

BILLION DOLLAR HOUSING PROGRAM ASKED

Revenue Bill Goes Through Senate On Its Final Passage

SENATORS REFUSE TO REMOVE TAXES ON PUBLIC MEALS

House Expected To Reject Senate Changes to Measure and Then Ask for Conference

DEBATE FOR HOUR OVER MEALS LEVY

State Insurance of Public School Buildings Provided in Bill; Elections Laws Committee Kills Absent Ballot and Primary Change Bills

Raleigh, Feb. 24—Senators refused again today to take the sales tax off meals in public eating places, then passed the biennial revenue bill and sent it to the House for concurrence in amendments.

Senate Finance Chairman Webb, of Lorain predicted the House would reject Senate changes and demand a conference committee to iron out differences.

Final passage was by a 41 to 3 vote, with Senators Brock of Davie, Long of Halifax, and Ewing of Cumberland opposing the measure, designed to raise \$76,000,000 for the general fund during the 1937-39 biennium.

The senators debated more than an hour after Johnston of Buncombe renewed his motion to strike out the tax on meals, then refused 25 to 21 to do so.

Gold of Guilford said "the director of the budget, (Governor Hoey) has business and political desires to take the tax off meals, and other senators, argued the Democratic party had pledged removal of the present three per cent levy."

Ingram, of Randolph, Hill of Durham and others, however, argued the

ENGINEER KILLED IN P. & N. TRAGEDY

Taylor's, S. C., Feb. 24.—(AP)—T. G. Cobb, 30, engineer of Greenville, was killed, and another man injured when a Piedmont & Northern freight train collided with a coal car that rolled off a spur track onto the main line at 5 a. m. today.

OUTSIDE CONCERNS WOULD PAY TAXES

Levy of \$250 Proposed on Merchants Setting Up Displays for Day

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, Feb. 24—All the merchants in North Carolina should give three cheers and a couple of good huzzas for Democratic Senator L. Y. Ballentine, of Wake County, and Republican merchant Calvin Zimmerman, of Raleigh, as a result of the adoption by the Senate of the amendment offered by Senator Ballentine to the revenue bill, placing a tax of \$250 on out-of-State concerns which have been sending exhibits of merchandise into the State from their stores, taking orders, and then sending the purchases back by mail, observers here today agree.

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SAMPSON FARMER IS DECLARED SUICIDE

Dunn, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Dr. Paul Crumpler, Sampson county coroner, said today the shooting of John Mack Blue, 51-year-old farmer, near his home last night, was a suicide.

Governor Has Plans For Cutting Road Accidents

Wants Highway Patrol Under His Control and Bureau of Identification Set Up; Legislature To Be Asked To Order Confering of Authority

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, Feb. 24.—Governor Clyde R. Hoey has some very definite ideas about how to bring about greater safety on the highways of North Carolina and reduce the number of accidents, in which approximately 1,000 persons a year have been killed for the past several years. That is why he is advocating the transfer of the State Highway Patrol and the Highway Safety Division from the Department of Revenue to a new department, directly under the control of the governor, under a commissioner of high-

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Liquor Act Amendments Are Started

Raleigh, Feb. 24.—The ink was hardly dry on the ratification signatures needed to make the county option liquor bill a law before amendatory bills began to be popped into the House.

The bill was ratified Monday night and at Tuesday morning's session first of the amendatory bills made its appearance.

And so before any elections can be had under the bill (April 13 the earliest date on which any county may vote) there are likely to be some few changes in what is now the liquor law of the State. None of the changes, however, is likely to have any material effect upon its provisions.

The first amendment to the law was one proposing that the sale of

Tax Bill Passed, Solons Renew Drive For Close

House Expected To Agree Promptly to Senate Amendments; Restoration of Meals Tax Is Most Startling; Hoey Will Not Risk His Prestige On It

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, Feb. 24.—With the Senate back on the track and the revenue bill finally passed on third reading, the legislative express train, which for a time gave indications of becoming a freight train, gives every promise of putting on speed under a full head of steam in an effort to reach an early adjournment.

While the revenue bill as passed by the Senate contains a number of changes as compared with the bill that passed the House, the general belief is that these differences can and will be ironed out in the conference committee to which the bill will be sent, probably tomorrow, when it goes to the House for concurrence in the Senate amendment. It is already

\$50,000 Clevenger Suit To Stay In State Court

State Supreme Court Rules for Plaintiffs in Ruling Appealed From Buncombe

RESULT OF SLAYING OF HELEN CLEVENGER

C. B. Clevenger, of Raleigh, Filed Suit, Alleging Failure of Hotel Organization To Safeguard Niece Properly; Opinion Is Written by Judge Devin

Raleigh, Feb. 24.—(AP)—The State Supreme Court affirmed this afternoon the ruling of Judge Don Phillips in Buncombe county that the \$50,000 damage suit arising out of the murder of Helen Clevenger of Staten Island, New York, should be tried in State courts.

