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MARITIME FORECAST

Sandy Hook to Hatteras: Moderate east winds shifting to southeast, overcast, probably occasional light rain Tuesday.

THE WEATHER

Cloudy Tuesday and Wednesday with occasional mist or rain; not much change in temperature.

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A Gradual Lowering of Relief

Is Indicated by President's Request for Appropriation Less This Year

Employers Must Co-operate to Keep Relief Within the 1938 Forecast

Washington, Jan. 11.—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt today sharply assailed "unfair" employers for benefiting the work-week 20 per cent since the death of NRA and asked Congress for \$790,000,000 to finance relief during the next five months.

The proposed appropriation will be the least of relief during the 1937 fiscal year which ends on June 30 to \$2,215,000,000 approximately half of what it reached during the previous 12 months. Mr. Roosevelt has asked a maximum of \$1,853,000,000 for the fiscal year 1938 to care for the unemployed, hungry and idle.

Co-operation

Whether this amount will be sufficient to meet all needs, the president emphasized again today, will depend upon the cooperation employers extend to the government in reducing the size of relief rolls. Mr. Roosevelt reiterated in a letter to Chairman James Buchanan D. Tex. of the House appropriations committee, today that the government would not protect men, women and children of America who "are struggling through no fault of their own."

"The tendency toward a longer work week had an extremely important effect on unemployment," Mr. Roosevelt wrote. "Hours of work in manufacturing industries, as shown by the bureau of labor statistics index, averaged 33.3 hours per week in September, 1934. The average has increased by 20 per cent to more than 40 hours per week in October 1936.

"Wide among most industries

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Police Find Negro Woman Badly Scalded

Claims Negress Dashed a Pan of Boiling Water On Her a Week Ago

The discovery in a house on Fennel street yesterday of a burned woman, terribly scalded about the face and upper part of the body, led to the arrest of Bernice Spellman Bell, Poplar street Negress, who is charged with having dashed a pan of boiling water into the injured woman's face.

The trouble came to light when Assistant Police Chief Meads, in the course of an investigation of rumors which had come into circulation about Maronica Harrison at her home, swathed and bandaged and in great pain from the scalding received last Tuesday, nearly a week before. It is considered likely that the woman will lose the sight of one eye.

According to her story Bernice Spellman called her to her home and after first offering her a drink of whiskey, which she refused, questioned her about her relations with John Spellman, father of Bernice Bell. Maronica says that she told her that her father was old enough to look out for his own affairs and charges that, as she was about to leave the room, Bernice took up a pan of boiling water, as if to use it

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Weather Statistics

January 11, 1937

TEMPERATURE
Average for January ... 44.40
Highest today ... 72.00
Lowest today ... 43.00
Average today ... 57.50
Excess today ... plus 11.10
Average for the year ... 60.60
Barometer ... 30.43

PRECIPITATION (in inches)
Average for January ... 3.60
Amount today ... 0.03
Total amt. this month ... 1.44
Total amt. since Jan. 1st ... 1.44
Average for the year ... 47.50
Wind direction—North East
Character of Day—Cloudy
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Hertford's New Amusement Palace



HERE is the first photo of the new State Theatre in Hertford, made for this newspaper by Frisby's Studio, on the occasion of the formal opening last Friday.

Claim Heavy Rebel Losses At Madrid

Say Week-long Drive to the Northwest Cost 4,000 Dead

Madrid, Tuesday, Jan. 12.—(U.P.)—Nearly 1,000 Germans were killed when Gen. Francisco Franco's rebel legions were repulsed at suburban Aravaca, loyalist officials claimed today.

The week-long siege of the rutted northwest sector, where insurgents swept down the Escorial highway in great waves, was said to have cost Franco more than 4,000 casualties.

During the height of the fighting around Aravaca, about six miles to the northwest, the rebels allegedly used tear-gas bombs and flung squadrons of new airplanes into the decisive battle.

A loyalist communiqué today said loyalist troops, advancing under cover of a low-hanging mist, had opened a new offensive against Las Rozas, Mahadahonda and Villa Neuva del Pardillo.

Several strategic points and large quantities of war materials

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Committees Birthday Ball Announced

W. C. Morse, Jr., General Chairman, Names Committees to Help Him

A complete list of the committees for Elizabeth City's 1937 President's Birthday Ball was announced yesterday afternoon by W. C. Morse, Jr., general chairman.

The general committee is composed of Mr. Morse, chairman, N. Elton Aydtlett, W. C. Dawson, A. H. Outlaw, Robert Page, Howard Graul, Buxton White, Keith Saunders, Jesse Mercer, Frank W. Selig, Jerome B. Flora, Mrs. J. W. Cox, Mrs. W. W. Stineates, Miss Margaret Fearing and G. C. Meads, secretary-treasurer.

The committee on decorations and arrangements is composed of Mrs. G. C. Meads, chairman, and Mrs. N. E. Aydtlett, Mrs. J. T. Coppersmith, Mrs. Ray Jones.

