Wilmington Morning Star

143 Million

Famous Lines Will Carry

Natural Gas To Points

On Eastern Seaboard

TO PAY ALL CASH

Price Received Within \$2,-

700,000 Of Original

Construction Costs

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 -- (P)-

The government knocked down its

Big and Little Inch pipelines for

\$143,127,000 today to carry natural

The War Assets administration

snapped up the cash offer by the

Texas Eastern Transmission corp-

oration of Houston, Tex - only

\$2,700,000 short of what the lines

cost to build-and Administrator

Robert M. Littlejohn expressed

hope the company would take over

1. The Justice department must

approve from the anti-trust stand-

point. Littlejohn said he was in-

formed it could rule within

2. The Federal Power commis-

sion must grant a certificate of

convenience and necessity. Sena-

tor Myers (D-Pa) predicted the

commission will "never permit the

transmission of natural gas to the

Eastern seaboard" and insisted

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Burns; Seven Army Men

MONCKS CORNER, S. C., Feb.

Searching parties from a forest

service station set out immediate-

the woods beyond auto roads.

Forest Ranger A. C. Wells said

Killed In Smash

gas to the East.

by May 1.

But first:

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Vandenberg

Hits Russian

Fails To Reciprocate.

Good Will

CITES INSTANCES

Answer On Lend-Lease

Bills Have Failed

States in foreign relations.

WASHINGTON, Feb 14 - (P) -

referring specifically to Moscow's

failure to answer requests for the

settlement of lend-lease accounts.

Michigan Chambers of commerce

delegation. Vandenberg said:

Ignores Requests

HOEY AND CLARK

Surplus Sale Until De-

cision On Shipyard

Wilmington Star

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.-Presi-

Clyde Hoey and Representative J.

Bayard Clark of North Carolina re-

Wilmington, N. C.

which owns the yard.

another next week.

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

OLE TOM CALL ME A

MIN' NONE - SHUCKS!

DE MASTUH, HE-SE'F!

LIAH, BUT I DIDN'

DAT'S PRAISE FUM

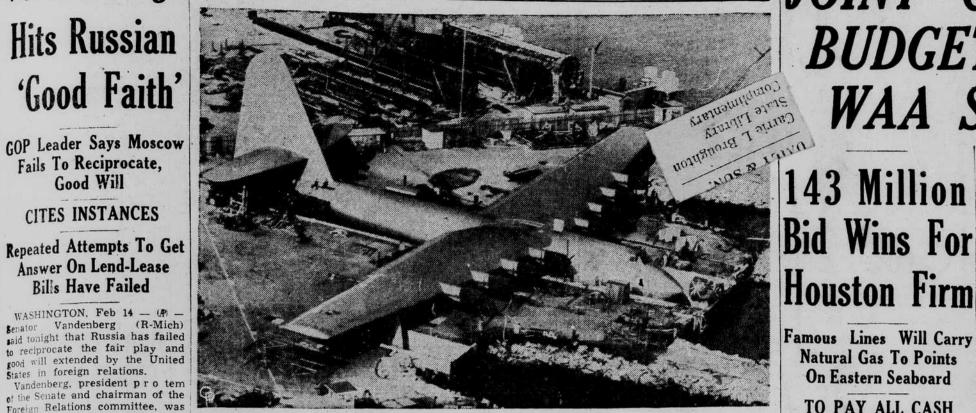
relationships.

said of Moscow."

never hesitated

Speaking at a dinner given by

World's Largest Seaplane Nears Completion



Here's a view of the world's largest flying boat, built by Howard Hughes, as it nears completion at Iong Beach, Calif. Note that the motors and propellers are already installed on the large craft which cost about \$18,000,000 to build. Hughes, making a voluntary appearance before the Senate War Investigating Committee, predicted that the huge eight-motor ship would fly this year. (International Soundphoto)

in honor of the State Congressional **GOVERNOR NAMES** It should be our anxiety to establish mutual fair play and mu-**BRIDGES AUDITOR** tual goodwill" in Soviet-American

