

## FRESH SNOW INTENSIFIES FLOOD HORRORS

### TO START HEARINGS WEEK FROM MONDAY ON NEW TAX PLANS

#### Doughton Says Levy on Undistributed Corporation Incomes Likely to Come First

#### NO CONCLUSION YET ON PROCESSING TAX

#### "Windfall" Levy To Get Refunded Taxes Likewise Not Agreed Upon; Very High Rate in Mind of Committee; Treasury Schedules Still Being Talked

Washington, March 21 (AP)—Chairman Doughton, Democrat, North Carolina, today announced that the House Ways and Means Committee would start opening hearings a week from Monday on President Roosevelt's \$792,000,000 tax program.

He said the committee probably would start off with the proposed levy on undistributed corporation incomes, with Treasury officials as the first witnesses.

A sub-committee which has been wrestling with the tax program for two weeks and a half is to file a report with the committee as the basis for hearings.

Doughton said no decision had been reached on new processing taxes or a "windfall" levy.

The "windfall" tax occupied the sub-committee this morning, but Chairman Samuel B. Hill, of Washington, asserted "we haven't come to any conclusion."

#### Very High Rate

He added that members have in mind a very high rate, or of perhaps 80 to 90 percent, and the classification of the "windfall" tax in a new category.

Snags developed in the corporate tax proposal have threatened to force

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### HOFFMAN'S COURSE HIGHLY COMMENDED

#### 94 Percent of 30,000 Letters Received Approved; Lawyers Berated

By LESLIE EICHEL, Central Press Staff Writer  
Is the Hauptmann case nearing its close—or will it never close?  
Will Governor Harold G. Hoffman of New Jersey be commended in future years for his course, or has he ruined his career?  
Governor Hoffman's aides say that 94 per cent of 30,000 letters he has received on the case commend his course.

Legally and ethically, his course has been correct and logical. That, probably, will be the verdict of bar associations.

But there is no doubt the governor has raised powerful resentment, and how that will react cannot be foreseen at present.

The question arises: Can there not

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### Education Meeting Seeks Single State School Unit

#### Pledges Support to Supt. Erwin and President Graham, and Ask Higher Pay, Retirement Funds and Better Supervision of School Work in State

Raleigh, March 21 (AP)—Resolutions calling for one constitutionally authorized body to administer State school affairs, and pledging support to Superintendent of Public Instruction Clyde A. Erwin and President Frank P. Graham, of the University of North Carolina, were adopted today by the North Carolina Education at its closing session.

Sixteen resolutions were approved. The teachers said "we wholeheartedly commend President Graham for his liberal, fearless and courageous leadership, and hereby pledge anew our continuous and loyal support."

After adoption by the Southern Conference recently of the so-called Graham plan to de-emphasize athletics there were reports that a concerted effort had been started to remove President Graham.

#### Ask Better Salaries

Better salaries, enactment of ten-

### Heads Teachers



Ray Funderburk, superintendent of New Hanover county schools and also the Wilmington city system, was today elected president of the North Carolina Teachers Association for the coming year at the closing session of the association's 54th annual convention in Raleigh.

### Funderburk Is President Of Teachers

#### Gov. McNutt, of Indiana, Tells Asemblage Nation Is Ignoring Education

Raleigh, March 21 (AP)—"The people of America are permitting one of the finest instrumentalities of their national life, public education, to fall short of its best," Governor Paul V. McNutt, of Indiana, told the North Carolina Education Association today, and "an adequate system of public education is needed to help the world onto an even keel."

Governor McNutt was introduced by Governor Ehringhaus. Some 2,000 teachers attended the closing session of their annual convention to hear the man who is being mentioned for the post of keynoter of the Democratic National Convention.

Asked before he spoke if he were going to be the keynoter, McNutt's reply was a hearty, jovial laugh.

The teachers elected Ray Funder-

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### COTTON INDUSTRY ABOVE LAST YEAR

Washington, March 21.—(AP)—The cotton spinning industry was reported today by the Census Bureau to have operated during February at 105.2 percent of capacity on a single shift basis compared with 111.9 percent in January this year, and 100.2 percent in February last year.

