

Henderson Daily Dispatch

ONLY DAILY NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED IN THIS SECTION OF NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA

TWENTY-EIGHTH YEAR

LEASED WIRE SERVICE OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HENDERSON, N. C., THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 9, 1941

PUBLISHED EVERY AFTERNOON EXCEPT SUNDAY

FIVE CENTS COPY

BROUGHTON OFFERS 46-POINT PROGRAM

British Desert Forces Sweep Beyond Tobruk

RAF Bombs From Africa To Germany

In Far East, Thai Army Invades French Indo-China, With French Acknowledging General Withdrawal; Other War News.

(By The Associated Press.)
Britain's swiftly advancing desert troops have driven 120 miles into Italian Libya, the British command in Cairo announced today, reaching the fascist airport at Gazala, 40 miles west of besieged Tobruk.
Thirty-five Italian planes were taken at Gazala, a royal air force communiqué said.
In Berlin, meanwhile, Propaganda Minister Goebbels dropped a hint that Germany may be marshaling her forces for another vast offensive. Goebbels cautioned foreign correspondents not to regard the present lull in operations as meaning indecision, declaring Nazi offensives were always preceded by intervals "of most careful preparation."
Germany's enemies, he said, scoffed at the long siege of inactivity on the western front during the winter of 1939-40.
"Then on May 10, the great offensive began in the west, which in the shortest time imaginable brought France to her knees."

(By The Associated Press.)
British desert troops swept beyond Tobruk in the counter invasion into Libya today, and royal air force headquarters in Cairo reported that 30 Italian planes smashed by British dive bombing attacks had been "found" at Gazala airport, 40 miles west of Tobruk.
It was not clear immediately whether swift-striking British mechanized units had recaptured Gazala, or the damaged fascist aircraft had been sighted by royal air force pilots flying overhead.
Official reports from London, however, said British troops were operating west of Tobruk, which is 80 miles inside the Libyan-Egyptian border.
Capture of Gazala would mean that the British had driven 120 miles inside Libya and advanced a total of 185 miles from Sidi Barrani, the farthest point of Italian invasion into Egypt.
Overnight, royal air force planes

(Continued on Page Seven.)

Conference Called On Aid To Britain

Washington, Jan. 9.—(AP)—President Roosevelt called Democratic leaders of the House and Senate today to a late afternoon conference on legislation to give him virtually unlimited authority to lend and lease war materials to Great Britain and other nations fighting the axis powers.

The meeting, it was believed, might clear the way for introduction of the bill tomorrow. Heading the list of those asked to attend were Speaker Rayburn and Senate Majority Leader Barkley.

On high authority it was said that the measure as now drawn neither imposes a top limit on possible lend-lease aid nor sets up a corporation to handle such aid.
On the contrary, the bill was said to make possible future appropriations for the program in any amount which Congress may vote, and to delegate to the administration full responsibility for handling the aid.
Pending introduction of the legislation, efforts toward expanding the output of munitions and increasing the amounts sent abroad were being stepped up.
One administration official reported that "we are working hard" on plans for releasing airplanes to Greece and "hope to do something soon." He said none had been released to Greece.

All-Night School for Defense



Men are shown at work in the lathe shop of the Brooklyn High School of Automotive Trades, where New York's first all-night school has opened as an aid to national defense. Classes are held from 10:30 P. M. until 5 A. M. Students there are prepared to enter national defense industries. Aircraft experts are to be among the instructors.

Reynolds Loans To Democrats Reported

Shipyard To Be Built At Wilmington

Wilmington, Jan. 9.—(AP)—A shipyard which will build 24 ships at a cost of about \$1,750,000 apiece during the next 24 months will be erected in Wilmington "right promptly," it was learned today from the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company of Newport News, Va. There will be either six or eight yards erected, depending on the building schedule which is adopted, and in addition there will be fitting piers and shops.
The Newport News company has a contract with the United States Maritime Commission to build 25 ships, the first of which will be built in their Newport News yards.
According to Captain Roger Williams, vice president of the company, it is probable the number of men who will be employed at the peak of production will be 4,000 or more.

