to Wilmington's position as a prominent post-war port of world trade is in the offing, but the Wilmington Port Traffic association is ready to meet it.

## SISTERS' GROUP TO BE HONORED IN NEW HOSPITAL

The name of Wilmington's future 100-bed, \$700,000 Catholic hospital has been changed from St. Francis to Holy Family, the campaign-funds committee disclosed yesterday.

## RED CROSS REPORT COMES IN SLOWLY

Only \$15,000 Of \$41,000 Quota Reported Through Last Night

## FRANCO CHARGES ATTACK PLANNED AGAINST SPAIN

MADRID, March 18.—(AP)—The Spanish government Monday night charged that the United States engaged in espionage activities in Spanish North Africa in 1943, and early the following year submitted a plan to other Allied nations for an invasion of the Iberian peninsula.

## The Weather

FORECAST: North Carolina: Scattered light showers in East portion Tuesday with little change in temperature.

## TOBACCO FARMERS REACH NEW HIGHS

Weed Brings In \$346,668, 313 During Past Season In State

RALEIGH, March 18.—(AP)—North Carolina farmers last season sold 787,617,355 pounds of flue-cured and burley tobacco for \$346,668,313, an average of 44.01 cents a pound, the State Department of Agriculture reported Monday.

## GROUP TO STUDY 'CASTE SYSTEM'

Source Of GI Grips To Be Investigated By Board Under Doolittle

## SENATE COMMITTEE APPROVES MEASURE FOR CAPE FEAR JOB

WASHINGTON, March 18.—(AP)—An appropriation of \$1,465,000 for improving the Cape Fear river channel at Wilmington, was approved Monday by the Senate Appropriations committee.

## LOSE DEATH RACE

# Coast Guard's Gamble Fails To Save Tiny Baby

NEW YORK, March 18.—(AP)—The body of tiny Leigh Travis Smith, who died at sea at the age of nine hours, arrived aboard the liner Queen Mary, Monday, after the U. S. Coast Guard has gambled the lives of 12 men in an effort to assure his delivery alive to an American father.

# U.S.-BRITAIN TO FORCE UNO REVIEW OF DISPUTES BETWEEN IRAN, RUSSIA; KING BARES RED 'ESPIONAGE PLOTS'

## Soviet Move Is Disclosed By Canadian

Prime Minister Tells Of Conferences With Truman And Attlee SERIOUS SITUATION

## Cypher Messages Related To "Munition Plans, Troop Movements"

OTTAWA, March 18.—(UP)—Prime Minister MacKenzie King disclosed Monday night that he made urgent trips to Washington and London to confer with President Truman and Prime Minister Attlee when he learned that Russia was seeking information of "great and grave concern" through its embassy in Ottawa.

## TESTS SHOW CARS IN BAD CONDITION

Barwick Finds 387 Defects In 436 Autos Inspected Here

Just how badly the American people need new automobiles is graphically illustrated by the findings of Ray Barwick, State Highway License examiner here.

## Along The Cape Fear

POLITICAL HARNESS—We notice in the paper—yes, we read it too sometimes—that many of our county officials are throwing their hats into the coming primary elections ring.

## WOMAN RECOVERS AFTER TWO WEEKS ON ISLAND

LOS ANGELES, March 18.—(AP)—Mrs. Bernice Brown, 43, recovering from a terrifying two weeks marooned on a bleak desert island, Monday night said she never again wants to see the ocean, which claimed the lives of her husband and brother-in-law and almost took hers.

## REFUTE DISREPUTE—It's particularly satisfying to know that these men, as well as most other public officials hereabouts, are treated by most of us with the respect due bona fide politicians.

## Tabor City Boys Join Up En Masse



The boys from Tabor City are doing an "all-out" answer to their country's call for men in the Army. In the picture, above, you see seven men signing up with Sgt. Robert W. Mitchell, seated, at the Wilmington Army Recruiting station. And six of the seven are from Tabor City. The seventh is from Whiteville.

## See Threat To Appeals From Coup

Move By Leftists Suspected In Maneuvers By Russians In Iran

## SEEK OIL RIGHTS

America, England Against Negotiations While Troops Are Present

LONDON, March 18.—(UP)—The Iranian government is still determined to put its dispute with Russia before the United Nations Security council and if the Russians by means of threats prevent it from doing so the British and American governments will force consideration, authoritative sources said Monday night.

## Mrs. Collins Calm At Sentence Here

Local Woman, Convicted Of Knife-Slaying Here, Indifferent As She Draws Term In State Prison

Mrs. Coreen Graham Collins, convicted slayer of Mrs. Edward F. Bordeaux, was yesterday sentenced to serve from three to five years in the state prison.

## 5 BODIES RAISED AT COOPER BRIDGE

Family Drowned When Structure Was Rammmed By Ship Feb. 24

CHARLESTON, S. C., Mar. 18.—(AP)—An automobile containing five bodies was raised from the Cooper river here Monday afternoon following three weeks' investigation of a report that an automobile plunged into the water when a gap was knocked in the big Grace Memorial bridge.

## MIRACLE DRUG SOUGHT TO AID BABY ILL HERE

Marian Rouse, two and a half year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Rouse, Rose Hill, is in the James Walker Memorial hospital suffering from congested lungs and various complications.

## And So To Bed..

Mrs. Dionne, mother of the famous quintuplets, had better look to her laurels.

J. C. Williams, 809 Park avenue, Audubon, has a hen which seems set to break all production records.

Last week this hen, a normal chicken to all outside appearances, laid an egg, size 3" by 4".

Inside this egg was another regular-size egg.

This week she did it again. And Mr. Williams thinks she's going to keep right on with it.