

# Tabor Says Budget Cut "Cockeyed"

## Senator Taft Moves For Speedy Action On Budget Study

### AID TO GREECE

### Debt Reduction Fund Plus Income Tax Cut Cited As Goal

WASHINGTON, March 2. —(U.P.)—Chairman John Tabor of the house appropriations committee said tonight the senate was "cockeyed" in trying to pass a budget-cut bill. Tabor's stand was made known amid reports that house conferees would be advised to accept the proposal in return for senate agreement on a total budget cut ranging from \$5,000,000,000 to \$6,000,000,000.

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As matters stand now, the house has voted to lop \$6,000,000,000 from Mr. Truman's estimates, but the senate has voted to hold the cut to \$4,500,000,000.

Chairman Robert A. Taft, Ohio, of the Senate Republican policy committee said, meanwhile, that he did not believe the administration's reported request for financial aid to Greece should delay the pending senate-house budget conference.

In a radio broadcast (WPBK), Taft said that he thought "we would go right ahead with our various activities of government." The only figure mentioned up to this date is \$250,000,000 for Greece for a year, he said, "and \$250,000,000 is a small item in a budget of \$33,000,000,000."

Senate GOP leaders are convinced that Congress could set aside a maximum of \$2,600,000,000 for debt reduction out of their savings plan and still leave room for a 20 percent personal income tax cut this year.

But Tabor said they had "failed to think this thing out." "You can't set aside a definite amount for debt retirement if you're going to have a tax cut," he said. "It just won't work. The only sensible way to do it is to go ahead and apply your savings."

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## WEATHERMAN SAYS LOW TEMPERATURE TO PREVAIL TODAY

By The Associated Press Generally nasty weather prevailed over North Carolina Sunday and the best the weatherman could promise for today was a little sunshine and very chilly temperatures.

A hard freeze throughout the state was predicted for this morning with the mercury dropping to around 12 above in the west and 18 to 26 above in the eastern portion.

Snow ranging from a trace to an inch fell over almost the entire state yesterday and was continuing last night along the coast.

The Charlotte weather bureau said that temperatures reported at 7:30 p.m. were the lowest for the day averaging five or more degrees under the readings taken early Sunday morning.

Asheville had a reading of 27 Sunday morning and 12 hours later it had chilled to 20 above. Other morning temperatures included 29 at Winston-Salem, 30 at Greensboro, 32 at Raleigh and Charlotte and 39 at Wilmington.

Afternoon readings included 26 at Asheville, 35 at Greensboro, and 36 at Charlotte and Raleigh. Maximum temperatures today are expected to hover around the freezing mark.

Mr. Mitchell reported 17 inches of snow on the ground Sunday. Most of the snow which fell in other parts of the state soon melted.

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS  
By Alley

PAPUH SAY PRICES GONE DOWN NOW BUT AIN' NONE UV IT HUT DIS PLACE 'IT BUT DE NEWS!

## Coast Guard Rescues Stranded Dog



This forlorn looking dog (left) was seen stranded on an ice cake floating down the Mississippi river near St. Louis, and rescue efforts swung into action immediately. The Humane Society of Missouri enlisted the aid of the U. S. Coast Guard which dispatched a rescue crew in a boat. Right: Guardsmen haul the dog from his precarious and chilly raft. No one knew how he got on the ice cake, but he had been marooned long enough to develop a mild case of frost-bitten feet. (AP Wirephoto).

## JUNIOR CHAMBER OF STATE BACKS SHIPYARD PLANS

GREENSBORO, March 2. —(P)—Resolutions boosting highway safety, purchase of the shipyard at Wilmington, adoption of daylight saving time during the summer and support of a ban on advertising of alcoholic beverages in interstate commerce were passed today at a closing session of a two-day quarterly meeting of North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Ode'll Lambeth, Greensboro, state president, announced acceptance of the following 10 clubs into the organization: Lumberton, Whiteville, Elizabethton, Henderson, Belhaven, North Wilkesboro, Hendersonville, Bethel, Weldon and Tarboro.

