

# CROP INSURANCE PLAN SENT TO CONGRESS

## State Senate In Mass Vote Refuses To Drop Sales Tax In Debate On Revenue Bill

### CONFERENCE RULE UPON LIQUOR BILL IS BEING AWAITED

House Votes for One-Day Legislative Meeting in Edenton, Sends Bill To Senate

### SPEED MONEY BILL TO FIRST PASSAGE

House Passes on Second Reading Bill for Free Textbooks for Elementary Schools; Vote Is 88 to 0; Will Go To Senate by End of Present Week

Raleigh, Feb. 18.—(AP)—Senators continued work today on the \$75,000,000 biennial general fund revenue bill for 1937-38 as the House again passed on second reading the measure to provide free textbooks for elementary school pupils.

Both divisions awaited a report from the conference committee on the county options liquor bill which scheduled a meeting for this afternoon.

House members voted to have a one-day legislative meeting at Edenton, but did not fix the day and sent the measure to the Senate.

The Senate, by an overwhelming oral vote, refused to strike out the three percent sales tax, with basic foods exempted, which is in the revenue bill, but amended the House-approved measure to eliminate reference as to how the levy should be passed on.

Supplementary legislation to provide application of the tax on sales

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### ASK HABEAS CORPUS IN TORCH SLAYING

Lawyers for Jailed Man at Southport Seek Freedom of Suspect in Man's Death

Southport, Feb. 17 (AP)—Attorneys for Irman Clemmons, 32, held without bail in the torch slaying of Hobson Sellers, 21-year-old truck driver, said today they planned to seek his release on a habeas corpus writ.

The lawyers, Bunn Frink and Robert Davis, said a hearing would be held in Wilmington early next week through an agreement with Solicitor John Burney on the ground Clemmons is held on a bailable offense.

A coroner's jury, which completed an inquest last night, ordered Clemmons held without bond for the grand jury. Clemmons has been held in the county jail here since his arrest more than a week ago.

### House Will Agree Upon Liquor Bill

Most of Senate Amendments Will Be Accepted; Final Pressure Terrific

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

Raleigh, Feb. 18.—The county option liquor bill is now in conference between House and Senate with a view to ironing out difference which arose by reason of the amendments added in the upper branch.

No definite statement has been made by leaders, but it is generally regarded as likely that the House conferees will readily agree to all Senate amendments except that inserted by Senator W. I. Halstead requiring magistrates and enforcement officers to make reports on control to every term of superior court in every county which may elect to open liquor stores.

It is objected that this will entail

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### SEARCH FOR CONVICTS WIDENS



A widespread search by land and air was being made in the Carolinas and Virginia for the seven convicts shown above who escaped from the Caledonia prison in North Carolina. The seven took with them three men as hostages but later released them unharmed. Top row left to right: Arthur Pettitt, Robert S. Smith and Clark York. Below, left to right: C. F. Yeager, Ralph Page, J. W. Turner and Bill Payne. (A. P. Photo.)

### Warning Made On Bridge's Safety

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 18.—(AP)—The question whether scaffolding on the world's longest suspension span, the Golden Gate bridge, had been declared unsafe, stood high today among those for which investigators sought an answer in explaining the 200-foot death plunge of ten workers yesterday.

Frank McDonald, State industrial accident commissioner, said Inspector A. F. Mailloux twice made such a protest to several construction officials. McDonald pointed out that the commission and bridge authorities were approaching the \$35,000,000 structure for another inspection of the 4,200-foot span when the scaffolding collapsed yesterday.

### Marriage Ban For Children Appears Sure

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Raleigh, Feb. 18.—Child marriages in North Carolina will be definitely banned as soon as the Senate and House pass the bill already on the Senate calendar with a favorable report which prohibits the marriage of any persons less than 18 years of age without the consent of parents or guardians, and provides that no one may marry in the State under 16 years of age, even with the consent of parents or guardians. The bill was introduced several days ago by Senators J. D. Larkin, of Jones county, and L. M. Obernathy, of Caldwell. It was reported favorably by Senate Judiciary Committee Number One, of which Senator T. J. Gold, of High Point is chairman.

This bill is regarded as having been indirectly suggested by the Charlie Johns-Eunice Winstead marriage in Tennessee recently, in which Johns, 22 years old, married Eunice, only 21 years old, and stirred up a national sensation that has focused attention on marriage laws in almost every state. This incident resulted in

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### NEW BERN MAN ON BOND FOR SLAYING

New Bern, Feb. 18 (AP)—Hubert Norris, 36, was under \$2,000 bond today on a charge of killing John Hansen, 33, of Bridgeton. A coroner's jury ordered Norris held for the grand jury and Magistrate G. W. Brite set his bond. Norris is alleged to have hit Hansen on the head with a heavy piece of wood after an argument.

### Convict Hunt Now About Greensboro

Greensboro Feb. 18 (AP)—Search for seven long-term convicts who escaped from the Caledonia prison farm Monday continued today to center on Greensboro. Officers admitted, however, no trace of the fugitives had come to light since their abandoned automobile was found on a muddy highway near High Point Tuesday. Two of the fugitives, officers said were familiar with Guilford county. The State has offered a reward of \$100 each for the capture of the seven men.

