

## AMENDMENT PLAN OFFERED AGAINST COURT

### House Refuses Senate Amendments To Liquor Bill

#### COUNTY OPTION IS GIVEN CONFERENCE FOR ADJUSTMENTS

Ban Against Drinking At Games, State Supervision, Uniform Prices Objectionable

#### SENATE PROGRESSES WITH REVENUE BILL

About Third of Measure Approved With Only One Amendment; Most of It To Get Through During Day; Record Number of Bills Offered in House

Raleigh, Feb. 17 (AP)—The county option liquor bill went to conference today to adjust differences between the Senate and House when representatives refused to concur in amendments. Representative Bryant, of Durham, a co-author of the bill, asked the House to refuse to accept changes voted by the Senators late yesterday and was sustained. Speaker Cherry then appointed Bryant, Blount of Beaufort and Cooper of New Hanover, all vigorous county option backers, as members of the House on the conference group. President Horton of the Senate said he had not decided on his conference.

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#### Parliament Opens Debate Over Huge Fund for Defense

London, Feb. 17 (AP)—Chancellor of the Exchequer Neville Chamberlain launched today a two-day debate on the \$7,500,000,000 British defense program, with this declaration in the Commons: "Unprecedented conditions of the times have forced upon us this vast expenditure." He then moved adoption in committee on ways and means of the resolution authorizing a \$2,000,000,000 arms loan. Labor and liberal leaders mustered their forces for a battle against the government's attempt to float the loan and raise the remaining \$5,500,000,000 by taxation in the next five years.

#### Lindberghs Are Overdue In The East

Bagdad, Feb. 17 (AP)—Airport officials awaiting the arrival of Colonel and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh expressed anxiety today when the fliers were half an hour overdue from Cairo. Officials said a sand storm was blowing in the desert between Damascus and Bagdad. The airport reported later visibility had been reduced to 200 yards as the sandstorm swept in from the southwest.

Flying non-stop from Cairo, the Lindberghs might take a direct route

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#### FREE TEXTS BILL CERTAIN TO PASS

Last of Hoye's "Must" Measures To Be Demanded of Legislature

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, By J. C. BASKERVILLE. Raleigh, Feb. 17.—The free text bill—the last of the "must" measures advocated by Governor Clyde R. Hoye, both during his campaign for governor and in his inaugural message—came back from its brief trip to the finance committee and was placed on the House calendar today. But for the fact that it is a toll call bill and must be passed on

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#### RAVISHED SALIN GIRL AND SISTER



Elva Brannock (right), 16, who was ravished and slain while enroute to a mountain school near Sparta, N. C., is shown in this recent photograph with her 19-year-old sister, Ethel (left). County and Federal officers are pressing an investigation into the slaying. (Associated Press Photo).

#### No Trace Yet of Prison Escapees

High Point, Feb. 17.—(AP)—After an all-night search over four counties, a group of 30 officers under the direction of Oscar Pitts, acting director of the State penal division, reported today no trace had been found of the seven convicts who escaped from the Carolina Prison farm in Halifax county Monday. Pitts said the party covered every possible movement of the escapees after the discovery of their abandoned car near here yesterday. He said the search was made in Guilford, Forsyth, Randolph and Davidson counties.

#### OVER 40 COUNTIES EXPECTED TO VOTE ON LIQUOR STORES

Rush for Elections Looked for Immediately Following Passage of Control Bill

#### WANT REVENUE FOR SECURITY EXPENSE

Reasons Why Dries Lost in Senate Explained; Tremendous Pressure Exerted on Wavering Senators at Last Minute—Just Before Vote Tuesday

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, By J. C. BASKERVILLE. Raleigh, Feb. 17.—Any county in North Carolina may now call an election on whether or not State and county-controlled liquor stores shall be established as a result of the action by the State Senate late yesterday in passing the local option liquor control bill which had already been passed by the House. These elections may either be called by the boards of county commissioners, or if county commissioners fail or refuse to call an election, a petition signed by 15 per cent of the registered voters in any

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#### Tarboro Child Is Killed by Brother Playing With Gun

Tarboro, Feb. 17 (AP)—Wilton Rose, 6, died today of wounds received yesterday as he and a nine-year-old brother, Burney, played with a shotgun while their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Rose, were away from home. Another of the Rose children was killed several years ago in a gasoline drum explosion.

#### SENATE TENDING TO SPLIT INTO BLOCS

Movement Is Gradual But Perceptible Under Democratic Majority

By CHARLES P. STEWART, Central Press Columnist. Washington, Feb. 17.—The Senate shows an increasing tendency to split into blocs. The same tendency is noticeable among representatives, but not so decidedly.

This is partly because the Senate's comparatively small membership makes its trends easier to calculate than shifts in sentiment at the other

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#### OUR WEATHER MAN



FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy tonight; Thursday mostly cloudy, with occasional rain and warmer.

