

The blaze started in the furniture concern, Lexington's largest and spread rapidly from the finishing room.

The church and three houses soon were aflame, and other nearby buildings caught, but the latter were saved before much damage resulted.

The cause of the fire was not determined.

\$40,000 Of Loot Taken In Robbery

Detroit, Mich., May 1.-(AP)-Four but also demanded better quality than robbers held up a branch of the De- at any time in the past five years. troit Bank shortly before 11 a. m. today, escaping with a sum early reports placed at \$40,000, while police cities to report increases up to 15 per investigated a false hold-up alarm turned in from the northern limits of the suburb in which the robbery occurred three minutes before.

Three of the robbers entered the bank carrying sub-machine guns, while the fourth waited at the wheel of an automobile in front of the bank. Menacing employees and customers, the men climbed over a teller's cage and scooped the money into a white sack. Only one shot was fired, employees said, but one woman was re-

ported injured in the confusion which sentence for State banking law viola-follewed the sudden raid.

Business Up, Roosevelt To Win The Wheat Belt

was narrowed.'

BANKER SWAN TO

Upturn in Mining Helps Utah, but Further East One Comes, Cheerfulness Begins Slowly to Fade; Spend-Worrying Man y; New York Not Cocky ing

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New York, May 1 .-- "Business is the sensitively as San Francisco mirrors activity along the Pacific Coast.

will be as good as in the hey-day of best in years" is what people in the this section-the early 20's. Freight mountain states are saying, accord- and passenger traffic on the railroads nig to the report I received from my have picked up remarkably well and associate who has just passed through this means much to the "division" hat region. Readers will remember towns. In spite of the drought in the that we left him last week on his way "dust bowl" east of the mountains, east from San Francisco. I asked him there is more water than usual. Live to stop both at Salt Lake City and stock are in good shape so that cat Denver. These two cities reflect con- tlemen can soon cash in at favorable ditions in the mountain states just as prices. It is mighty encouraging to

People in the Rocky Mountain re-

gion look forward to the best summer

since 1929. Some even think business

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abolish every State office from the

New York, May 1.-(AP)-Better weather conditions during the week enabled retail trade to advance to a level eight to 12 percent higher than a year ago, Dun & Bradstreet said today.

"Definite turn to more seasonal weather reacted favorably on nearly all branches of trade buying during the week." it was tsated.

"It influenced shoppers to sepnd more freely, which pushed sale of spring goods to a new high for the **Graham and Hoey Shooting** season. The outstanding gain, how-ever, was in wholesale markets, the At Professor for His influx of buyers building up the best Vote Last Year

volume for the period since 1931. "The few instances of recession provided no check to the general move Daily Dispatch Burean, In The Sir Walter Hotes, By J. C. BASKERVILL Raleigh, May 1—The vote which Dr. ment of the industrial pace, the pro-fits reported by numerous manufacturers for the first quarter attesting Ralph W. McDonald, of Winstonthe extent of the improvement." Salem, cast in the House of the 1935

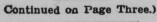
At retail, it was stated, consumers General Assembly for House Bill 1360, apparently had more money to spend which made the sales tax apply to and not only purchased more goods meals in cafes, restaurants and board-

ing houses, bids fair to become a stumbling block in his campaign to "Although the strong recovery of win the nomination for governor on consumer buying enabled a number of an anti-sales tax platform, since both Sandy Graham and Clyde Hoey are cent over the preceding week's retail pointing to his vote for this sales tax sales," the review continued, "the as being somewhat inconsistent with gain over the previous year's total his present attitude.