### REBEL VICTORIES DOMINATE MAP IN THE SPANISH WAR

Insurgent Troops Hurdled Against Government Forces in Mass Offensive Movement

### SEIZURE OF MADRID IS OBJECTIVE NOW

Meantime, Portugal Refuses To Join 26 Nations in Plans To Stop Foreign Help From Reaching Spain; Casualties Among Government Troops Are Heavy

(By The Associated Press.) Insurgent victories dotted the Spanish war map today as General Franco's men were hurled against government troops in mass offensives southeast of Madrid, and a triple air attack left many dead and wounded in Madrid's streets.

While the civil war raged with renewed intensity, Portugal remained aloof from non-intervention efforts in London, again refusing to join 26 nations in a plan to stop foreign help from reaching Spain.

In France, however, President Albert Lebrun signed a decree prohibiting Frenchmen from joining either side in the war. The general ban on foreign volunteers to Spain is effective Saturday midnight.

Severe fighting was concentrated in the siege of Madrid as the conflict entered its eighth month. Insurgents reported they had crushed a mass onslaught of government forces on a chemical factory settlement in the bullet-swept Jarama river sector. Government troops reported heavy casualties.

### WILSON MAN FOUND DEAD IN HIS AUTO

Machine Stuck in Mud and Carbon Monoxide Poisoning in Spinning Car Is Feared

Wilson, Feb. 17 (AP)—J. C. Camper, widely known Wilson man, was found dead in his car on a country road near here today. The car was stuck in mud, its windows closed.

Coroner V. C. Martin, said death apparently was due to carbon-monoxide generated by the machine as Camper sought to get out of the mud, but added a thorough investigation would be made.

### Many Dykes Cracking On Mississippi

Natchez, Miss., Feb. 18.—(AP)—The flood fight in the lower Mississippi valley centered today 22 miles below Natchez on the Louisiana side of the river, where a 35-mile stretch of embankment was reported "cracking and caving."

Hundreds of men struggled to bolster a main line dyke between Deer Park and Bogers, pounded by the river's rising crest.

B. F. Young, president of the fifth Louisiana levee district, rushed manpower reinforcements to the threatened area and said it would be a hard fight to hold the earth bulwarks.

Fifty men were added to the work crew last night, and Young issued a rush call for 600 more to swell the fighting force along the 35-mile stretch to more than 1,000.

The crest rolled along between Vicksburg and Natchez. At Natchez the gauge stood at 57.7 feet, an all-time high.

### WILSON MERCHANT PASSES SUDDENLY

Wilson, Feb. 18 (AP)—J. I. Hill, 60, Wilson store-keeper, dropped dead at his home today.

### Move Launched To Double Number In Highway Patrol

That and Safety Division Would Be Lifted From Revenue Department and Put Into New Division; Governor Hoey Reported to Favor Proposal

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Raleigh, Feb. 18.—The move to divorce the State Highway Patrol from the Department of Revenue and set it up in a special division under a commissioner of public safety appointed by the governor, is arousing considerable interest here. The bill to transfer the highway patrol and the highway safety division and combine them into a new commission directly under the governor, was introduced in the House Wednesday by Representative Con C. Johnston, of Iredell county, and is expected to come back in a few days with a favorable committee report, since the bill is regarded as an "administration bill" having the full support of Governor Clyde R. Hoey. The bill also provides for an increase in the number of highway patrolmen to 300, or almost three times the size of the present patrol of 120 officers and men.

Both the highway patrol and the division of highway safety would be

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### Negotiators Still Long Way Apart In G-M Controversies

Last of Recent Strikers Return to Jobs in Flint, However; Tug of War Over Coal Contract in New York and Frisco Shipyard Machinists Still Out

(By The Associated Press.) Negotiators in Detroit and San Francisco tried today to consolidate gains made in agreement, ending the automobile and shipyard strikes.

Conferees in the General Motors-labor controversy were reported far from an agreement on questions left unsettled by the strike compromise. These included speed of production, seniority rights, hours of work and wage scales.

Flint, Mich., site of several General Motors factories, resumed normalcy as the last contingency of G-M employees went back to work and National Guardsmen prepared to evacuate.

Shipyard machinists in the San Francisco bay area remained on

strike after settlement of a dispute involving 2,000 metal workers. The machinists, demanding wage increases and shorter hours, announced they would continue picketing.

In New York representatives of the soft coal industry and the United Mine Workers settled down to a tug of war over a new contract for 400,000 coal miners. Operators declared they could not meet the union's demand for wage increases and shorter hours.

A committee will be charged with drafting an agreement before expiration of the existing contract March 31.

National Guardsmen patrolled the county jail at militia-ruled Anderson, Ind., where 17 union automotive workers have been confined since their arrest Saturday after a shooting affray with non-unionists.

### Farm Program Dependent On Roosevelt Court Plan, Wallace Tells Committee

Admits Parts of It May Be Invalidated Unless More Justices Put On High Bench

### BELIEVES FARMERS APPROVE CHANGES

House Committee Has Hearing on Measure To Finance Tenants Over 40-Year Period in Buying Own Farms; Labor Backs Court Proposals

Washington, Feb. 17 (AP)—Secretary Wallace started his farm program through Congress today after declaring parts of it might be invalidated unless President Roosevelt's court reorganization proposals are adopted.