## PROGRAM SALUTES PENDER COUNTY

### Star-Newsreel Devoted To Describing History And Progress

Pender county, the fifth largest county in the state, was honored yesterday on the Sunday Star-Newsreel radio broadcast over WMFD. This was the fourth of a series of salutes by the Star and News to the counties in southeastern North Carolina served by these hometown newspapers.

The program, written and directed by Ben McDonald, Star-News round-the-town-reporter, described a number of the county's historical high lights as well as the progress and development of the area, past and present.

In a special music feature honoring the origin of the naming of Burgaw, Mrs. Hilton Humphrey, well-known vocalist of Burgaw, sang a special arrangement of the "Indian Love Call," accompanied by Mrs. Forest Mallard, Jr., also of Burgaw.

Established in 1875 Pender county was established by an act of the general assembly on February 16, 1875 when it was separated from New Hanover county.

With an area of 857 square miles the county is bounded by Duplin and Sampson to the north; New Hanover, Brunswick and Columbus to the south; on the east by the Atlantic ocean and Onslow county; and on the west by Bladen county. The county was named by Dr. Elisha Porter in honor of General W. D. Pender of the war-between-the-states fame.

The county seat was first established at South Washington, now Watha. For three years the courts and county business were conducted there when Burgaw on the Wilmington and Weldon railroad, now the Atlantic Coast Line railway, became the county seat.

The territory that comprises Pender county was the scene of one of the earliest settlements in the section which is now North Carolina.

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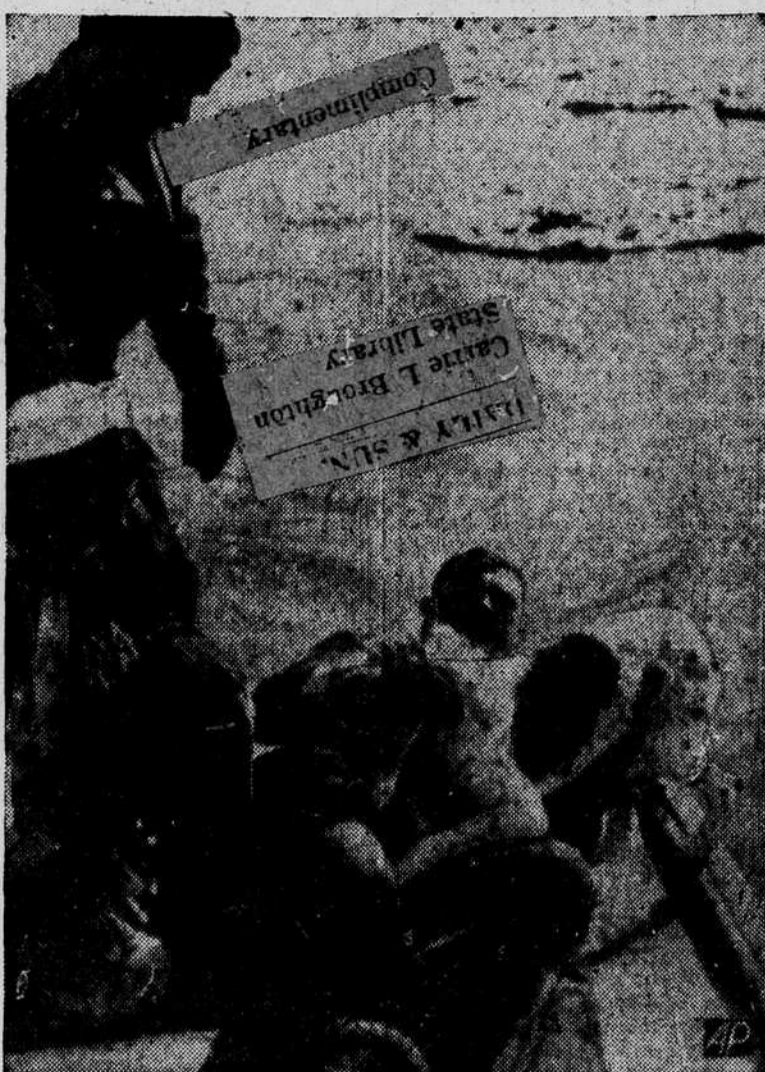
## "The Man" Was There But Couldn't Say A Word

JUNIPER GROVE, Miss., March 2. —(U.P.)—Traveling in every conveyance from sedans to mule-wagons and clad in their Sunday best — in some cases clean overalls — some 10,000 Mississippians gathered here today to hear Sen. Theodore Bilbo dedicate a Baptist church — but "The Man" couldn't say a word.