"that we have rarely failed in this obligation. On the other hand it Serve Term Of Late seems to me that this can not be Vandenberg said that the United George Ross Pou States lend-leased \$11,300,000,000

Russia during the war and RALEIGH, Feb. 14.—(P)—Henry "long enough to L. Bridges, Greensboro, attorney and capitain in the army during World War II, tonight was named Within the past year, he added. by Governor Cherry to fill the un-"Russia has, to all intents and expired term of State Auditor S. Taylor, motive power superin-purposes, completely ignored four George Ross Pou, who died last tendent; H. H. Hill, general road-American diplomatic requests to Saturday night. open negotiations for settlement of

Bridges is a former deputy clerk of the Guilford County Supe-He also said Moscow ignored rior court. The governor tonight

from the State department relative to 125 merchant ships Bridges will assume his duties imto Russia and said mediately.

these are "just a couple of symnative of Franklin county. He chanic. is the son of the late John J. and Vandenberg said. "that such ex-Ida Loraine Carroll Bridges. As a periences are not calculated to boy he lived in Zebulon and later ertilize mutual goodwill and un- at Millbrook where he attended high school.

He asserted it could not be con-He is a graduate from Mars Hill Junior college, and took his sidered an unfriendly act or out of keeping with the dignity of the bachelor's degree from Wake Forest in 1931. He taught school at Germantown in Stokes county, but returned to Wake Forest for the study of law; he was admitted to

the bar in 1933. Bridges practiced la PROTEST DISPOSAL years in Greensboro with the firm of O. W. Duke, and became deputy clerk of Guilford County Superior court in August 1935. He served in that office until he en-Steelman Asked To Halt tered the army in September, 1940 as a member of the National

During World War II, he served in Georgia and California, and later had overseas duty in Trini- cies in the Wilmington police and dad and in Alaska. He was released from service on Dec. 14, ing of the local Civil Service Comdential Assistant John Steelman to- 1945, and on terminal leave was mission in the city hall last night. promoted to the rank of major. day received protests from Senator Bridges is married to the former Clarice Hines. They have two latives to the reports that surplus children. He is a member of the property is being moved from the Baptist church and is a member now idle North Carolina Shipbuild- of the Masonic lodge.

ing company's facilities located in CITY TO STUDY The members of North Carolina's congressional delegation cited an earlier pledge by the Maritime DRAGLINE BIDS Commission to leave the Wilmingion facilities intact until a final

decision is handed down on the North Carolina State Ports Author- Price Quotations From ity's offer to buy the facility for Four Firms Opened At R. B. Page of Wilmington, the City Council Meeting authority chairman, has been ask-

ed to send here a list of the Bids submitted by four compaproperty reportedly being removed nies for the delivery of a dragline by the Maritime Commission, to the city and opened at a meet-Maritime officials contend that will be given further study before been made by the city council. they are taking away only proper- any action toward the awarding of by that would deteriorate other- a contract, an official said followwise, the office of Representative ing the session.

Steelman is studying the Ports livery dates included in the bids tion for promotion to the post if Authority purchase offer upon in- were too far in the future but re- the man in question was chosen is now being refitted for voyage underbrush. It took another four structions from President Tru- fused to say definitely whether from among the members of the at the Wilmington Terminal is to hours for a messenger to negotiate man, who was asked by the they will be rejected. The prices department. Under the present be sold to a co-partnership of 16 the mile and a half back to the quoted, ranging from \$9,353.40 to civil service commission law the Greeks, and will presumably be field with news that all aboard the Maritime Commission recon- \$13,761, were just about what was position must be filled by a present sider its refusal to sell the yard, expected, he said.

. The city's request for a priority Steelman, who has had one conference with Senator Hoey and to purchase equipment Umstead, probably will have drainage construction work from the War Assets Administration CITY WILL ENJOY was refused by the legal department of the Federal Housing Administration even though a favorable recommendation was given a visit to areas in the city suffering from inadequate drainage fa-

In other action by the council, beer and wine licenses were granted to Otis W. Taylor, 914 North cury is due to climb to 60-65 de-

WILMINGTON COAST LINE OFFICIALS GET **AWARDS FOR SAFETY**

SAVANNAH, Ga., Feb. 14-(AP)-Greensboro Attorney Will Nineteen supervisory officers of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad received safety awards today for accident reductions during 1946.