#### RESIDENTS OF TERRORIZED SECTION



G-Men were asked to probe the activities of mysterious hooded night riders terrorizing Brunswick county, N. C., after two of the men shown above received threatening notes, a third said he expects one, and the other approved the riders' activities "if they can do any good." Earl Fennell (top left), who lives in South Carolina near the North Carolina line, and Rodney B. Long (top right) of Hickman's Crossroads, N. C., said they received warnings. Codie Hickman (below left) of Hickman's Crossroads, said he expects a warning note. Rev. Vance Simmons (below right) declared "if they (the floggers) can do any good, they are all right." (Associated Press Photos).

#### Ten Fall To Death From Frisco Span

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 17.—(AP)—Ten men were believed to have been killed today when steel and wooden construction forms crashed from the vast Golden Gate bridge today and plunged the workers into the water. The victims fell 200 feet and bridge officials said they did not believe the men could have survived.

Eight bodies were thought to have been swept to sea, and a report said a Coast Guard boat had picked up two men. It was not known whether

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#### Two Freed In Inquiry Of Slaying

Sparta, Feb. 17 (AP)—Sheriff Walter Irving said today he had released two of the four men whom he detained for questioning in the slaying of 16-year-old Elva Brannock, whose ravished body was found in a clump of bushes five days after. Released were Everett and Deter Fortner, brothers, the first of the four to be taken into custody. They were allowed to go free under \$300 bond each on an old assault charge for which they had been sought for months. Still in custody were Paul Edwards and Sam Fipps. Fipps is held on a prohibition charge, and the sheriff said he had checked Fipps' story and was certain he had nothing to do with the crime against the girl.

#### RIGHT TO RE-PASS LEGISLATION WOULD BE GIVEN CONGRESS

Could Override by Two-Thirds Vote Under New Plan Same As Veto of President

#### BUT ALLOWED ONLY IN LATER CONGRESS

Same Session Could Not Overcome Supreme Court's Adverse Decision; Wheeler and Bone Offer Plan; Norris Would Require Seven to Two Vote

Washington, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Senators Wheeler, Democrat, Montana, and Bone, Democrat, Washington, proposed today a constitutional amendment which they predicted would be "accepted as a compromise" by both opponents and supporters of President Roosevelt's judicial reorganization program.

Their proposal—patterned after the Madison amendment originally considered during the constitutional convention—would empower Congress to re-enact by a two-thirds vote any Federal law invalidated by the Supreme Court. No action would be taken, however,

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#### 30-Hour Week Is Asked by Miners In New Contract

New York, Feb. 17 (AP)—The United Mine Workers today demanded a 30-hour work week for 400,000 miners in the soft coal industry.

The mine union, opening negotiations with bituminous operators on terms for a new wage and hour scale agreement, also demanded:

- 1. A wage increase of 50 cents a day for miners paid by the day; 2. an increase of 25 cents a ton for pick mining; 3. an increase of 13 cents a ton for loaders and two cents a ton for cutters; 4. a guarantee of 200 days work each year; and 5. two weeks vacation with full pay—miners paid by the ton to receive \$6 a day during vacation.

#### Gov. McNutt Is Sent To Philippines

Washington, Feb. 17.—(AP)—President Roosevelt nominated Paul V. McNutt, former Indiana governor, today to be United States high commissioner to the Philippine Islands.

McNutt will fill a place that has been vacant since late last summer when Frank Murphy was given a leave of absence from the post to run for governor of Michigan.

McNutt completed a four-year term as governor of Indiana last month. The Indianan visited the White House today. Later he said he would remain here a month before going to Manila.

#### Gale Sinks Motor Ship In Oregon

Italian Vessel Collides With Another In Columbia River Near Portland

Portland, Oregon, Feb. 17.—(AP)—The Italian motor ship Feltra and the American freighter Edward Luckenbach collided in a gale on the Columbia river today, the Feltra sinking up to her propellers.

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#### Solicitor Burney To Attend Inquiry Into Torch Death

Wilmington, Feb. 17 (AP)—District Solicitor John Burney said today he would go to Southport tonight to attend the inquest there at 7:30 o'clock into the torch death of Hobson (Hobby) Sellers, 21-year-old truck driver of Supply who died here early Sunday morning of burns received a week previously when his gasoline-soaked body was set afire.

Officers alleged Irman Cleggmons, 32, of Supply, soaked the body of Sellers with gasoline the night of February 6 at the height of a beer-drinking party at the young man lay ill beside the Charlotte-Supply highway. Cleggmons is being held without privilege of bail pending the outcome of the inquest. He has stoutly maintained his innocence.

#### REBELS IN SPAIN OPEN TWO DRIVES

Isolation of Madrid Objective of Offensive by Insurgents

(By The Associated Press.) Insurgent forces hurled strong offenses on two fronts of the Spanish civil war today, both menacing the core of government territory.

In the south the forces of General Francisco Franco forged steadily toward Valencia, temporary seat of the government, apparently with no defensive troops to stop their path.

The insurgent army, fighting to complete the isolation of Madrid, attacked by air and land to break the Valencia highway line from Valencia to the capital. Officials reported heavy government casualties on one stretch of the highway.

But the government's said a counter offensive on this front was turning the tables.

At Valencia the government took a new mandate of absolute power from all popular front parties and mobilized every possible unit of man power to resist the insurgent offensives.