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Industrial Bank's Directors for 1937 Are Elected Here

Directors for the Industrial Bank of Elizabeth City for the year 1937 were elected last night at a stockholders meeting at the bank.

The following men were elected as directors for the coming year: Miles Clark, M. G. Morrisette, Frank W. Selig, S. W. Twiford, C. E. Thompson, C. B. Morrisette and C. W. Ward.

Fix Time For Shad Fishing

Divide Sounds Into North and South Zones

Different Seasons

Gill Nets Feb. 5 and Pound Nets Feb. 15 to May 1 for North Zone

Raleigh, Jan. 11.—(U.P.)—Shad fishermen operating in North Carolina waters north of Long Shoal may begin their work with gill nets on February 5, with pound nets on February 15 for a season extending until May 1, it was announced today by the board of conservation and development following its adoption of the recommendation of a special committee composed of J. L. Horne, of Rocky Mount, J. L. McNair of Laurinburg and E. S. Askew of Windsor.

The division of coastal waters into two zones with Long Shoal as the line of demarcation, was adopted on recommendation of the committee, and fishermen in the south zone will have a season beginning January 20 with gill nets and February 1 with pound nets, their season ending April 15.

All waters emptying into the sounds north of Long Shoal are deemed to be within the north zone and all emptying to the south of the shoal are recognized as being in the south zone, according to the decision of the board.

Fisheries Commissioner John Nelson informed the board that oysters were in strong demand and bringing high prices, while Commissioner Chalk submitted a plan for increased effectiveness of statewide distribution of game fish from the hatcheries.

Williams Opposed To Creating Any New Clerkship

Representative F. Webb Williams, of Pasquotank, back in Elizabeth City for the week-end, says he is not going to introduce a measure sponsored by the board of commissioners of Pasquotank, creating a clerk of the recorder's court in this county.

"Those records have been kept without the expense of a clerk," says Mr. Williams, "and I have an idea that the taxpayers of my county don't want to be burdened with the expense of more office-holders. When I get that bill I am going to pigeon-hole it, if it costs me my seat in the legislature."

Many are expecting Representative Williams to reduce the personnel of the recorder's court, rather than increase it. He may introduce a bill any day to do away with the office of county prosecutor.

Tobacco Control, Old Age Measures Before Assembly

Expect Governor to Present Budget Measure at Today's Session

Raleigh, Jan. 11.—(U.P.)—Within the space of 35 minutes last night the North Carolina General Assembly received two major bills, an old age pension measure and a crop control bill. With the backing of three state farm organizations and a bloc of farm representatives, Representative W. W. Eagles of Edgecomb introduced a tobacco crop control bill, which was referred to the committee on agriculture.

Hard on the heels of the crop control bill another designed to give aid to the aged of the state was introduced by Representative J. R. Williams of Columbus. The measure is designed to administer old age benefits and cooperate with the government social security administration. The bill was referred to the committee on insurance.

By unanimous vote of both houses former governor McNutt of Indiana was invited to address the assembly Thursday or Friday. The House and Senate recessed until 11 o'clock tomorrow morning although the appropriations committee will gather at 10:30 to organize in preparation for receiving the Governor's budget message. Governor Hoey will not

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TODAY'S LOCAL CALENDAR

8:30 Mens Christian Federation.
P. M.
3:30 Womans Christian Temperance Union meets in First Baptist Baraca classroom
4:00 First Baptist Intermediate Girls Auxiliary.
6:15 First Baptist Y.W.A.
6:30 Kiwanis club.
7:30 J. O. U. A. M.: Eureka Lodge Masons.
8:15 Pan-Hellenic Club meets with Mrs. E. J. Bowden
Library Hours: 2-6, 7-9.

Decision In Favor New Deal

Supreme Court Holds With Government In Silver Act

For the Third Time

The Court Has Not Ruled Against a New Deal Measure at Present Term

Washington, Jan. 11.—(U.P.)—The Supreme Court today added another pro-New Deal decision to its growing list when it upheld validity of retroactive 50 per cent tax on silver profits contained in the silver purchase act of 1934.

In its first decision day since President Roosevelt publicly appealed for "more cooperation" from the courts, the high tribunal voted unanimously to reject the claim of Percy K. Hudson of New York for recovery of \$4,311 paid in taxes under the act.

Justice Willis VanDevanter, perhaps the court's most conservative jurist, wrote the opinion, the only one of the day.

Indirect Effect
Taken by itself the silver decision cannot be given too great importance, since indirectly it involved only about \$400,000. Had

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Judge Small Wants Co. Traffic Schools

Wilmington, Jan. 11.—(U.P.)—Judge Walter L. Small of Elizabeth City today recommended a monthly traffic school in each county seat in North Carolina.

Judge Small made the recommendation in his charge to the New Hanover county grand jury at the opening of the January session of superior court.