The presentations to the departments were made by Robert Scott of Wilmington, N. C., director of safety and insurance. Those receiving awards included. From Rocky Mount, N. C .- C.

master: L. M. McLean, telephone supervisor; J. Q. Robinson, division storekeeper; C. A. White, master mechanic.

From Wilmington, N. C.-M. M. Deschamps, superintendent of po-Bridges, who is 39 years old, is lice; A. H. Williams, master me-

injuries during the year were the telephone department, police department and the shops at Wil- Brigade and urged them to conmington High Springs, Birmingham and Dotham, Ala.

Commission Agrees On New Application Blank At Session

Final approval was given to the new application forms to be used in filling present and future vacanfire departments at a regular meet-The chief difference in the forms to be used and the ones which were in service prior to the arrest of two city police officers on breaking and

entering charges several weeks than the old brigade was able to to hunt the crash scene, deep in ago is in the education and home character requirements and references, a member said following the two and a half hour session to which the public was barred.

Also covered to a greater extent in the new application form is the physical qualification of a new applicant, it was reported.

When questioned whether or not the selection of a man to replace Surplus Vessels From Lay-Charles H. Casteen as chief of police had been taken under advisement, Dr. David Murchinson, who presided in the absence of Nathan S. Haskett, replied that it was not up to the board to take the matter into consideration until after a recing of the city council yesterday ommendation for the post had of being sold to Greek citizens, by It was also pointed out in refer- resented by the Maritime Comence to the police chief matter that mission according to informathe commission had 20 days in tion received from local customs scene of the crash shortly after 7 The spokesman said that the de- which to act on any recommenda- officials yesterday. member of the force.

for WEATHERMAN SAYS MODERATE WEATHER

Paul Hess, Wilmington weatherby agents of the bureau following man, is still promising warm weather for the next few days, for "as far as we can see, no cold wave is due."

With a low of 40 degrees expected for early this morning, the mer-Fourth street and George T. Lane, grees during the day, approximately the same as yesterday

Today And Tomorrow

By WALTER LIPPMANN

lem of Britain's post-war dif- draw Britain away from the Amer- Whitehurst killed Simpson because to the Board of Trade at London, ficulties, there is a tendency to ican connection as the time for a the captain sympathized with the agree that the poor judge killed assume that the British-American European settlement comes nea- colonists while he, Whitehurst, was himself. partnership is closer than it is. Mr. rer. Byrnes and Mr. Bevin did on the whole work together almost always when there was issue with the British position at home and in nection between the divergent Berry, believing he was going to

in England and in America. It is

In any discussion of the prob- object of Soviet diplomacy is to

ing each government was given have a determining influence on battle. However, Governor Tryon historian tells us. the other tacit, and now and then the outcome. For what the British contends that political beliefs did necessity could compel them to do, affair as the men were fighting and that Whitehurst was convicted The Soviet government has, of are not certain to be the same. It over a woman. course, objected to this diplomatic would be dangerously mis-

JUDGE LAUDS CLUB FOR SERVICE HERE

Anniversary With Banquet Last Night

the youths of this city than any city in this area, Judge John Burney told the old and new members of the Brigade Boys club at their fifty-first annual founders day banquet held last night in the Brigade Boys club.

jurist in delivering the main address of the banquet said that splendid work of organizations, such as the rigade club, has held the juvenile crime rate in this city to a minimum.

marks with bits of humor, praised the work of the staff of the tinue in the fine work they are doing. The speaker also paid high PLANE REPORTED tribute to the late Col Walker Taylor, founder of the original Bri-

Senior Fraternity, who introduced Unidentified Craft Crashes, master for the ocassion.