### 28 PERCENT GAIN IN INCOME TAXES OF U. S. IS SHOWN

#### \$389,694,381 First 20 Days of March, and \$469,365,339 Total for 1936 Thus Far

### CONTROVERSY RAGES ON FEDERAL FUNDS

#### Republicans Charge Roosevelt Claim of Reduction in Treasury Deficit Is "Fictitious" and "Impossible" In View of Vast New Expenditures

Washington, March 21 (AP)—Income tax collections of \$389,694,381 for the first 20 days of March were reported by the Treasury today, representing an increase of 28 percent over the comparable period of last year.

"Receipts are conforming very closely with the department's estimate," was the only comment from Treasury officials.

The statistics were telegraphed from collectors at the various districts. Collections for the calendar year 1936 through March 20 have amounted to \$469,365,339, an increase of 30 percent over the same period of last year.

The Treasury comment that collections were holding close to estimates was considered by some observers a notice that President Roosevelt's

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### GOVERNOR CRITICS BEING CRITICIZED

#### Growers Appreciate Ehringhaus' Latest Efforts in Tobacco Crisis

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hotel, By J. C. BASKERVILLE  
Raleigh, March 21.—Those who at first criticized Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus for going over the heads of members of Congress and appealing directly to President Roosevelt to do something to help the tobacco farmers, and especially for an allotment of \$50,000,000 to be used in helping reduce tobacco acreage, are now being criticized as the governors for seven other southern, tobacco producing states have joined with Governor Ehringhaus in appealing directly to Pre-

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### Aerial View of Stricken City of Wheeling



Wheeling, W. Va., where list of casualties mounts as toll of highest stage of Ohio river ever recorded there. This aerial view shows every street of business district inundated. Residential district on on Wheeling Island, out in river beyond, completely covered.

### State Politics Prominent At N. C. Teachers Meeting

#### Teachers More Interested Than Ever Before in Gubernatorial Race; Candidates Court Their Favor; Neither Hoey nor McDonald Factions Gains Control

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hotel, By J. C. BASKERVILLE

Raleigh, March 21.—State politics more than ever overshadowed school politics in the annual convention of the North Carolina Education Association, which came to a close at noon today, and which was in progress since Thursday night.

Much politics is always talked at every convention of the education association, since this association, with a membership of between 14,000 and 15,000 teachers, principals and superintendents, is generally regarded as the most powerful organization politically in the State. For the teachers, in addition to sticking together pretty tightly, are conceded to

exercise a strong influence on the electorate generally because of their contacts with almost 900,000 children, their parents and through the many parent-teacher associations. There are approximately 23,500 teachers in the State public school system at the present time, of which about 17,000 are white teachers, principals and superintendents, and about 6,500 Negro teachers and principals.

#### Teachers Are Interested

The teachers are more interested in the campaign for the Democratic nomination for governor than ever before, since for the past three years all the 23,500 teachers have been on

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### CANDIDATES SWARM AT SCHOOL MEETING

#### Most Statewide Aspirants for Office Much in Evidence at Raleigh

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Raleigh, March 21.—Most of the candidates for the various offices in the State from governor on down, were much in evidence during the annual convention of the North Carolina Education Association which has been in progress since Thursday and ended at noon today, with some 3,000 teachers, principals and superintendents in attendance. This gathering of thousands of teachers and hundreds of superintendents, is too fertile a political gathering for many candidates to miss.

#### Only Hoey Absent.

Three of the four candidates for governor were much in evidence. They were John A. McRae, of Charlotte, who spent hours shaking the hands of teachers in the lobby of the Sir Walter hotel; Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, of Winston-Salem, himself an ex-teacher and college professor, who is seeking the nomination on an anti-sales tax and more money for schools platform, and Lieutenant Governor A. H. Graham, likewise an advocate of a large school appropriation and better salaries for teachers. Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, the fourth candidate, expected to be here, but was unable to because of the floods and high water between Washington and Raleigh, it was understood. But Hoey's manager, Hubert Olive, spent much time talking to teachers and superintendents.

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### FARM PROGRAM IS LAUNCHED THROUGH WHOLE OF NATION

#### New Deal Strives To Bring Country's Farmers Within \$470,000,000 Before Planting

### PRODUCERS GROUPS ARE BEING FORMED

#### New Program Will Provide Average Payment of \$10 Per Acre for Acreage Retired; Tobacco Payments Three to Five Cents Per Pound, Cotton Five Cents

Washington, March 21.—(AP)—Flashing throughout the country the signal to start the complex soil conservation machinery rolling, the New Deal strove today to bring the nation's farmers within the \$470,000,000 program before spring planting starts in earnest.

