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THE WEATHER
N. C.: Partly cloudy and warmer Saturday; Sunday increasing cloudiness.

MARITIME FORECAST
Sandy Hook to Hatteras: Fresh to northwest and north winds, weather fair Saturday.

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Soldiers Asked For In Strike

Sheriff Has Orders to Arrest Twelve Hundred Men

Union Officials

May Surrender and Give Bail or Special Deputies May Be Used If Governor Denies Guardsmen.

Flint, Mich., Feb. 5.—(U.P.)—Sheriff Thomas W. Wolcott was under orders tonight to arrest some 1,200 persons, including Homer Martin, international president of the United Automobile Workers of America, 14 other labor leaders, and 200 strikers occupying two Flint General Motors' plants.

To enforce a writ of attachment issued today by Circuit Judge Paul V. Cabala charging the unionists with contempt of court in ignoring an injunction, the Sheriff looked to Gov. Frank Murphy at Detroit to place at his disposal 2,000 National Guardsmen assigned to Flint.

He telegraphed the governor, who was in conference as a conciliator between General Motors Corporation executives and leaders of the U. A. W. A., including Martin, but late today had received no reply.

Waits Reply
Awaiting a reply, Sheriff Wolcott conferred with Col. Joseph H. Lewis, commandant of the National Guard detachment.

A number of courses were open to the governor, among them that he could ignore the telegram altogether. This was considered unlikely, since if the sheriff proceeded to swear in deputies and evict the strikers, bloodshed was almost certain. The governor's position has been that all strike proceed-

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Beach Cattle Nearly Rank With The Dodo

Dare Came Under the State Stock Law Is Sold

Manteo, Feb. 5.—(U.P.)—The horses and cattle that have roamed the "beach" of this county for years and have been a common sight as well as a hazard and a nuisance to motorists on the beach highway are almost as extinct today as the dodo.

Most of the horses have been captured and domesticated by Sheriffman and Coast Guardsmen along the coast, and many have been sold to outsiders for \$35 each. Most of the cattle, which were poor and not very tasty due to the nature and scarcity of their food supply, were sold to Norfolk butchers and chopped up into cheap hamburger.

Under a law passed by the 1935 General Assembly, Dare County was brought under the provisions of the State-wide stock law, from which it had long been exempt, and owners of beach cattle and hogs were given until February 1, 1937, to pen their livestock or dispose of it.

Since few of them wished to pen the animals and thus take upon themselves the responsibility for feeding and caring for them, most of the owners disposed of their livestock prior to this week, when it became unlawful for them to allow the cattle and horses to roam at large.

There are still some cattle left in the vicinity of Duck and Kitty Bank, but most of them have been either domesticated locally or sold elsewhere.

State Normal Budget OK'd By Committee

Raleigh, Feb. 5.—(U.P.)—The budget for the North Carolina Normal School for Colored located at Elizabeth City was approved today by the joint sub-appropriations committee of the legislature.

For the biennium of 1937-38, the committee approved a budget of \$25,365 with expenditures over the period of 1933-39 of \$27,466. Both estimates were as originally contained in the appropriations bill, which the committee is considering item by item.

Prepared for Extreme Measures



GRIMNESS of the strike situation in Flint, Mich., was indicated when National Guardsmen set up machine guns at commanding points in the city. Here the soldiers, muffled against a biting wind, prepare one of the guns near Fisher Body plant No. 2. Strikers, defying a court order to vacate the plant, said they had no delusions about "the sacrifices which this decision will entail." Guardsmen number about 3,500.

Bennie Norman Cried and Cried Says Mother

Widow Did Not Have the Price of a Movie Ticket and Her 13-Year-Old Son Lost \$200 Jack-pot Thereby.

"Bennie cried nearly all day today," thus spoke Mrs. Bernice Norman, W. P. A. nurse, at her home, 300 N. Dyer St., last night. Bennie, 13 years old, is one of her three children.

The name of Bennie Norman, 208 Bell St., was called for the \$200 jack-pot at the Alkrama Theatre Thursday night. The only Bennie Norman in the city directory is Benjamin Norman, deceased, whose widow Bernice Norman is listed.

Many disappointed movie fans found access to city directories yesterday and word went around that a dead man's name had been drawn from the drum on the Alkrama Theatre stage, exposing the theatre management to much adverse criticism.

This newspaper sent a reporter to 208 Bell St. No such person as Norman lived at that address, but it was learned that a family of that name had lived there prior to August, Mrs. Bernice Norman was finally located at 300 N. Dyer St.

"No it wasn't my husband's name that was drawn; it was my son's, Bennie. He's 13-years old. He has cried nearly all day long, since he heard that his name was called for that \$200 last night."

Mrs. Norman, a buxom, smiling woman who is holding her little family together with a W. P. A.