His face still swathed in bandages from his most recent operation for cancer of the mouth, Bilbo sat silently through the dedication of the \$75,000 Juniper Grove Baptist church and paragonage and the lavish barbecue that followed.

But in every other respect Bilbo, wearing a natty brownish suit, striped necktie and a big red carnation, was the man of the hour and all those in the assemblage were his friends. Conspicuous by their absence were members of the 80th congress, which Bilbo had invited in a body to attend the show on his home grounds.

Not a one showed up but Sen. Allen D. Ellender, D. La., one of Bilbo's supporters in his so far futile fight to be accepted in congress, sent a telegram of good wishes. "Fate has decreed that he cannot speak for himself," said H. K. (Continued On Page Two; Col. 6)



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## ASSEMBLY WILL HOLD HEARINGS

### Debate On Liquor, Labor Bills Scheduled At Raleigh

RALEIGH, March 2. —(P)—North Carolina legislators will return here tomorrow night to begin a week of important hearings highlighted by liquor and labor legislation.

Also scheduled to share the spotlight are a fireworks ban measure and a bill to divorce the division of game and inland fisheries from the state department of conservation and development.

The issue of higher pay for teachers and other state employees may come up before the joint appropriations committee.

The liquor issue will be aired Tuesday and Wednesday in hearings before the senate finance committee. Proponents of a measure, introduced by Senator Penny of Guilford and providing for a statewide referendum on the question of banning all alcoholic beverages containing more than three percent alcohol, will be heard Tuesday afternoon. Opponents will speak on Wednesday afternoon.

The Penny measure, introduced two weeks ago, was the first of three state-wide liquor referendum bills. Similar measures were introduced last week by Rep. Dan Tompkins of Jackson and Senator L. M. Chaffin of Harnett.

In addition to the state-wide measures, the general assembly has received 30 local measures dealing with the liquor problem.

On Thursday, the senate committee on manufacturing, labor and commerce will hold a public hearing on a bill to outlaw the closed shop in North Carolina. The bill has already passed by the house.

The wildlife federation-sponsored (Continued On Page Two; Col. 3)

## LOCAL TELEPHONE WORKERS SILENT

### Union Chairman Declines Comment On Pending Strike Election

E. C. Drinkard, chairman of the Wilmington telephone workers union, said last night that he had "no statement" to make on the referendum which will begin in the state and throughout the nation today to determine whether a strike will be called April 7.

Meanwhile O. C. Lee, of Raleigh, state director of the federation of telephone workers, said it would take at least a week or 10 days to determine the results of the national referendum since the votes must be tabulated and acted upon.

Last November, the NFWW convention in Denver, Colo., set April 7 as the date for a nationwide strike in the event such action as needed to obtain 1947 contract demands. It was also decided that (Continued On Page Two; Col. 5)

## FIVE DEAD, ONE PERSON HURT IN TRAIN-CAR CRASH

CARDINGTON, O., March 2. —(P)—Five members of a family from Cllo, Mich., including a young mother who gave premature birth to a baby, were killed in a train-car collision at the New York Central railroad crossing here today.

Four persons were killed outright when the passenger train, which the state highway patrol said was going 70 miles an hour through the town, clipped in two their sedan at the crossing in the center of town. Miss Norine Conen, 18, died of a skull fracture at a Marion, O., hospital tonight. Another occupant of the car, Donald Passby, 22 whose wife gave birth to a baby at the scene of the accident, was reported in a critical condition.