The defendants, James Grove and the St. Louis Union Trust Company, trustees under the will of the late E. W. Grove, the Knott Hotel Corporation and P. H. Branch, manager of the Battery Park Hotel at Asheville, sought removal of the case to Federal district court.

C. B. Clevenger, of Raleigh, filed the suit, alleging failure of Branch and the other defendants to exercise due care, enabled Martin Moore, Negro since executed for the crime, to murder his niece, Helen, in the Battery Park hotel last summer.

Associate Justice Devin wrote the opinion denying the contention of the defendants that Branch was made a party defendant with the fraudulent purpose of preventing removal of this case to the United States district

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CASTALIA FARMER IS FOUND MURDERED

Officers At Loss To Solve Crime, as Junie Fogleman Was Known As Good Citizen

Nashville, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Junie Fogleman, 30-year-old Castalia farmer, who was found dead in a woods near his home last night, with a "shotgun wound in his abdomen and his head badly bruised" was declared by the Nash county coroner today to have been a victim of foul play.

"Fogleman was murdered by an unknown party or parties," Coroner M. C. Guley, of Nashville, declared following his inquest.

Sheriff C. V. Faulkner said he believed bruises on the back of the man's head and on his forehead were caused by clubbing after he had been shot. The officer said, however, Fogleman had a reputation of being "one of the best men in the community," and could give no reason for the act.

OUR WEATHER MAN

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Mostly cloudy tonight and Thursday, with occasional rain tonight; slightly cooler tonight.

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Tommy Lee Scott

This little boy, Tommy Lee Scott, 3, of Chicago, hasn't had a bite to eat for 16 months, but he doesn't care—he eats through his stomach. Tommy has been in a Chicago hospital since September, 1935, when he accidentally swallowed poison which closed his esophagus.

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Lindberghs Safe At Bombay, India

Bombay, India, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Colonel and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh landed here at 1 p. m. today (3 a. m. eastern standard time) today after being unreported for 48 hours on an aerial jaunt over India.

Little concern had been felt for the flying colonel and his wife whose insistence on absolute privacy has previously caused them to be reported lost, although a widespread unofficial search failed to penetrate their mysterious two-day disappearance.

They left Jodhpur Monday after a week-end spent in sight-seeing in the Indian city. At the time of their take-off they were unreported en route to Delhi.

STRIKES CUT DOWN PRODUCTION WORK ON U. S. WAR CRAFT

Marine and Aircraft Curtailed in Groton, Conn., and Santa Monica, California

SITDOWN STRIKES BREAKING AFRESH

State Troopers Eject Sit-downers from Groton, Conn. Plant; Government Submarines Under Construction There; Union Recognition Issue There

(By The Associated Press.) Pickets awaited calls to shoe plants in the great Massachusetts manufacturing center today, as labor rows brought numerous new walkouts or "sitdown" strikes in communities, from coast to coast.

Quick agreement, however, to demand of the United Shoe and Leather Workers Union for a 15 percent wage increase by more than a score of the New England shoe manufacturers moved Organizer William McMahan to assert, "I think we have already won this strike."

A 24-hour picket detail replaced sitdowners at the Electric Bolt Company at Groton, Conn., from which sitdowners were ejected by State troopers yesterday.

(By The Associated Press.) Strikes at opposite ends of the nation, Groton, Conn., and Santa Monica, Cal., curtailed production of the United States government marine craft and air craft today.

Many other strikes, most of them sitdown, were in progress at widely scattered points in the nation. Settlement of some was followed almost immediately by new labor disputes.

More than 300 sitdown strikers occupied the nation's judicial machinery.

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\$6 Minimum Auto License Is Proposed

Raleigh, Feb. 24.—Minimum price for the license tag on a passenger automobile will be \$6, if the administration-backed motor vehicle act, just introduced by Representative Con C. Johnson, of Iredell, becomes a law, as it is expected it will.

The bill, which is extremely voluminous, re-codifies existing regulations and laws regarding motor vehicles, and sets up new license tag rates. It was introduced Monday night by its author, who expressed the opinion it will pass almost without amendment.

License fees on private passenger vehicles would be reduced to thirty cents per hundred pounds, with the minimum, as stated of \$6.

Motor vehicle dealers would pay \$25 for their first set of plates and \$5 for each additional set.

Rates on Haulers. The following rates would be applied.

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PEGGY GARCIA SUIT ON RUBINOFF ENDED

Plaintiff's Counsel Makes Motion for Dismissal While She Is Giving Testimony

New York, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Peggy Garcia's \$500,000 breach of promise suit against Dave Rubinoff ended abruptly in Supreme Court today when Justice Salvatore Cottillo granted a motion to discontinue made by her counsel, Bernard Sandler.