Farmers were summoned hurriedly to many conferences to organize county producers associations. These will help administer the vast conservation plan, basis for subsidy payments to farmers.

Secretary Wallace has announced that the new program would provide an average payment of \$10 per acre for commercial soil-depleting crop lands shifted to soil-saving uses. A short time ago President Roosevelt had signed an appropriation bill carrying \$440,000,000 for the program, and making \$30,000,000 of unexpended money available.

The AAA divided all crops into three classes for subsidy purposes:

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### \$43,000,000 READY AS FLOOD REPAIRS

#### Roosevelt Allocates WPA Funds for Aid in Restoring Properties

Washington, March 21.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today allocated \$43,000,000 to the Works Progress Administration for repairs and replacements in the flood areas. This sum includes an emergency allotment of \$18,000,000 on February 29 and a new allotment of \$25,000,000.

Mr. Roosevelt gave the Works Progress Administration "blanket authority" to restore roads, streets, bridges, sewers, water and electric

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### NEW ENGLAND AND OHIO NOW CENTERS OF WORST DANGER

#### Death List In Flood Area Stands at 167 With Nearly 300,000 Persons Homeless

### DEATH, DESTRUCTION STRIKE NEW AREAS

#### Damage Estimated in Excess of \$300,000,000; Many Small Ohio and Kentucky Towns Inundated as Crest Pushes on Down Through the Ohio River

(By The Associated Press)

With storm warnings flying along the North Atlantic coast and snow intensifying suffering over the Pittsburgh-Johnstown-Wheeling area, the Connecticut river wrought the most widespread havoc today as it surged with devastating and ceaseless fury over the populous business and industrial cities of Hartford and Middletown, Conn.

The death list stood at 167, but as rescue and rehabilitation work was rushed into eleven eastern states—after the worst floods in history in many localities—officials feared the toll would mount.

The number of homeless approached 300,000 persons.

The 55-foot flood crest of the Ohio diminished as it spread down broad valleys toward Huntington, W. Va., reaching Fomery and Point Pleasant, W. Va., and Gallipolis, Ohio.

#### Death Toll at 167

Flood crests in New England and Ohio poured death and destruction over new localities today, with heavy rains and threats of snow adding to the misery of thousands of persons made homeless by the widespread disaster.

The death toll in 13 states rose to 167. Estimates of damage neared the \$300,000,000 mark, and pointed to an even higher figure before the waters finally abate.

#### Snow Slows Down Relief

Three inches of soggy snow fell over the devastated western Pennsylvania area from Johnstown to Wheeling, W. Va., bogging down relief efforts and further crippling transportation.

The Connecticut river, already at a record high of 37.1 feet, pushed into additional sections of Hartford, Conn., paralyzing industry and public utilities and almost isolating the city.

The Ohio, which apparently spent a sizeable portion of its fury at Wheel-

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### Hauptmann Attorneys Confident

#### Evidence Cheers Them and Condemned Man As Execution Date Nears

Trenton, N. J., March 21.—(AP)—Bruno Richard Hauptmann's attorneys, showing increased confidence of saving him from execution, hurried preparations today for a frontal attack on the testimony of Dr. John F. Condon, a principal state witness at the Lindbergh baby kidnap-slaying.

The defense hopes appeared to have taken a sudden upward surge and Hauptmann himself was pictured as feeling certain he would escape the penalty. He is under sentence to die March 31.

C. Lloyd Fisher, chief defense counsel, said he did not see how Hauptmann could be executed in view of "the facts in our possession."

The defense hopes were buoyed by reports that Robert W. Hicks, a special investigator in the case, had obtained an important affidavit from Samuel B. Garlick, serving a kidnaping sentence in the Florida State Prison, which he said "will clear up satisfactorily some interesting points in the Lindbergh kidnap case."

Governor Harold G. Hoffman, meanwhile, was still trying to arrange with Dr. Condon for an interview to clarify various points in the case which the governor thinks have by no means been settled satisfactorily.

### OUR WEATHER MAN



#### FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Fair and continued cold tonight with light to heavy frost in central and southeast portions if wind subsides; Sunday fair, with slow ly rising temperature.