In his speech in Washington, Beaufort county, last night, Graham devoted a good deal of attention to the vote Dr. McDonald cast for the bill START SENTENCE levying the sales tax on meals, while the Hoey forces are also making extensive use of their recent discovery

Raleigh, May 1.-(AP)-W. J. Swan, former Bayboro banker, must enter that Dr. McDonald voted for this sup-Central Prison here before midnight plementary sales tax, even though he tonight to begin serving a four-year voted against the sales tax section of the revenue bill. It is also being point ed out that this bill levying the sales

tax on meals in hotels, cafes, lunch rooms and so forth, was in reality a "spite bill" first introduced in the Senate by the wets in retaliation against a group of dry senators, headed by Senator Hall Johnson, of Ashe-ville, because they would not vote for



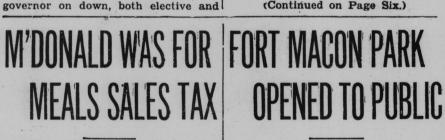
Three Lose Lives As Tornado Sweeps Northwestern Iowa

Spirit Lake, Iowa, May 1.—(AP) —Three known dead, 50 injured and heavy property damage were listed today in the wake of a tornado that cut a swath of destruction across northwest Iowa and southern Minnesota. At least 25 persons were injur-

ed in Iowa and as many more across the line in Minnesota as the twister pursued an erratic course a quarter mile wide over a 50-mile stretch late yesterday.

Hundreds of small buildings in the path of the storm were de-molished or swept away.

Court and the superior court If the legislature had the power to be added to the general administra-(Continued on Page Six.)



Governor Is Speaker At **Exercises Held At More**head City Site

By Staff Correspondent. Morehead City, May 1.—A new page in the recerational life of North Carolina was written today and important

events in the history of the State were commemorated with the formal open ing of Fort Macon State Park, the first unit of the new system of recreational and historcal areas whose development has been completed.

In the main address in the exercises held in the old fort building, Gov. J. C. B. Ehringhaus stressed the importance of the event, particularly with reference to the future ni that the occasion represents the culmination of

the first steps in giving North Carona a system of State parks that meet he highest standards in the nation. Other units of the State park now lina a system of State parks that meet the highest standards in the nation. under development, Governor Ehring-

(Continued on Page Two.) \$10,000 DAMAGE SUIT **BEGUN IN RICHMOND**

Richmond, Va., May 1.-(AP)-Tria of a \$10,000 damage suit brought by Lewis Brown, Washington Times Photographer, against W. A. Bell, of Fredericksburg, for injuries alleged to have been received when he was struck by a church collection bag opened in Federal district court here

today. The incident occurred on the night of December 9, 1934, on the eve of the trial of Bell's brother, Edward C. Bell,

on a charge of attempting to poison his wife.

OUR WEATHER MAN

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Generally fair tonight and Sat-urday, except overcast at times on the coast.

New York, May 1.-(AP)-The Fedral government, using Edward F McGrady, Labor Department troubleshooter as the lever, threw its weight

in the anthracite coal industry. Working on borrowed time, after what otherwise might have been a walk-out deadline for 106,000 miners. McGrady prepared to re-enter the long drawn parley of operators and United Mine Workers' representatives over

a new wage and working conditions contract. The industry's five-year-old contract

was given its second extension last night two hours before it would have expired at midnight with what both sides had pictured would be disastrous results for the \$600,000,000 industry.

The extension gained by McGrady after a hurried flight from Washington, on order of Secretary of Labor Perkins enabeld McGrady to drive for agreement through one or both of these avenues:

1. Virtually to force concessions by the deadlocked parties, so as a common ground could be reached;

2. Persuade the conferees to continue their deliberations until one side

or the other receded.

CABARRUS WOMAN HOUSE'S TAX BILL ed a motion for a non-suit. **Crashing Prices May Mean**

Passing of Inflation Scare: Fear 1940

By LESLIE EICHEL

Central Press Staff Writer THE TAX BILL will be rewritten by the Senate because many sections are believed to be unconstitutional Furthermore, the bill is so complicated that no one knows whether it will take in as much as present laws or

more. It must take in nearly a billion more to be of any use. **NO INFLATION?**

Crashing security prices and declining commodity prices seem to indi-cate that fear (or hope) of inflation has passed. That is not quite the case. A huge debt is in itself a form of in-flation. At present, however, capital is frightened by the prospect of punitive taxes. It is frightened, too, by the ease that "Lefe" governments come into power-as in France.

