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House GOP To Keep Pledges To Taxpayers Speaker Martin Pledges This Following Committee Okay On Cuts ADVANCE ANSWER Republicans Clearly Recognized Necessity Of Lower Income Rates

WASHINGTON, March 21—(AP)—Speaker Joseph W. Martin, Jr., tonight pledged House Republicans to 'keep faith with the people' by giving 50,000,000 income taxpayers cuts this year ranging from 20 to 30 per cent.

To Keep Faith recognized for a long time the dangers of excessive taxation and the absolute necessity for tax cuts.

CAB WILL GRANT AIR FARE RAISE Sixteen Lines To Get 10 Per Cent Boost For Ninety-Day Period

WASHINGTON, March 21.—(AP)—The Civil Aeronautics board announced today that it was prepared to grant 16 domestic airlines a 10 per cent, 90-day increase in passenger fares to combat increased operating costs.

NO ANNOUNCEMENT It made no announcement on what it planned to do with an anticipated request from domestic airlines for an increase in mail carrying rates.

American Airlines, Inc., Braniff Airways, Inc., Chicago & Southern Air Lines, Inc., Colonial Air Lines, Inc., Delta Air Lines, Inc., Eastern Air Lines, Inc., Inland Air Lines, Inc., Mid-Continent Airlines, Inc., National Airlines, Inc., Northeast Airlines, Inc., Northwest Airlines, Inc., Pennsylvania Central Airlines Corp., Transcontinental & Western Air, Inc., United Air Lines, Inc., and Western Air Lines, Inc.

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS By Alley GOOD BOOK SAY 'GIVE' AN 'HIT DON' SAY NOTHIN' NO-WHAR 'BOUT 'STRICTIN' IT TO JES' DE 'DURATION'!



Gray Gets Cargo WASHINGTON, March 21.—(AP)—The Netherlands government has agreed to let the American merchant ship Martin Behrman sail from Batavia with a duplicate of the cargo she previously was forced to unload, the State department said tonight.

SENATE OUTLAW 'PORTAL' SUITS GOP Majority Overrides Strong Democratic Test To Pass Bill WASHINGTON, March 21.—(AP)—The Senate overrode strong Democratic protests today and passed a bill outlawing \$8,000,000,000 in portal pay suits along with any back wage and overtime claims filed under the Wage-Hour act and two other federal statutes.

Both versions would permit payments only when based on provisions of a contract or on the 'normal practices' of industry. Employers would be relieved of liability if their failure to make such payments was 'in good faith,' resulting from a wage-hour ruling or a court decision.

CITIZENS' LEAGUE 'AFTER' COUNCIL Veterans Group Plans Campaign To Effect A Change In Personnel The Progressive Citizens' League—for the present composed of veterans, young and old—is out to effect a change in the city council.

PHARMACISTS OF DISTRICT MEET Carolina Beach Considered As Site Of 1948 State Convention The possibility that the 1948 convention of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical association will be held at Carolina Beach loomed following a meeting of pharmacists of the Ninth District in the Woodrow Wilson hut yesterday afternoon.

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U.S. Plan For Peace Regime Secretary Asks Ministers to Authorize Provisional Government WARNINGS SOUNDED Bevin Tells Molotov Britain Will Not Tolerate One Party System

MOSCOW, March 21.—(AP)—Secretary of State Marshall asked the Council of Foreign Ministers today to authorize the Germans to establish immediately a provisional government as the first step toward creating a federalized Germany.

CIVIL SERVICE BILL Adds Restrictions Lennon Introduces Compromise Measure Into State Legislature

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Civil Service Bill Adds Restrictions

The measure carried the provision, however, that the man selected by the city could be named for an 18 month term only, thereby placing a definite curb on the authority which the city council and the city manager can exercise.

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The Rev. J. A. Russell, pastor, said it was very difficult to estimate the damage, but indicated that the minimum loss would probably be well above \$200,000.

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The Weather FORECAST: North Carolina - Partly cloudy and not much change in temperature Saturday and Sunday night. Sunday fair and warm. (By U. S. Weather Bureau) METEOROLOGICAL DATA FOR THE 24 HOURS ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday: 1:30 a. m. 44; 7:30 a. m. 42; 1:30 p. m. 61; 7:30 p. m. 56; Maximum 68; Minimum 41; Mean 53; Normal 54. TEMPERATURES 1:30 a. m. 44; 7:30 a. m. 42; 1:30 p. m. 61; 7:30 p. m. 56. HUMIDITY 1:30 a. m. 86; 7:30 a. m. 84; 1:30 p. m. 34; 7:30 p. m. 57. WINDS 1:30 a. m. 8; 7:30 a. m. 5; 1:30 p. m. 8; 7:30 p. m. 10. TIDES FOR TODAY (From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey) HIGH LOW Wilmington 9:42a 4:25a 9:57p 4:44a Masonboro 7:27a 1:21a 7:38p 1:45p Sunrise 6:13; Sunset 6:35; Moonrise 6:30a; Moonset 6:34p. River stage at Fayetteville, N. C. at 8 a. m. Friday 14.4 feet.

When Cupid Starts Firing 'Tis Sure Sign Of Spring And So To Bed While the volunteer fire department at a nearby resort was going through its practice paces some distance from the fire station yesterday afternoon, fire struck at the fire station itself. A water heater located at the side of the building was attributed as the cause of the blaze. The alarm was sounded but the wind was against the volunteers and the siren was not heard. Upon their return to the headquarters, they found neighbors had extinguished the inferno.