to the members of the old Brigade and welcomed them to the banquet. The response from the members of the old Brigade was reported to have burst into flames made by L. F. Gore, who traced and crashed in Wampoo swamp the history of the organization of six miles east of here shortly after the Brigade to February 14, 1896 sundown tonight. when it was founded by the late Civil aeronautics administration Col. Walker Taylor. He pictured officials at Charleston said no Colonel Taylor as a man who gave scheduled planes were missing. up much of his time to give aid to the boys of "Drypond."

new Brigade that they have ac- search and rescue unit dispatched complished more in the past year

GREEKS TO BUY

Up Basin In Progress Of Transfer

Two Liberty ships from the Layup basin are now in the process the United States government, rep-

transferred to the Greek flag. The S.S. Jack London is also

Judge Burney, sprinkling his re-

Gore told the members of the ly on horseback and a Coast Guard a truck from the Charleston base

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the first report was made by TWO SHIPS HERE

Brigade Boys Mark 51st

The crime rate is lower among

The Eighth Judicial District

The program was opened by R C. Shackleford, president of the H. W. Piner, who served as toast

O. D. Curtis extended greeting

logging operator who was unable to identify the type of plane. SEVEN DIE WHEN PLANE CRASHES, BURNS MACON, Ga., Feb. 14.-(A)-The vreckage of an Army passenger

plane, the bodies of its seven occupants burned beyond recognition, was found today in the dis-

mal heart of a Middle Georgia swamp. The plane, a twin-engined C-45. burst into flames and crashed last night shortly after taking off from Robins Field, 15 miles south of here. All aboard were Army personnel en route to Wright Field at Dayton, Ohio.

The S.S. George Bellows, which hacking its way through the dense a. m. after nearly 10 hours of

were dead. Army officials announced that being sold to a Greek citizen and an investigation into the cause of will be transferred to the the crash would be made as soon as bodies were removed.

Along The Cape Fear

continued our tale of the famous we related for you yesterday. Simpson - Whitehurst duel placing So today we'll confine ourselves particular emphasis upon the fact to the one point that our best authat as far as reputable historians thorities are agreed upon. That's are concerned the winner, the the death of the presiding judge loser, the motive, and the outcome at the trial regardless of who was

Capt. Alexander Simpson killed The jurist who heard the case Lieut. Thomas Whitehurst, a in Wilmington or New Bern— take fellow officer aboard the good ship your choice as both locations have Viper; was convicted at New strong historical backing — was and then allowed to escape Charles J. Berry. to England before the execution could be carried out.

a strong supporter of the royal governor, William Tryon.

now evident that an important (Continued on Page 2; Col. 2) went to the trouble to bash in his (Continued on Page 2; Col. 2) went to the town well,

EXIT JUDGE - Yesterday we head with the butt of his pistol, still remains a deep dark secret. in the prisoner's box whether it be One historian will tell you that Simpson or Whitehurst.

Now all historians, in addition to Governor Tryon who wrote a Another historian contends that lengthy report on the whole affair

REASONS ADVANCED-"Simp-

Soviet Union, and generally speak- the empire will almost certainly views on the Stamp Act and the be suspended, killed himself," one Another historian contends Simp-

active, support within its sphere of people may wish to do, and what not have anything to do with the son, not Whitehurst, was killed, protection against fire. of murder, but that Judge Berry points in town, Mayor Ray Jen- dicament, some residents joked "granted him enough time before nings' family was one of the first that Sheriff Fred Smith of Alex-

Light Trim In London Blackout

BUDGET BY SIX BILLIONS;

WAA SELLS BIG, LITTLE INCH

JOINT COMMITTEE SLASHES



Despite the fuel and power crisis in England, which necessitated drastic rationing of electricity, a London barber manages to give a customer's hair a light going-over with the aid of a hurricane lantern. With the worst cold wave in 50 years hanging on, it appeared that the power shutdown would not build up Britain's coal stockpiles. (International)

Unemployment Total Mounting In Britain

The Weather

North Carolina _ Clear to partly oudy Saturday and Sunday, not much cloudy Saturday and Sunday, not much change in temperature Saturday, somewhat colder Saturday night and Sunday. South Carolina — Fair Saturday and Sunday, slightly cooler extreme north portion Saturday night and Sunday, otherwise not much change in temperature. (By U. S. Weather Bureau)

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

Temperatures

1:30 a.m. 40: 7:30 a.m. 36; 1;30 p.m. 60:

7:30 p.m. 55. Maximum 68; Minimum 35; Mean 48; Normal 48.