Killed instantly were: Mrs. Ethel Peterson, 55; Mrs. Wilma Passby, 24, and her child born prematurely at the scene of the accident.

Miss Bonnie Peterson, 19, Lawrence Passby, 28. (Continued On Page Two; Col. 5)

## RECRUITER WILL GIVE TESTIMONY

### Rowland To Take Stand This Week In Navy Officer's Case

Testimony by Sergt. Creston Rowland of the army recruiting station in Wilmington, in the general court-martial of a navy lieutenant commander charged with committing wartime atrocities, is scheduled to be given in Washington this week.

Sergeant Rowland, under subpoena by the prosecution, left for the national capital last week. Military authorities in Washington for the first time have identified the defendant as Lieut.-Cmdr. Edward N. Little, a regular navy officer from Tucson, Ariz., and Decatur, Ill.

Commander Little was captured in the Pacific early in World War II and interned by the Japanese. While in prison camp he was assigned the duties of mess sergeant.

Sergeant Rowland, himself a Japanese prisoner of war for 42 months, served as first cook under Commander Little in the prison camp during a portion of his confinement.

Naval sources in Washington say that the charges against the navy officer concern events in the (Continued On Page Two; Col. 5)

## Along The Cape Fear

GENERAL ARRIVES—While on the general topic of famous visitors to the Port City we would certainly be deliric if we overlooked the Father of Our Country, George Washington.

It was on April 20, 1791 that he arrived in our midst. Coming from New Bern, the President was met some miles from the city by the Light Horse Company and escorted into the Port City.

His arrival was marked with a salute by the four-gun light battery and the cheers of the large crowd which had been waiting to greet the hero of the American Revolution.

DOCK AND FRONT—During his stay in Wilmington, the President stayed at the residence of Mrs. John Quince. She had placed her home, located at Dock and Front streets, at the disposal of the distinguished visitor.

Contemporaries tell us that the Quince residence was considered one of the best in the entire city. (Continued On Page Two; Col. 6)

# CHICAGO BUILDING EXPLOSION KILLS TWO, INJURES 40 MORE; BRITISH INVOKE MARTIAL LAW

## Latest Order Affects Many In Holy Land

### Army Arrests 60 Suspects In Bloody Series Of Gang Attacks

#### DEATH TOLL 21

### Officers' Club Bombing Is Gravest Incident Of Violence

JERUSALEM, March 2. —(P)—More than 250,000 Palestine Jews were put under the iron grip of martial law tonight as the British army arrested 60 persons in the first screening of suspects in yesterday's bloody series of bomb and gun attacks which claimed 21 lives.

The Palestine government imposed military rule for the ill-Jewish city of Tel Aviv and its suburb of Ramat Gan, nearby Petah Tiqva, the oldest modern Jewish community in Palestine; Benei Beraq and numerous other communal settlements in the area and the Mea Shearim section of Jerusalem, where 15,000 Jews reside.

Maj. Gen. R. N. Gale, the newly-appointed military governor of Tel Aviv, said the main objective of the martial law decree was to "analyze and eradicate" the Stern gang and Irgun Zvai Leumi, Jewish underground resistance groups.

The death list in yesterday's terrorist campaign rose to 21 today when a British lance corporal died in a Haifa hospital from injuries suffered in the blowing up of a jeep on the Mount Carmel road in Haifa that had killed two other soldiers outright.

A four-year-old girl, Ketty Shalom, died of bullet wounds in a Jerusalem hospital. An official report said she was struck by ricocheting slugs when warning shots were fired as her father walked into the street in violation of the curfew. The father was wounded.

The most disastrous of the series of attacks led to the complete military restriction of more than one-third of the Holy Land's 700,000 Jews was the bombing of an officers' club in Jerusalem in which 16 persons were killed and 14 others were wounded.

The bombing was the gravest incident of violence in Palestine since Jerusalem's King David hotel was bombed last July with a death toll of 60.

Civil courts and civil police functions are operating in Tel Aviv under the supervision of the military governor, but the army is operating exclusively in the Jerusalem martial law area where no courts or police posts are located.

