MARITIME FORECAST

Sandy Hook to Hatteras: Gentle to moderate shifting winds becoming easterly over south portion and fair Tues

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ELIZABETH CITY, N. C. TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 1937

Mussolini Was Her Man

cused of Wrecking Her Romance, Says She Was Mistress of Il Duce From April to July

Paris, March 22,-(U.P.) -Exotic Madeline de Fontanges, held for

the shooting of the Count de Chambrun because he shattered "my

hours of unforgettable love" with Premier Benito Mussolini, today

told an examining magistrate that she was Il Duce's mistress between

April and July of last year,

The magistrate asked her, dur-

ing a two-hour hearing at the Pal-

"Yes," she replied blandly.

was his mistress between last

Referring to her last rendezvous

"He was tender and sweet with

She described how, last Novem-

ber, she tried to commit suicide in

Rome after Mussolini had jilted

The man responsible for I

Duce's lost love, she said bitterly,

was the Count de Chambrun whom

she tried to kill last Wednesday.

He violated her confidences, she

De Chambrun, she said, shat-

tered "my hours of unforgettable

end their clandestine romance.

with Mussolini in July, she said:

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Disaster Inquiry Reports

Effort to Save Heat-ing Costs Brought Death to 426

From Basement

Superintendent Near Collapse After Telling of Tapping Gas Main

New London, Tex., March 22 .-P_Natural gas, piped into the alled 426 pupils and teachers last noury board

am C. Shaw, 61-yearment, appeared berd, his head swathed sandages, and admitted ged to heat the building

7-year-old son died in the nearly collapsed and assisted from the wit-

Santiv afterwards, Dr. E. P.

explosion expert from the

dence presented to the board culpability for the disas-

best intentions," he They were not aware of apment was and did not know | six years.

In the basement there were

left flowing accidentally or 17 hours, this maximum ex-

On Rebel Base

Forced Back 20 Miles Since Tide Turned

Matrid March 22 - U.R. Loywith swept into new rebel unitory on the Guadalajara might and prepared to atpebel base of Siguenza. Cheered by continued victories, preme Loyalist Commander Gen Jose Miaja urged his newlyatted militiamen and internaanal brigade to continue the of-Gen. Francisco ranco's foreign legionnaires and Italian-aided rebels to remove the issurgent threat against the capiat from the north. The rebels are been forced back 20 miles so

illage of Algora from three sides Continued on Page Three)

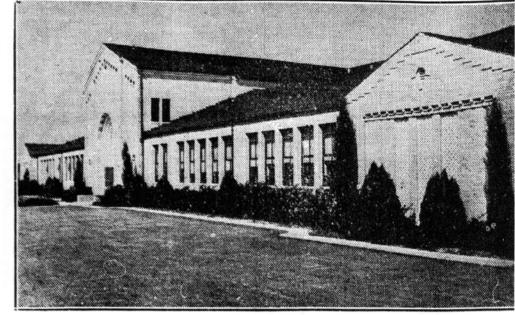
Demer Pasquotank county com- ed today by Mrs. W. S. Carawan, against the Norfolk- vice-commander of the district. Bus corporation, which

the settlement Mr. Wilhams will receive \$500 and the defendant corporation will assume out of the court, it was stat-

Mr Williams entered suit for \$10,600 against the bus corporanon alleging that he had been accused by the dis-

A hearing of the case at the last

The School That Was a Death Trap



HERE is the consolidated school building as it appeared before the explosion that brought death to 426 pupils and teachers. Grammar and the advanced high school grades were merged in the building,

Clark Defends Court Plan; Chief Justice Has His Say

Retired Justice Sees Change As Being Constitutional

San Diego, Calif., March 22. (U.P.)-John Hessin Clark, the only living former justice of the United States Supreme court, broke his long silence in public affairs tonight to defend the constitutionality of President Roosevelt's judiciary program.

The 79-year-old retired justice, in a speech delivered over a naall feel that the trustees of tion-wide radio network, described has returned to North Carolina, acted for the very best as "plainly constitutional" the and its advent was well demongress increase the number of just- the first signs of spring. proper installation of gas ices on the court he served for

the "naked legal question" of the lightning rod.

constitution," he said, "may have rural community let the waiting tively of the court. He added that in connecting pipes thru had more confidence in the wis- customers wait while he listened dom and patriotism of the con- to the smooth oratory of the gresses and the presidents which lightning rod salesman and exwere to come after them, and less amined his latest 1937 model, triconfidence in courts than some pod-supported white porcelain-inseem to have today. Whether or sulated nickle-tipped and ballnot they were wise in entrusting decorated lightning rod truly a to the congress and to the presi- thing of beauty. Loval Troops to the congress and to the president such extensive powers over The customers almost forgot the courts as we have found they what they had come to purchase, Prepare Drive the courts as we have found they became so engrossed in asposses and have long exercised they became so engrossed in asposses are not questions which are now sisting the proprietor to decide are not questions which are now sisting the proprietor to decide before us. The single question I which color ball should decorate am considering is, would a condi- his lightning rod and whether tional increase of the number of gold, silver, blue, red or white judges of the Supreme court, by should shoo the lightning away France's Men Have Been act of congress, as recommended from his domain. This rod was a by the president be constitutional thing of beauty and something to