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Flood Warfare Is Just Skirmish Now

Wind, Sandboils and Seepage Are Still Handicaps

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 5.—(U.P.)—Winds, sandboils and seepage hampered the determined fight of U. S. Army engineers tonight to hold the main line Mississippi river levees from floodwaters which already have caused more than 400 deaths and made 1,600,000 homeless.

Winds were lapping layers of water against levee tops from Cairo, Ill., to the most acute danger sector—Mellwood, Ark. Sandboils and seepage worried water fighters at Cairo, near New Madrid, Mo., near Dundee, Missouri and in the Mellwood area.

Meanwhile, the Red Cross manned a rescue flotilla of more than 1,000 craft, nearly a score of airplanes and scores of trucks and other conveyances in watchful waiting for possible evacuation of danger zones as the Mississippi crest rolled slowly towards Caruthersville, Mo.

The Red Cross emphasized its "readiness for any eventuality" with the following statement: "Our rescue and maintenance facilities are scattered up and down the river at strategic points. The Memphis emergency headquarters is kept informed hourly of the condition of every stretch of levee and road in the area and so extensive is its communication system that almost anyone in trouble in the area can be reached."

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Heirs Battle Over Four Chickens And Old Horse

Forty Dollars In Cash Also Involved, But That'll Go To Feed The Hog

Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 5.—(U.P.)—Eight heirs stood adamant tonight in a bitter court battle over an estate of \$40 cash, four chickens and a 28-year-old horse.

Despite fear that the horse, a centenarian in the equine world, may end the quarrel by dying, a second surrogate court hearing was adjourned to Mar. 22.

The action was taken after the eight embattled children of the late Mrs. Sarah Lawson, all adults, gathered in the office of surrogate Joseph M. Feeley and again divided four to four over appointment of an administrator for her estate.

Sons Francis, William, Urban and Leo held for the appointment of one administrator against the equally determined opposition of daughters, Martha, Cecilia, Clara and son, Herbert.

Neither side would yield although attorney Merwin Morehouse, for the daughters, pointed

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Bidders Strike Is Serious

Navy Ship-Building Program May Be Halted

Walsh-Healey Act

Steelmasters Assert Provisions of Law Take Profit From Contracts

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Washington, Feb. 5.—(U.P.)—The so-called "bidders strike" of steelmasters under the Walsh-Healey act has reached such serious proportions that thousands of workers in federal ship yards face immediate loss of their jobs, it was learned tonight.

A total of 52,000 workers now are employed in government ship yards throughout the nation. Their work rapidly is being curtailed and the U. S. Navy ship-building program is threatened seriously by the inability of the government to get steel.

Restrictions
The shortage is traced to the labor provisions of the Walsh-Healey act. The law demands that successful bidders on government contracts fill these contracts with materials produced under certain restrictions which ban child and prison labor and impose maximum hour and minimum wage limits.

Steel industrialists have not been bidding on government contracts. They have explained that their plants are operating to capacity to meet demands from private operators and that they cannot revise their work schedules to operate profitably under the Walsh-Healey act on government contracts.

President Roosevelt has not yet been asked to intervene. Officials would not say, however, how long

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Dismal Swamp Canal Is Now a Six-Ft. Channel

Navigation of the Dismal Swamp canal is at present limited to vessels of a draft of not more than six feet, according to a bulletin issued by the U. S. engineer office at Norfolk. The bulletin follows:

Until further notice the controlling depth in the Dismal Swamp Canal is limited to 6 feet. This is owing to a shoal having formed in the Dismal Swamp Canal near the mouth of the feeder ditch to Lake Drummond, caused by the recent heavy rains and the necessity for releasing considerable quantities of water from Lake Drummond.

In the absence of the Acting District Engineer:
WILSON T. HOWE
Engineer
United States Engineer Office,
415 Post Office & Court House,
Norfolk, Va., February 4, 1937.

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May Revamp Federal Judicial Structure

Hoover Sees An Attempt To 'Pack' Supreme Court

New York, Feb. 5.—(U.P.)—Former President Herbert Hoover tonight criticized President Roosevelt's proposals for reform of the federal judiciary system as an attempt to "pack the supreme court."

"It has the implications of subordination of the court to the personal power of the executive," Hoover said. "Because all this reaches to the very depth of our form of government, it far transcends and questions of partisanship."

"Instead of the ample alternative of the constitution by which these proposals could be submitted to the people through constitutional amendments, it is now proposed to make changes by 'packing' the supreme court."

"The Congress should delay action until the people have had ample time to formulate their views on it. In the long sweep of the Republic, a few months are not too much in which to consider a vital change in the repeated judgments of the American people over 150 years."

til final determination can be made by the supreme court—the law loses its most indispensable element—equality.

Our legal system is fast losing another essential of justice—certainty. . . . We find the processes of government itself brought to a complete stop from time to time by injunctions issued almost automatically sometimes even without notice to the government and not infrequently in clear violation of the principle of equality. . . .

Life tenure of judges . . . was not intended to create a static judiciary. A constant and systematic addition of younger blood will vitalize the courts and better equip them . . . in the light and needs of an ever-changing world.