IN 1940? There are many persons who be-lieve that a Farmer-Labor coalition will win power in the United States

ocratic and Republican parties (Continued on Page Six)

in 1940-due to a failure of both Dem-

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Soldiers March In Moscow, While Radicals Parade in

New York as Well

(By The Associated Press.)

The tramping of tens of thousands of soldiers in Moscow's red square, a plea for peace by Adolf Hitler and a long Communist-Socialist parade in New York were high lights today of the observance of May Day, Labor's international holiday.

Workers parade in many countries and in several European states soldiers marched.

In a demonstration of Soviet Russia's military powers, tanks and armored cars rolled past Lenin's tomb. A fleet of 750 war planes droned over columns of troops.

Police estimated 300,000 persons would march in the New York parade, where for the first time communists and left wing socialists joined forces. Germany's May Day was a "joy

In granting it, Judge Oglesby ruled

there was not sufficient evidence to

Testimony of State's witnesses in-

cluded assertions that Mrs. Troutman

had been cruel to her mother-in-law,

that there were finger marks on the

invalid's throat when she was found

dead in bed several months ago at the

Wrecking of Huge

German Airplane

Neu-Ulm, Bavaria, Germany,

May 1.-(AP)-A German mili-tary plane crashed during night

maneuvers, it was learned today,

killing eleven person instantly, in-cluding the members of the crew.

The soldier fliers plunged to death early in the morning of April 29, it was learned, but of-ficial sources declined to disclose

details of the crash and civilians

withheld strictly further news of

the accident.

Troutmans' rural home.

Eleven Killed In

warrant giving the case to the jury.

Pinehurst, May 1.--(AP)-Thomas H. Webb, of Concord, told cotton

manufacturers here today that mill production, cotton consumption and cotton exports have fallen off since the Federal farm program was inaugurated.

"Cotton manufacturing," he said, "will move on to some other country, or countries, if not treated sanely. It is not destined to remain in any area or be dominant in any country.

Webb is president of the American Cotton Manufacturers Association, in convention here. He read in his presidential address these statistics, which he called "ominous":

"Consumption of American cotton in the United States from 1928-29 to 1934-35 dropped 1,417,000 bales.

"Production of American cotton during the same period dropped 4,020,000 hales. Exports last year dropped approximately 4,000,000 bales.

"And yet world consumption dropped only 350,000 bales."

Webb asserted that the farm program, as it affects cotton, was "eventually harming the farmers."

"Agriculture and industry are not in separate compartments operating independently and without influence on each other," he said.

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Dismissal FREED BY COURT Asked For Concord, May 1.-(AP)-Mrs. Ola Troutman, 42-year-old farm woman accused of choking her invalid mother-in-law to death, was freed today Duke Case by Judge John M. Oglesby, who grant-Defense counsel filed the motion upon completion of the State's evidence

Washington, May 1.--(AP)-Green-wood county, S. C., today urged the Supreme Court to dismiss an appeal flied by the Duke Power Company attacking the constitutionality of Public Works Administration loans for Mrs. Sarah Alice Troutman, 77, and publicly-owned hydro-electric projects In a brief, the county contended that it had a right to use a \$2,850,000 PWA loan and grant for a power plant at Buzzard Roost, S. C.

The government won the case before the circuit court of appeals at Charlotte, N. C. If the Supreme Court agrees to review the controversy, a final decision will be deferred until the fall term of court, beginning in October.

The county asserted that all the Federal questions raised by the Duke petition had been "clearly settled by this court on other occasions, and that Duke is, therefore, merely asking for a review of this case on its facts. which, in view of the findings of the circuit court of appeals, it would be innecessary for this court to allow." It added that the question of the right of Congress to make appropriations for the general welfare had been settled in the decision holding AAA unconstitutional.



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behind a move today to break the deadlock in negotiations for accord