Screening more than 300 persons in Jerusalem today to find suspects in the officers' club bombing and the other attacks on the Palestine coastal plain, the British held 60 of them for further questioning. An intensive military search was (Continued On Page Two; Col. 3)

## Strike May End

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 2. —(U.P.)—The Buffalo Teachers Federation met in emergency session tonight to consider salary increases recommended by the city administration and it was believed the end of the biggest teachers' strike in the nation's history might be near.

Federation President Raymond J. Ast called 120 delegates into conference to hear a statement by Mayor Bernard J. Dowd that he would recommend appropriation of sufficient money to meet salary schedules believed acceptable to the teachers.

That night there was a "general illumination and a grand ball." DEPARTURE HENCE — C'e more night as a guest of the city, then General Washington bid the Lord farewell. Once again the Light Horse Company escorted the President for several miles until the city was well out of sight.

COMMON FOLKLORE—Alfred Moore Waddell, in his history of New Hanover County, recounts an amusing story in connection with General Washington's visit to Wilmington.

"There is a tradition that during his stay what afterwards became a threadbare joke, was perpetrated by Laurence (called Lal) Dorsey, as follows: "Dorsey kept the inn where the dinner was given, and the General remarking upon the very flat and sometimes swampy nature of the (Continued On Page Two; Col. 3)

## President Opens Red Cross Drive



Speaking from the White House, President Harry S. Truman officially opens the 1947 Red Cross fund drive for 60 million dollars. The President, addressing the nation by radio, asked "every home and business establishment of the land" to respond to the appeals of 3,000,000 volunteer fund-raisers working on the campaign. (International Soundphoto).

## The Weather

FORECAST: North Carolina—Clear to partly cloudy, windy and continued cold Monday and Monday night. Tuesday partly cloudy and warmer.

(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. 39; 1:30 p. m. 42; 7:30 p. m. 36; Maximum 46; Minimum 34; Mean 40; Normal 50.

Precipitation: Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., .01 inches. Total since the first of the month 0.17 inches.

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

Wilmington 6:36 a. m. 1:06 p. m. Masonboro Inlet 4:22 a. m. 10:54 a. m. 4:30 p. m. 11:04 p. m. Sunrise 8:36; Sunset 6:16; Moonrise 2:21; Moonset 4:21a.

## BILL FOR BUREAU TRANSFER DRAWN

### Would Give City Jurisdiction Over Local Identification Unit

A bill transferring control of the City-County Bureau of Identification to the city has already been prepared, according to Representative Robert M. Kerman, who indicated last night that the measure will be introduced in the legislature shortly.

Under Kerman's bill, the bureau, which is headed by Henry Tates, would operate subject to the civil service commission. He said he had received a letter from City Manager J. R. Benson requesting that the department be placed under control of the city but not under the commission. He explained that before he introduced the bill he wanted to confer with Benson on the matter.

Another measure which he said he would introduce shortly would be one establishing the position of assistant coroner for New Hanover county. Discussion about creating this post was recently conducted at a meeting of the New Hanover board of county commissioners.

Under the bill proposed by Kerman, the assistant coroner would be selected by the county coroner with the nomination subject to confirmation by the resident judge of the eighth judicial district. Kerman said that inasmuch as the post was a constitutional one, the district judge should have the authority to pass on any nominee for the job.

Also due to be introduced, Kerman said, is a measure bringing into the city limits a portion of land formerly belonging to the Cape Fear Country club on the Wrightsville highway, but now in private hands. He explained that when the city limits were extended this section of land was not included in the area brought under the control of the city. This land has recently been sold by the club. Kerman said, and his measure would bring the land inside the city limits.

ATLANTA, March 2.—(U.P.)—Officials of Telfair county—home of the Talmages—today denied the Atlanta Journal's charges of irregularities in the county's 1946 general election returns. The Telfair returns were instrumental in making Herman Talmadge eligible for election as Georgia Governor by the legislature. Talmadge himself issued a statement characterizing as "yellow journalism" the newspaper's report in Sunday editions that it had documentary evidence of the "voting" of dead, non-resident and non-existent persons in the Helena precinct of the county.