Within Powers

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Lightning Rod **Augurs Return**

Success of Salesmen Indicates Better Times Are Ahead

By MRS. J. L. MURPHY

Manteo, March 22.-Prosperity president's proposal to have con- strated a few days ago along with

Proof of the fact that prosperity is in our midst again was clearly indicated recently, not in grow-Clarke carefully avoided ex- ing bank deposits only, nor in inpressing a personal opinion on creased car loadings, but by the the plan itself, discussing only skillfully presented case of the

be proud of, a mark of rare distinction, proclaiming to all and

Senator Bailey Publicizes Letter To This Newspaper

Army To Fight Cancer Is Being Organized Now

The loyalist army attacked the Enlistment Campaign On In the Albemarle This Week

Columbia, March 22 .- The fol-John T. Williams And lowing 12 captains in the counties Bus Company Settle of the first congressional district Case Out of Court of North Carolina are directing an judicial reform program advocatenistment campaign this week in od by President Roosevelt. of North Carolina are directing an the Woman's Field Army for the of John T. Williams, Control of Cancer, it was announc-

Miss Margaret Fearing, Pasquofuled for trial at the pre- tank; Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Marof the United States tin; Mrs. B. F. Koonce, Perquibeen settled, it was mans; Mrs. J. C. Mullin, Gates; Staterday. Under the Mrs. B. C. Cuthrell, Camden; Mrs.

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WPA Foremen Will Meet Here This A.M.

There will be a meeting of all WPA foremen in the counties of ing his position on the Supreme pateller at Norfolk of being drunk the Albemarle at the Community Court issue. and not in condition to ride the Building on Dyer Street this morn-

ing at 10 o'clock. Mr. Lee Wallace, District WPA term of Federal court resulted in director, and other district officials will be present.

Of Prosperity

For more than half an hour the

"I think that the answer to sundry who gazed aloft to the roof

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Reprints It In Page Ad In News and Observer and Daniels Replies

Editor's Note: Senator Bailey's etter was published in full on the editorial page of the March 4 issue of THE DAILY INDEPEN-

DENT. Raleigh, March 22.—(U.P.)—Full page advertisements appeared in several North Carolina daily newspapers today explaining in detail United States Senator Josiah H. Bailey's reasons for opposing the

ed by President Roosevelt. Senator Bailey, senior member of the upper house of congress from North Carolina, has been severely criticized in some North Carolina newspapers for opposing the court reform program. The advertisement, "published friends of Senator Bailey and of

the senator's letter to a critical newspaper editor. To W. O. Saunders, editor of the Elizabeth City, N. C., Independent, the senator states why he has chosen "the hard way" instead of "The Easy Way", in determin-

constitutional government", was

"This is a strange picture you paint of me," the senator's letter which was reproduced said in its

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Letter From Hughes Read Before Senate Committee

Hughes said today in a letter to panied the party. Sen. Burton K. Wheeler, D., Mont., that President Roomeelt's judici-ary reorganization plan was likely to impair the efficiency of the Supreme Court.

Wheeler read the letter to the senate judiciary committee as opponents of the plan opened their attack on the measure. In it the chief justice cast doubt on the constitutionality of dividing an enlarged court into sections speed its work, a suggestion made by administration witnesses. **Brandeis Assents**

Hughes said he spoke with the concurrence of Justices Louis D. Brandeis and Willis Van Devanter, who are considered the No. 1 "The wise men who framed our proprietor of a general store in a liberal and conservative, respecwhile he had not had time to confer with all members, he believed

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BEST SPELLER WILL RECEIVE A SILVER CUP

Winner to Be Determined In Test; Something **Entirely New**

Elizabeth City High School students have won cups for debating. athletics and other activities, but this year for the first time in the history of the school a silver cup is to be awarded for spelling, it was announced yesterday by Superintendent Edgar E. Bundy.

The Bright Jewelry Company has offered to donate a cup, which will be awarded by Superintendent Bundy either on Class Night or at the Commencement exer-

The winner of the cup will be (Continued on Page Three)

Frank Vosper's Body Is Washed Ashore

Eastbourne, Eng., Tuesday, March 23.—(U.P.)—A nude body washed ashore near here was identified today as that of Frank Vosper by two relatives of the English actor-dramatist who disappeared mysteriously two weeks ago from the French liner Paris.