Total since the first of the month 14.-(A)-An unidentified plane was

0.00 inches.

Tides For Today

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

High Low High Low 11:35 a.m.

4:42 p.m. 11:53 p.m. Masonboro Inlet = 3:30a.m. 9:53 a.m. 3:36 p.m. 9:56 p.m. Sunrise 6:57: Sunset 5:56; Moonrise 3:12

CAMP DAVIS TEST STARTING SUNDAY

Navy Announces Plans For Rocket Firing Program For 30 Days

The first of a series of rocket OPA LOSES ROUND firing tests to be conducted by the Ordnance department of the Navy is scheduled to get underway at Camp Davis tomorrow morning at 8:30, according to an announcement yesterday by Major A. E. Holdt, Marine Corps officer in

charge of safety regulations there. Slated to last a month, the schedule as released by the Navy calls for the first test to center about Coincident with the announce-

zone for testing in the Camp Davis court. section, with the hours during decision, held invalid the agency's which extra precautions are to be taken by travelers in the area fixed at the time the firing starts, which is 8:30, until 5:00 in the dustry.

the ocean areas falling within the least until March 4. testing boundaries.

that time naval technicians have been at Camp Davis preparing installations and equipment for the secret weapon program.

Government Sources Say Nation Has Turned

Coal "Corner"

LONDON, Feb. 14.-(A)-The govnment announced tonight that ed the corner" on the road back to while the peace of the world is unindustrial production and lighted settled." homes, but despite encouraging Prior to the committee session. trends in the coal shortage un- General Dwight D. Eisenhower. :30 a.m. 40; 7:30 a.m. 36; 1:30 p.m. 60; employment continued to spread.

consider an approximate date for cutting the armed forces budget. power cut off completely from more than half the nation's industries in the gravest fuel shortage in the nation's history.

There was no official indication of a date for the switch-on, but 9:53 a.m. when it comes industry will be giv en priority.

Sir Guy Nott-Bower, undersecrea.m.; Moonset 1:05 p.m.

River stage at Fayetteville, N. C. at 8 tary of the ministry of fuel and power, was the author of the "turn" the corner" statement, but he added that "if we have turned the corner it is 'only just.' "

His statement coincided with a note from Attlee declining with thanks the offer of President Truman to divert American coal on ships on the high seas to British Attlee said that the need for coal

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IN SUGAR BATTLE

Industrial Rationing Methods Will Be Sent To Supreme Court Test WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 - A-

ment of the start of the tests, Holdt industrial sugar rationing methods, released a warning pointing to lost in the U. S. Court of appeals areas coming within the danger today and turned to the Supreme The Appeals court, in a 2 to 1

sweetened condensed milk in-OPA attorneys contended this

As a precaution, ships will be on might force scrapping of the inpatrol duty in the inland waterway dustrial rationing system and ultito protect water traffic while a mately affect its method of rationflight of planes from the Cherry ing for household use. Meanwhile, appoint. Point Marine Air Station will clear rationing continues as usual at Carl Auerbach, chief OPA counsel, told the court in arguments last week that OPA

was disclosed last spring and since ments last week that OPA officials had been unable to find any satisfactory method for industrial allocation other than the "histori-

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Taylorsville Citizens Go Bathless; Sheriff Blamed

TAYLORSVILLE, Feb. 14 .- (AP)- | the 300-gallon-per-minute well tobath here today. A pump in a 301-foot well broke

down yesterday, cutting off the town's water supply and forcing town officials to haul 85,000 gal-

Nobody got a St. Valentine's day day for necessary repairs and a branch at the edge of town was dammed to augment the imported water in storage.