Sandler's decision to drop the action against the radio violinist, occurred while the plaintiff was on the stand relating the details of her marriage in 1925 to Taylor Vance Guinn. Justice Cottillo broke in and said:

"There is no desire on my part to continue this trial and drag in dirt have the names of innocent persons dragged into it. Why doesn't counsel make a motion to discontinue?"

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Five Hurt By Rebel Bomb Dropped Upon British Battleship

War Vessel in Valencia Harbor at Time of Attack by Insurgent Spanish Plane; Insurgents Report 2,500 Government Troops Slain at Oviedo

London, Feb. 24.—(AP)—The Admiralty announced today five members of the crew of the British battleship Royal Oak, including several ranking officers, had been injured when a shell burst on the quarter-deck during the Spanish insurgent air bombardment of Valencia yesterday.

The government has been besieging Oviedo near the Bay of Biscay, for months. There has been intense fighting in the various streets of the city for four days.

Reports from Madrid stated government and insurgent troops were locked in hand-to-hand combat for possession of a strategic hill on a river front southeast of Madrid.

Letters Congressmen Get Almost Entirely Opposed To Tinkering With Court

Bulk of Letters from Rank and File and Remarkably Well Expressed; But Congressmen Refrain from Taking Stand for Fear Sentiment May Change

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LABOR LAWS READY FOR BOTH HOUSES

Regulate Child Labor and Hours of Work in Varied Industries

Raleigh, Feb. 24.—Action on two important items of labor legislation will be taken soon, and almost simultaneously, in both House and Senate, as two bills sponsored by labor were reported from committee Tuesday—the McKee child labor law in the Senate and the McBryde-Uzzell maximum hour law in the House.

Both have been changed from the form in which their sponsors handed them up, but both retain enough of their original provisions to muster support from labor and other organizations interested in so-called "liberal" legislation.

State Child Labor Act The McKee bill marks up the child labor age two years to 16 and places children from 16 to 18 in the zone now occupied by those from 14 to 16. It is claimed by its supporters to be the answer of opponents of the Federal child labor amendment, who proclaimed during debate on that mea-

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REFUGEE CAMPS IN LOUISIANA EXPAND

Mighty Mississippi Pushing Its Flood Waters Down Into Gulf, Covering Lowlands

New Orleans, La., Feb. 24.—(AP)—Refugee camps in Louisiana and Mississippi expanded today as a backwash of tributaries spread out over farm lands and highways and the broad Mississippi pushed its flood burden to the gulf.

The great waterway itself caused little trouble, although 1,000 men continued topping the Black Hawk and Fairview dykes along a low stretch in Concordia parish on the Louisiana banks below Natchez, Miss.

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Web of Evidence Is Tightening About Edgar Smoak In Trial at Wilmington

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LOW RENT HOUSING AND SLUM PROGRAM BEFORE CONGRESS

Senator Wagner and Representative Stegall Authors of New Spending Scheme

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Washington, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Two Democratic leaders asked Congress today to set up a billion dollar low rent housing and slum clearance program.

Introducing a bill to authorize Federal loans and grants to local authorities to aid in housing families of low incomes, Senator Wagner, Democrat, New York, and Representative Stegall, Democrat, Alabama, declared they had the endorsement of "many sectors of the Federal government."

The authors of the measure would create a new United States Housing Authority, under which they said the President could "gather the scattered organizations now empowered to engage in housing."

They believe the Federal funds recommended would bring out about \$500,000,000 of non-Federal loans. They figured 375,000 family dwelling units, requiring about \$4,000 each could be provided.

"Any sitdown strike that undertakes to take over private property," Secretary Roper said at a press conference today, "is a serious and fundamental thing, and in my opinion would not be long endured by the courts."

He stressed that the views he expressed were personal.

Dr. Francis Townsend, originator of the \$200 old age pension movement, won acquittal on one count charging him with contempt of the House, but his trial on another continued.

President Roosevelt asked Congress

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New Arrests Expected In Flog Cases

Shallotte, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Sheriff J. A. Russ said today he expected additional arrests immediately in his investigation of a two-year series of floggings, despite the fact his first two suspects were acquitted in county court at Whiteville yesterday.

Ross said information obtained at the trial, fitting in with what he had already "earned, would provide him with sufficient grounds for "several more arrests."

"We're just getting started good in this thing," he said, adding that his investigation had not been retarded by the acquittal of Rev. Vance Simmons, missionary Baptist preacher, and Garfield Simmons, his storekeeper cousin.

The men were accused of participating in the flogging of Will Inman and Jesse Cox last Thanksgiving night by a band of night riders, but were freed when the victims failed to identify them.

Find Poison In Stomachs

Mother, Girl

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