The body, washed in from the sea at Seven Sisters Cliffs, between here and Seaford was identified by the actor's father, Dr. Percy Vosper of Stanmore, his uncle, Maj. P. Vosper of Pevensey Bay. The father viewed the body while major Vosper identified it from a photo graph.

The fact that the body was unclothed aroused speculation as to what happened to the \$25,000 or more Vosper was believed to have been carrying when he leaped or fell from the Paris after a gay champagne

Knapp's Chrysler Accused Of Case Ends Withholding Evidence Government Makes a Madame Fontanges Says

Very Sorry Showing In Court

Fines of \$1 Each

Mr. Knapp and His Co-defendants Enter a Plea of Nolo Contendere Rather Than Defend Themselves In a Frivolous Prosecution.

The government's exultation ais de Justice, whether she ever back in December over the appre- had been intimate with Mussohension of five too many ducks in lini. and threats to make an example April and July." of alleged "malefactors of great wea'th" fizz'ed in the United States Court here late yesterday afternoon when the case against me as he had been on the previous Joseph P. Knapp, Lee W. Max- occasions." well, Giles Whiting and Isaac Doxey was cailed.

Messrs. Knapp, Maxwell, Whiting and Doxey were charged with possession of 45 ducks from a day's kill, in violation of the law fixing the bag limit at 10 ducks per man. Mossrs Maxwell and Whiting were guests of Mr. Knapp at Mackey Washington, March 22. —(U.P.)— Island, and Mr. Doxey, one of Mr. Chief Justice Evans Evans Knapp's superintendents accom-

StClair Lewark and another deputy game warden confiscated (Continued on Page Three)

No Imported Speaker For Graduation

Students for Speakers at Commencement

Instead of importing some editor, minister or college professor to make the Commencement Address at the graduating exercises of the class of 1937, of Elizabeth City High School, Superintendent Edgar E. Bundy this year will inaugurate the innovation of having the graduates make all the speeches at the graduating exer-

fore been carried out in this section of the State.

The general plan is as follows: an outstanding student will make a brief introductory talk and will present the Saluatorian, who will give a talk outlining his or her viewpoints on the school program. The Salutatorian will then introduce several other students who will give five-minute talks on various parts of the school program. The Valedictorian will conclude the exercises.

The commencement exercises will be held this year on Thursday

Back Broken In Jump

Ray Woods, 30-year-old St. Louis bridge jumper, received serious injuries today in the first recorded leap from the San Francisco-Oakland bay bridge-A feat which he had said contained "absolutely no danger.' Physicians at Harbor Emergen-

cy hospital said his back was broken. At San Francisco hospital it was said he might not walk again.

A strong wind caught Wood's body as he hurled from the lower or truck deck of the \$75,000,000 span and threw him off balance.

TODAY'S LOCAL CALENDAR

7:30 Sunrise service First Methodist

8:30 Mens Christian Federation P. M. 6:15 First Baptist YWA 6:30 Kiwanis Club

7:00 Local Institute class First Christian 7:30 Jr. O. U. A. M.; Eureka

Lodge Masons: 7:30 Special services City Road 8:00 Special services First Christian, "Atonement'

Library Hours: 2-8, 7-9.

Il Duce's Pet



The dark-haired beauty, whose lurid diary of "confessions" actress and journalist, described man. threatens to create an international scandal if ever made public, the events of her adventurous life old of repeated rendezvous with and scattered loves up to the point Frequently, she said, they met magistrate adjourned the hearing troit over police who have been n Rome's Venezia Palace, Mussountil April 8.

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ini's official residence. The 29-year-old woman, former Bundy to Have Graduating New Honor Is Thinks Police Conferred On Got Purse And Chrysler corporation records to The Governor TheLiquorToo

Senate, In Holiday Mood, Ellis Williams, Inventor of handed to whatever public author-Appoints His Excellency An Honorary Page

Raleigh, March 22.-(U.P.)- The senate tonight in holiday mood in ernor Clyde Hoey the office of Court here. honorary page of the senate.

concurrence in various amendthird reading was the bill provididentification, in the state.

A bill was passed under which a commission will visit New York the hidden cask. with a view of investigating the feasibility in cooperating in the From Frisco Bridge coming World Fair there. An ap-

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Ingenious Hootch Dispenser, Gets 3 Years, But Wife Not Satisfied.

The solemn dignity of the U.S. This idea, which has been employed with success in a few ployed ployed with success in a few ployed ployed property processed by the close of the court is occasionally relieved by rip-roaring comedy. Ellis Williams Passes Senate with success in a few with success in a few morrow, presented Lieutenant- old offender of the liquor laws furnished comedy for yesterday's Governor Horton with a silver furnished comedy for yesterday's By 64-11 Vote service and conferred upon Gov- afternoon session of the U.S.