Meanwhile, persons living on high spots throughout the town lons of water from Statesville and hauled their personal water sup-North Wilkesboro for storage as plies from wells outside the corporate limits.

Living on one of the highest Mixing humor with their precourse, objected to this diplomatic would be dangerously miscollaboration, and some voices have been raised against it both in England and in America. It is the duel but also would be dangerously miscollaboration, and some voices leading to suppose that the work-base on a furious and so wrought was elected last fall of approximately 3,000 residents to enable him enough time before on a furious and so wrought was elected last fall on a furious and so wrought whitehurst in the duel but also would be dangerously miscollaboration.

MUTUAL AGREEMENT — How simple for an angle of approximately 3,000 residents to enable him to escape. Simpson not only fatally wounded whitehurst in the duel but also would be dangerously miscollaboration.

Simpson not only fatally wounded whitehurst in the duel but also would be dangerously miscollaboration.

A crew from Alexandria, Va., really drying things up around

Armed Forces Protests Are Given Go Bye

GOP Majority Prevails In Rejection Of Efforts To Lower Cut

TAFT MAKES PLEA

Clear For 20 Per Cent Drop In Taxes WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—(P)

Knutson Sees Way Now

The House-Senate Budget commitee voted 50 to 22 today to slash \$6,000,000,000 out of President. Truman's \$37,500,000,000 budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1. It thus overrode Army and Navy

protests that cuts in their funds would endanger national security and, in the words of Chairman Knutson (R-Minn) of the House Ways and Means committee, cleared the way for a 20 percent cut in individual income taxes. The reduced figure of \$31,500,-

000,000 is not necessarily the amount that will be made available for the next fiscal year. It amounts to a suggested ceiling, but Congress is not bound to stay The committee rejected all ef-

forts, including a plea by Senator Taft (R-Ohio), to hold the budget reduction at a figure which would take fewer dollars from the \$11,-200,000,000 that President Truman requested for the Army and Navy. Chairman Gurney (R-SD) of the Senate Armed Services committee fought the huge slash doggedly in and out of committee. He told reporters it would take \$1,750,000,000 from the Army and Navy and "I refuse to vote for any thing that here were signs Britain had "turn-will hamstring our armed forces

chief of staff, and heads of th Prime Minister Attlee met with Army and Navy, backed by Presihis nine man "coal cabinet" to dent Truman, had pleaded against

Just before the crucial vote was (Continued on Page 2; Col. 5)

RESEARCH GROUP **URGED ON HOUSE**

Commission Would Study Possible Merit Rating System for Teachers RALEIGH, Feb. 14. - (AP) - A commission to conduct necessary

experiments and research leading to a merit rating system for public school teachers was recommended to the legislature today by Rep. Umstead of Orange. Umstead was chairman of special commission appointed two years ago to study such a system. That group made a lengthy report,

the gist of which was embodied in

mended today would present its

bill form. The commission recom-

findings to the governor and 1949 Assembly. It was estimated that \$50,000 would be needed to conduct such a study, leading to the payment to teachers of salaries according to their merit and capacity.

Eleven persons would constitute OPA, fighting a challenge to its would represent classroom teachthe experimental commission. One ers: one, the North Carolina Ed ucation Association; one, the North Carolina Teachers association; one, the school administrators: two, the teacher education instiof tutions; two, the General asrationing sugar to the bulk sembly—one from each branch; and one, the general public. The last would be ex officio as

the state director of the division

Yesterday afternoon about four, a State Highway patrolman, making his regular rounds, gazed for a moment in amazement as he saw a mule pulling a two-wheel cart around

The limb of the law halted his patrol car and went to investigate. He found the mule was being driven by a white man, who was slightly under the influence. The man was pulling the reins hard to the left and the mule just kept citcling. The patrolman arrested the driver.

But the story does not end here. The patrolman boarded the cart to drive it to the owner's home when a passing auto came to a sudden halt. "Say, Buddy, yelled the driver," is that what they give you cons to drive in North Car-

The lawman, smiled, blinked, blushed and called out" Gee or Haw", completely ignoring the driver's remarks.