U. S. Bonds Are Lower

Morgenthau Attributes Decline In Market To Federal Reserve Board Proposal

Washington, Jan. 9.—(AP)—Secretary Morgenthau said today the Federal Reserve System's anti-inflation plan had "caused an unwarranted decline in the government bond market."
Although still refusing to make any direct comment on the proposal the Federal Reserve System advanced on January 1, the Treasury secretary told a press conference that "it is a fact and not an opinion that the decline in the prices of government bonds started when the Federal Reserve statement was made."
He said that he could not put into figures how much the value of government bonds had dropped since New Year's but added that it was not sufficient to "disturb" him.
He described the Federal Reserve plan, which he repeatedly called the

(Continued on Page Seven.)

Legislative Program Of 20 Points

Carries Out Pledges to Demand Retirement System for Teachers and State Employees and to Broaden Tax Exemptions

Raleigh, Jan. 9.—(AP)—Governor J. M. Broughton made 46 particular recommendations to the legislature today in his inaugural address. They could be grouped into 20 major points. He recommended that the legislature:
1. Continue a balanced budget.
2. Keep the sales tax but add exemptions for "essential food for home consumption," and make no substantial changes or additions in taxes.
3. Provide retirement programs for all State employees, including teachers.
4. Enact immediate laws prohibiting the unrestricted and unrestrained selling of so-called fortified wines.
5. Adopt a resolution immediately applauding President Roosevelt's defense and aid-for-Britain programs.
6. Provide a new congressional district and reapportion legislative membership. Both on the basis of the 1940 census.
7. Provide adequate appropriations for higher educational institutions, public schools, vocational education, adult education, reasonable expansion of the public health program, state hospitals and institutions, and for reasonable increases in teacher salaries if it can be done within available revenues.
8. Provide reasonable security for teachers in their jobs, set a goal for a standard nine-months school term and a twelfth grade, consider advisability of submitting a constitutional amendment to vest a board of education with all of the State's authority in school administration; and consider raising the age for compulsory school attendance from 14 to 16 years.
9. Provide state aid for public libraries.
10. Provide for strict adherence to "The principle of a state highway system." Make note that "much of our primary road system must be entirely revamped or rebuilt," provide a budget which would not necessitate highway fund diversion; and make adequate provision for Farm-to-market and home-to-school roads.

(Continued on Page Four)

Hopson Given Prison Term

New York, Jan. 9.—(AP)—Howard C. Hopson, who created a vast athletics empire which finally toppled and collapsed of its own weight, was sentenced today to five years imprisonment on each of the 17 mail fraud counts on which he was convicted December 31.
The terms were to run concurrently.
Federal Judge Alfred C. Cox, who presided during the eight weeks of Hopson's trial, disregarded a plea for mercy from Hopson's lawyer.
Hopson stood silently beside his lawyer during the pleading.
The one-time head of the billion-dollar Associated Gas and Electric system, now a broken, feeble man, was charged by Assistant U. S. Attorney General Hugh A. Flitton with perpetrating one of the largest frauds if not the largest, in financial history.
The government charged that Hopson defrauded stockholders and various units of the intricate, pyramided Associated Gas and Electric setup of approximately \$20,000,000.

Command Consolidated

Washington, Jan. 9.—(AP)—Consolidation of the Army's commands at the Panama Canal and in the Caribbean area was announced today by Secretary Stimson to strengthen western hemisphere defenses.
Stimson said the existing Panama Canal and Puerto Rican departments and the new Trinidad base command would be unified under the command of Lieutenant General Daniel Van Voorhis, Canal Zone chief.
The purpose of the move, Stimson told a press conference, is to provide a unified command for the entire Caribbean area with the aid of increased efficiency and particularly centralized control of air defenses and forces.

(Continued on Page Seven)

Inaugurated Governor



J. M. BROUGHTON

J. Melville Broughton of Raleigh was inaugurated governor of North Carolina today at ceremonies in the state capital. In his inaugural address he made 46 recommendations to the General Assembly.