Williams arranged upon evid-The senate passed the house bill ence furnished by city motorcycle regulating hours of labor to 55 patrolman Walter Spence, who in weekly for men and 48 for women company with night officer Geo. and returned it to the house for Twiddy raided Williams' home and found a gallon or more of moonments. Also passel on second and shine whisky in a ten gallon cask | The senate today passed the \$522.concealed in the kitchen attic. 847,808 "Big Navy" appropriation ing for a vote on a proposed con- From the keg a rubber hose was bill, providing \$130,000,000 for stitutional amendment which run thru the partition wall bewould establish a department of tween the dining room and a for new airplanes during the 1938 justice, including a bureau of downstairs bedroom. From holes fiscal year. on either side of the partition Williams could draw liquor from 11 as administration forces beat

propriation of \$2,500 was provided afford to pay the price of legal San Francisco, March 22.—(U.P.) for the purpose and the governor liquor. The police said they had

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New Obstacle May Delay Edward-'Wally' Wedding

ish legal experts warned tonight Keith's disclosure were legally that Mrs. Wallis Warfield Simp- sound. son's first divorce, obtained in the United States 10 years ago, may would not accept Simpson's first be invalid under British law.

said, may jeopardize the early were held invalid, her second mar- will inaugurate an added bus marriage of the former Baltimore riage also would be declared ille-

law, was responsible for the lat- Windsor under English law. est surprise development in the "world's greatest romance." He wrote to the Edinburgh Scotsman saying that Parliament might be might not be valid were based on from New Bern to Elizabeth City obliged to enact special legislation legalizing Mrs. Simpson's di-

divorced Earl Winfield Spencer, U. S. naval officer, at is filed. Varrenton, Va., in 1927.

London, March 22 .- (U.P.) -- Brit- | law" told the United Press that He predicted that British law

divorce as valid. The new complication, they If Mrs. Simpson's first divorce

girl and former Kink Edward if gal and automatically be annul- tween Norfolk and Elizabeth City. the case is brought into British led. She therefore would have to New Bern and Morehead City. obtain a new diverce from her Arthur Berriedale Keith, out- first husband in England before the Norfolk union terminal at 4:10 standing authority of constitution she could marry the Duke of p. m., one for Raleigh and one The warning that the divorce both via Williamston.

obtained in the little Virginia town not far from Washington, D. C., the fact that British courts re- and Norfolk. cognize only dicorces granted in

A specialist in English "family to have been a Virginia resident, trips instead of two.

Not Candid With La-Follette Investigation Committee

Frenchwoman Who Shot Diplomat Whom She Ac- Spied On Employes

Strikers Have Added the Crime of Burglary to Others, Declares Company Man.

Detroit, March 22.-(U.P.)-Threat of a general automotive strike in Detroit faded tonight as Mayor Frank Couzens announced after a conference with union officials that the police department would not interfere in "peaceful so-called sit-down

Police evictions of sit-downers in small factories through the city had led to a threat by Homer Martin, United Automobile Workers, president, to call a general strike of automotive

Detroit, March 2. -(U.P.) Chrysler corporation, nine of whose plants are held by 6,000 sitdown strikers, was accused tonight by union officials of blacklisting, labor espionage and of withholding data from the LaFollette senate civil liberties commit-

The charges, made by Homer Martin, president of the United Automobile Workers Union, were denied by B. E. Hutchinson, Chrysler finance committee chair-

General Strike Threat

Martin, holding the threat of of her attempted suicide. Then the a general automotive strike in Deraiding lesser sit-down strikes, declared the union had found "irrefutable" proof of the charges. Richard T. Frankensteen, organizational director for the union, showed newspaperment what he said were photostatic prints of back up the charges.

"The charges, to the best of my knowledge and belief are untrue," Hutchinson said. "Whatever evidence they have can, of course, be

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Big Navy Bill

Gen. Hugh S. Johnson Is Witness Before Military Committee

Washington, March 22.-(U.P.)ship construction and \$29.186,000

The measure was aproved 64 to down protests that the money for Williams declared that he had shipbuilding puts this country inpurchased the liquor for his own to a naval race with Great Britain. consumption, because he could not It now goes conference with the house to iron out minor differences.

Meanwhile, the house military affairs committee heard Gen Hugh S. Johnson urge approval of the Hill-Sheppard bill giving the president dictatorial powers to regulate prices and draft the nation's industrial, financial and man-

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Added Bus Service To Benefit New Bern And Morehead City

Effective Friday March 26, the Norfolk Southern Bus corporation service, giving through service be-There will be two buses leaving

for New Bern and Morehead City, .There will be no lay-overs in Washington for bus passengers

And effective Saturdays and courts of a state in which the Sundays only, there will be an husband lives at the time the suit extra bus from Columbia, Roper

and Plymouth, giving passengers Spencer, they said, appeared not at those points a choice of three

were announced Board's Findings