Wallace, before testifying in support of farm tenant legislation, said he believed most farmers would approve of increasing the Supreme Court as a "matter of democratic processes."

The House Agriculture Committee, with the secretary as its first witness took up a proposal to permit tenants to buy land over a 40-year period. Wallace said this would not injure large land owners.

This was the first part of the ad-

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### TAX LISTING DATES WOULD BE CHANGED

Machinery Act Also Makes Many Other Alterations in Present Law

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Raleigh, Feb. 18.—Probably the most important change in the tax machinery act, now under consideration in the House, is that fixing a new tax listing date throughout the State. Certainly it is the change which will directly affect the most tax payers.

Under the act, the tax listing date will be January 1st, beginning in 1938. Tax listing this year would begin in April, instead of in May.

In addition to these, there are many

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### OUR WEATHER MAN



FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Mostly cloudy tonight and Friday, with occasional rain tonight.

### Finnish President



Premier K. Kallio

Premier K. Kallio is the new president-elect of Finland, having defeated President Pehr Evind Svinhuvud in recent election. Kallio takes office March 1.

—Central Press

### MARY ASTOR WEDS MEXICO CITY MAN

Movie Actress, Center of "Diary Case" Is Married in Yuma, Arizona

Yuma, Ariz., Feb. 17.—(AP)—Actress Mary Astor, central figure in the widely publicized "diary case," was married here early today to Manuel del Campo, Mexico City insurance salesman, after a secret plane elopement from Hollywood.

The red-haired actress, once widowed and once divorced, identified herself to a country license clerk as Lucile Thorpe, 30. Del Campo said he was 25. Superior Court Judge Henry Kelly performed the wedding ceremony at 4:30 a. m.

The couple departed by automobile for Calexico, California, where Del Campo previously had arranged to board a Pan-American transport for Mexico City.

There a few hours later, the thrice-wedded actress kissed her new husband goodbye and the handsome insurance salesman, who had aspired briefly to an acting career, left alone. His father died at the Mexican capital

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### ROOSEVELT WANTS MEASURE APPLIED ON WHEAT FIRST

Farmer Would Be Protected Against 75 Percent of Loss of Crop from the Elements

### COURT REFORM TALK QUIETS DOWN SOME

Seed Loans Available This Week; Witness Says Telephone Company Sought To Dominate Movie Industry; Labor Spy Probe Bares New Facts

Washington, Feb. 18 (AP)—President Roosevelt proposed to Congress today that it underwrite the nation's major farm crops.

Advocating a system of crop insurance be applied first to wheat in 1937, he said:

"Legislation should authorize application of similar programs to other commodities when it is established that producers desire them and application of the plan to wheat has provided a backlog of experience in applying the principles of crop insurance."

Under the plan worked out by a special committee of Federal officials named by the President in September, the farmer would be protected against 75 percent of his crop losses due to drought, grasshoppers or other natural unavoidable causes.

The committee estimated \$100,000,000 to \$150,000,000 would be needed to establish reserves and pay necessary costs of putting the plan into operation.

Talk of court reorganization quieted around the Capitol, but a number of committee activities were in full swing.

Chairman LaFollette, Progressive, Wisconsin, of the Senate council liberties committee, asserted during an investigation of labor relations of the Chevrolet Motor Company that spying on workers has been used effectively by employers as a weapon against collective bargaining.

Francis Staten, accountant for the Federal Communications Commission, told the committee that American Telephone and Telegraph Company had tried to dominate the motion picture industry in order to sell and service film equipment on an exclusive basis.

The Farm Credit Administration announced \$50,000,000 provided by Congress for 1937 emergency crop and seed loans would be available this week.

### Asks G-Men For Help In Sparta Case

Washington, Feb. 18.—(AP)—Sheriff Walter Irvin, of Alleghany county, North Carolina, sought the aid of the Federal Bureau of Investigation today in solving the murder of Elva Brannock, 16-year-old mountain girl, whose ravished body was found near her home in a wood last Friday.

He brought to Washington blood-stained garments worn by the girl when she was attacked and strangled to death and specimens of clothing of Paul Edwards, 22-year-old suspect under arrest at Sparta.

Irvin said there were traces of blood on Edwards' clothing, and he wanted the Federal Bureau of Investigation to compare them with the stains found on the girl's garments.

### NEW SUSPECT JAILED IN ABSENCE OF THE SHERIFF

Sparta, Feb. 18.—(AP)—Connie Rice, resident of the Dividing Ridge community, who had been sought for

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### SOIL PAYMENTS FOR SEASON ANNOUNCED

Division Between Landlords and Tenants Fixed by Government

College Station, Raleigh, Feb. 18.—The method of dividing 1937 payments under the soilconservation program in North Carolina was announced today by J. F. Criswell, of State College.

The cotton and peanut diversion payments will be divided among landlords and tenants as follows:

To the producer who furnishes the

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