It is obvious . . . from both reason and experience, that such provision must be adopted which will . . . supplement the work of older judges and accelerate the work of the court.

The pending proposal to extend to the justices of the supreme court the same retirement privileges now available to other federal judges, has my entire approval.

Modern complexities call for a constant infusion of new blood in the courts, just as it is needed . . . in private business. . . . Older men, assuming that the scene is the same as it was in the past, cease to explore or inquire into the present or the future.

An act valid in one judicial district is invalid in another . . . Un-

The judiciary, by postponing the effective date of acts of congress . . . is coming more and more to constitute a scattered, loosely organized and slowly operating third house of the national legislature.

We have witnessed the spectacle of conflicting decisions . . . Such a welter of uncomposed differences . . . has brought the law, the court and . . . the entire administration of justice dangerously near to disrepute.

My desire is to strengthen the administration of justice and to make it a more effective servant of the public need.

Washington, Feb. 5.—(U.P.)—Highlights of President's Roosevelt's message to congress on the Federal judiciary:

If these measures achieve their aim we may be relieved of the necessity of considering any fundamental changes in the powers of the courts or the constitution of our government—changes which involve consequences so far reaching as to cause uncertainty as to the wisdom of such a course.

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President Asks Power To Increase Its Membership

Supreme Court

Would Also Place Limitation On Power of the District Courts

Washington, Feb. 5.—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt today demanded authority to increase the supreme court from nine to 15 members in a move to pump "new blood" into the entire federal judiciary wherever judges past 70 continue to hold office.

He also proposed, in a special message to congress, that federal courts be denied the right to decide constitutional questions or issue injunctions involving the government without ample notice to federal authorities and the right of quick appeal directly to the supreme court.

With his message he transmitted a bill designed to carry out his recommendations, which, he said, were intended to "strengthen the administration of justice and to make it a more effective servant of the public need."

It was the first time since the chaotic early days of the first New Deal that Mr. Roosevelt officially proposed a specific bill to congress. He acted swiftly after summoning his cabinet to a special emergency session.

Proposals
Mr. Roosevelt proposed:
1. That he be allowed to increase the number of judges in all federal tribunals—up to 15 in the supreme court and up to 50 altogether—where incumbents fail to retire or resign within six months of their 70th birthday.

2. That the supreme court have a \$10,000-a-year proctor to act as administrative assistant and help the chief justice assign district

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Jim Anderson Explains About News Article

Says He Issued Statements In Son's Name Upon His Return Here

"The statements attributed to my son in yesterday's morning issue of The Daily Independent were really made by me in my son's name and he would have made the same statements had he been here at the time," said J. B. Anderson, father of William J. Anderson, last night.

"The statements I made were along lines identical to statements made by my son, Bill, to a reporter for The Daily Independent just before we left here to go to Chapel Hill. When we got back here, Bill dropped me off at the house and then drove on to Norfolk on a matter of business. We had promised to call Keith Saunders and give him a story upon our return, so I took it upon myself to give him the story, and I was sure Bill would have given him the same statements if he had been here at the time."

"Not knowing that I had made these statements in his name, Bill was naturally surprised when he

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Pope Will Broadcast To Manila Congress

Vatican City, Feb. 5.—(U.P.)—The Pope's condition was so satisfactory tonight that there was little doubt he would broadcast an address to the Eucharistic congress in Manila Sunday.

Pucci's semi-official news service said today that the pontiff's legs have improved considerably in recent days. The pain in them, the service said, will decrease but never completely disappear because of his deficient blood circulation and myocardial condition.



THE BANK CLERK AND THE SODA JERKER
AT LEAST, THEY ARE OPEN AND ABOVE BOARD WITH IT.

"Did you get around to the President's birthday ball at the Virginia Dare the other night?" asked the Soda Jerker.

"I didn't miss it," said the Bank Clerk.

"Well, maybe you can tell me how in heck a ball room designed to accommodate not more than 80 or 100 couples could accommodate the 200 and odd couples that were reported at that dance?"

"That's easy," replied the Bank Clerk. "Not so many as half the couples were on the floor at any one time."

"And then where were the rest of 'em?"

"The rest of them were on the upper floors, going from room to room where there were drinking parties."

"Was it as bad as all that?" asked the Soda Jerker.

"Some would say that it was good as all that," replied the Bank Clerk with a chuckle.

"Well, it must have been a drunken mob at that dance," suggested the Soda Jerker.

TODAY'S LOCAL CALENDAR

A. M.
8:30 Mens Christian Federation
9:00 Teachers Conference at high school.

P. M.
2:30 Local 119 AFHW
Library Hours: 10-12, 2-6.

SUNDAY CALENDAR

A. M.
9:30 Church Schools
11:00 Morning Worship
P. M.
6:45 Young Peoples Leagues
7:30 Evening Worship
Library Closed.