# Gas Furnace Responsible, Official Says

## Three-Story Building Made Mass Of Rubble In Downtown Area

### \$1,000,000 LOSS

### Wreckage Hurlled Many Feet As Cars Passing By Are Demolished

CHICAGO, March 2. —(P)—At least two persons were killed and 40 were injured today in a terrific explosion which demolished a three-story building and damaged other buildings within a radius of more than two blocks in the downtown area, near the board of trade. The two dead were blown from the streets into the understructure of a nearby elevated platform. Windows were broken as far as four blocks away. Automobiles passing the scene were demolished.

The building where the blast occurred was a mass of blazing rubble. Two minor explosions occurred in the debris a short time later, and police roped off an area of nine square blocks in the vicinity which includes the southwest section of the loop. Only workers urgently needed were permitted in the area.

Michael J. Corrigan, fire commissioner, said he believed the blast was caused by a gas furnace. He said he found a blazing disconnected gas main in the debris.

Corrigan said that had the blast occurred on a weekday "hundreds would have been killed." The explosion was in the building on the southwest corner of Van Buren and Wells Streets, at the point where westbound elevated trains leave the loop and in the heart of a busy office and garment making district.

Windows were broken in the 21-story Insurance Exchange building (Continued On Page Two, Col. 4)

## MEETING CALLED ON LAW CHANGE

### Kerman Announces Conference Set On Civil Service Act

All a meeting of representatives of all those who would be affected by any change in the present civil service act will be called the last of this week, probably Friday, for a full discussion of the matter, according to a statement released last night by Representative Robert M. Kerman.

He said such a discussion should preclude any action taken to amend the present law. Kerman had no comment on the resolution adopted by the city council calling for an amendment to the act which would give to the governing body of the city the authority to fire departments. He said his office had informed him that a copy of the resolution had arrived but as yet he had not read it and therefore did not wish to make any comment on the matter.

Senator A. A. Lennon also declined to make any statement on the situation which has arisen relative to the proposed change. He likewise asserted that he had not had the chance to read the resolution and would wait until he had done so before making any comment.

The resolution in question was passed at a recent special session of the city council and called for changes in the present law which would grant the city administration the power to not only select a man to fill the positions of fire and police department heads but make members of the commission even though such action was requested at the time by the police chief.

## TRUMAN FINDS MOTHER BETTER

### President Stops For Visit While En Route To Mexico City

GRANDVIEW, Mo., March 2. —(P)—President Truman, stopping here en route to Mexico City, found his mother in greatly improved condition today and more concerned about his than her own health. Brig. Gen. Wallace Graham, the President's physician, said at a press conference that the 94-year-old Mrs. Martha E. Truman told him she is praying that her son will be the greatest President in history.

She explained, Graham said, that this is a prayer she always has voiced for the nation's President. "Mrs. Truman told me also that she is praying for me to keep her son in good health," the physician added. Graham declared that as long as the peppery President's mother "keeps up the fire she has shown" she will get well. (Continued On Page Two; Col. 2)

Meanwhle, D. Talmadge Bowers, Republican candidate for Governor who was eliminated in the January legislative election, said he would ask for a re-canvass of the returns by the general assembly. "If they won't, I'll have to go to court," Bowers said. Commenting on the Journal report, S. W. Brooks, chairman of the Helena district election managers, said: "In general, I have nothing to say about these charges because they aren't true."

## Irregularity Charges In Georgia Are Denied

### And So To Bed

Wilmingtonians raced to their windows and out-of-doors last night to get their first glimpse of snow this winter.

But the snowfall was of short duration. It only lasted for a few seconds and was not discernible on the sidewalks. Snow flakes were also reported in the outlying areas of the city. But there, too, it lasted only a matter of seconds and was followed by a drizzle of rain. Meanwhile, the weather bureau said that the mercury would hit a low of 22 last night, with continued cold weather for today.