Each motorist in the state should be required to attend at least one such meeting a year, Judge Small said. He deplored the highway accident death toll in the state, and called attention of the grand jury to considering possible methods to reduce it.

New York Police Must Solve New Bathtub Murder

Strikingly Similar to the Titterton Murder Last Year

New York, Jan. 11.—(U.P.)—The battered body of Mrs. Mary Case, attractive 25-year-old housewife, was found tonight wrapped in a bedspread in the water-filled bathtub of her fourth floor apartment in Jackson Heights, Queens.

Police said she apparently had been killed by blows on the head. The body was discovered by her husband Frank, 30, a general electric employe, on his return from work.

The murder was strikingly similar to that of Mrs. Nancy Titterton, who was strangled to death and placed in a bathtub in her Manhattan apartment by John Fiorenzo, an upholsterer's assistant, on April 10, 1936. Fiorenzo is scheduled to die in the electric chair in Sing Sing prison a week from Thursday.

Case returned home about 7 o'clock and found the body. He telephoned for a doctor.

Find Kidnaped Boy's Body Hid In Thicket

Beyond Ransom

Discovered by Youth While Hunting; Murdered Killed Elsewhere

Short Distance From Road near Everett, 50 Miles From Tacoma Home

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 11.—(U.P.)—Dr. William W. Mattson revealed through an intermediary, Paul Seva, tonight that attempts had been made to collect \$28,000 ransom after 10-year-old Charles Mattson had been slain.

Seva quoted Dr. Mattson, now near collapse at his home, as follows:



CHARLES MATTON, 10, whose body was found in a thicket yesterday near Everett, Wash., 15 days after he was kidnaped from his home at Tacoma. The boy's head was crushed and indications were that he had been killed elsewhere and his body brought to the location where found.

Son of Dr. William W. Mattson, well-to-do physician, the boy was taken from his home by a bearded man, who broke through a glass door and left a note demanding \$28,000 ransom.

G-Men, Troopers and Police Join In Hunt

Ehringhaus Is Slated For A Federal Plum

United Press Learns That He Will Join Staff of Attorney-General

Raleigh, Jan. 11.—(U.P.)—A source usually unimpeachable told the United Press today that former Gov. J. C. B. Ehringhaus will be appointed to the staff of Attorney General Homer S. Cummings for a special assignment to head the government's prosecution of a group of major oil companies under the anti-trust laws.

The United Press confident said announcement of the appointment would be made in Washington probably "sometime this week."

It was understood that Ehringhaus flew to Washington last week to discuss the appointment with administration officials, but that several considerations were delaying a decision as to whether he would accept the preferred post.

Chinese Reds Are A Menace To Americans

Marshal Chan Is Said to Be Trying to Restrain His Former Comrades

Shanghai, Tuesday, Jan. 12.—(U.P.)—Scores of Americans were endangered in Shensi province today as result of increasing communist control of the region.

The assistant U. S. military attaché, Capt. David D. Barrett, reached Loyang from Peiping and planned to continue to Sian-Fu, the provincial capital, to arrange for evacuation of the Americans if necessary.

Representatives of the communist generals Chu-Teh and Mao Tse-Tung were reported to have reached Sian-Fu to assist in organization of a red provincial regime. It also was confirmed that the American commissar, Miss Agnes Smedley, is in Sian-Fu or thereabout.

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Mr. Bright Reported As Holding His Own

The condition of George R. Bright, veteran Elizabeth City merchant, was reported at a late hour last night as being no worse. Mr. Bright is suffering from an old heart ailment complicated by a congested lung, but, according to a member of his family appeared to be holding his own well. Mr. Bright was 80 years old last August.

Mediation In Strike Moves To Washington

General Motors Executives Say 107,000 Will Be Out of Work by Tomorrow

Detroit, Jan. 11.—(U.P.)—General Motors executives said tonight there would be 107,000 of their employees out of work by Wednesday as a result of strikes called by the United Automobile Workers.

Strikes have crippled assembly lines, they added, forcing them to close down four more plants within the next two days.

Mediation efforts shifted to Washington tonight, and Gov. Frank Murphy, who tried last week to bring rival factions together, left for Lansing, state capital. He will keep in touch with the situation and may resume mediation efforts late.

Mrs. Grace Coolidge Receives a Pension

Washington, Jan. 11.—(U.P.)—The senate today, four years after former President Calvin Coolidge's death, passed a resolution authorizing a \$5,000 annual pension to his widow, Mrs. Grace Coolidge.

The resolution, one of the shortest ever introduced in congress, read:

"Be it enacted that the administrator of veterans' affairs is authorized and directed to place on the pension rolls the name of Grace C. Coolidge, widow of Calvin Coolidge, late president of the United States, and to pay her a pension of \$5,000 per annum."

The former first lady is living quietly with a friend, Mrs. Florence Adams, in Northampton, Mass., where Mr. Coolidge established his home a few months before his death. She is one of seven living widows of former presidents.