Inauguration Is Colorful Ceremony

Inaugural Crowd Breaks Records

Raleigh, Jan. 9.—(AP)—Police handling the inaugural day crowd today estimated that between 125,000 and 150,000 persons saw the parade up Fayetteville street shortly after 2 o'clock.
"It's the largest crowd I ever saw in Raleigh," said Governor J. M. Broughton, a lifetime resident of the capital.
"It's the biggest crowd I've seen here," added Former Governor Hoey.

House Refuses To Postpone Pay Increases

Raleigh, Jan. 9.—(AP)—House members sought in vain today to postpone enactment of a bill to raise the pay of four constitutional officers by ten percent to \$6,600 a year and the measure was ratified into law an hour before the officials were sworn in.
If the bill had not become law before the treasurer, auditor, secretary of state and superintendent of public instruction took their oaths of office their pay could not have been increased during their terms.
Governor Hoey's influence apparently carried the bill into law, though he had less than an hour remaining in office.
The House voted 53-43 to recall the measure from the enrolling office on motion of Representative Cook of Cumberland, seconded by Bart of Montgomery. Cook asked the House members:
"What are we folks going to say when the folks back home come up and ask us to raise teacher pay and we said that bill is committee?" He argued that the salary raising bill should go to committee and added:
"I know many of the new members of this body did not know what they were voting on."
Representative Bryant of Durham and Representative Ward of Craven led the fight for the bill. There were 43 votes against it and 54 for it and a moment later it was ratified into law.

Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Considerable cloudiness tonight and Friday; slightly warmer tonight, colder in north and western portions Friday.

Touches All Phases Of Government

Broughton's Recommendations to Legislature Include Keeping Balanced Budget With Wider Range of State Services

Raleigh, Jan. 9.—(AP)—Governor J. Melville Broughton made 46 recommendations to the General Assembly today in his inaugural message, including a suggestion the legislators immediately adopt a resolution applauding President Roosevelt's defense and aid-for-Britain programs.
The new governor touched on almost all phases of the State government in his first message and carried out his pledges to demand a retirement system for teachers and State employees and removal of the sales tax from "essential food for home consumption."
He called for creation of a new 12th congressional district and for reapportionment of legislative membership based on the 1940 census.
There was no mention of a popular referendum.
"Whatever may be the ultimate solution of the liquor problem," he said in his only reference to whisky, "it is evident that immediate laws should be enacted prohibiting the unrestricted and unregulated sales of so-called fortified wines."
He stated, "I have no panacea to offer, no magic formulas to propose. Sound government is the truest liberalism; sane progress, the best conservatism."
National defense and Federal-State cooperation received much attention, and the new chief executive called for fullest cooperation between the State and national governments in all matters.
The 46 points forcefully presented to the lawmakers by the governor included itemizations "grouped together." He mentioned separately adequate support of public schools, institutions of higher education, hospitals and institutions; provision for reasonable expansion of the public health program; and greater pro-

(Continued on Page Two)

Ford May Build Planes

San Diego, Cal., Jan. 9.—(AP)—A plan to build mass production facilities of the Ford Motor Company in fast construction of giant bombing planes is under development by the automobile firm and Consolidated Aircraft Corporation.
"We will do it if we can, and it looks as if we can," said Edsel Ford after a conference here yesterday with Major Reuben H. Fleet, head of the aircraft corporation.
Ford, president of the motor company, and all the facilities of his River Rouge plant near Detroit were available "if needed" to produce in whole or in part the giant four-engine bombers now built by Consolidated.
The tentative plans call for the Ford plant to produce parts for assembly by Consolidated at a new plant to be built at Fort Worth, Texas.
Parts from the automobile factory will be used by the Douglas Aircraft Company, which also builds bombers, in southern California, to assemble at a new plant at Tulsa, Okla.

British Hopes Of Victory Pinned On U.S.

London, Jan. 9.—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill pinned Britain's hope of victory on the United States in a formal benediction today to the new British ambassador to Washington, Lord Halifax.
The former foreign secretary's mission, Churchill said at a luncheon honoring Halifax, is "as momentous as any that the monarchy has entrusted to an Englishman in the lifetime of the oldest of us here."
Churchill declared it is "Britain's recent hope" that the mission "may prosper."
Halifax himself echoed part of the prime minister's sentiments when he said:
"We are encouraged by the knowl-

(Continued on Page Three)