are closely connected.

Joseph H. Choate, Jr., director of the Federal Alcohol Control Administration, reports that two-thirds of all the liquor being sold in the United States is being made in illicit stills, built in Prohibition days and never licensed, so that only a third of all the liquor consumed pays taxes to the Government. The enforce-ment unit has been so reduced that it is impossible to ferret out all these illegal sources of liquor and stop the flow from those sources. Their business thrives because the high tax on liquors makes it profitable to take chances on making and selling stuff which pays no tax.

Fifty-Fifty Figuring has been appropriated for the en- that the resort was safe unless forcement of the revenue laws, the wind should shift. It is

is how people can be induced to been destroyed. drink more whisky; though the President has a plan to let liquor within two miles of Roaring Gap, from abroad come in free of covered a stretch of over a mile duty in the hope that it can be Saturday morning in a few minsold so cheaply that people will utes when a sudden gale swept prefer it to the bootleg stuff the flames before it. Workers

is waking up to the fact that the and were forced to withdraw hasliquor problem is a real and ser- tily to spots nearer the resort ious problem, as much now as it in order to escape with their was under Prohibition.

A New Order

Another major topic of conversation is the marked change that has suddenly come over the attitude of the Administration in the public utterances of its representatives on the general subject of places near the vicinity of Roar-here since Thursday, April 26. Social reforms. Criticism of the ing Gap when the flames appeartatives on the general subject of program under which social red to be getting beyond control.

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Wards, Asnevine; Mr. and Mrs. Claude T. Dough
Doughton and Hon. R. A. Doughfar more than economic recovery, dampen house roofs and protect ern Mexican conferences. and realization that some of the homes from falling sparks. Equip- Bishop Paul B. Kern was most highly publicized recovery ment from the Elkin fire depart- signed to the group of conferprojects are not working as had ment was rushed to the scene. ences which includes the Western tonia; Mr. and Mrs. Grady Mil-Doughton. been expected, is slowing down officials to hunting for new means of bringing business back.

demand for higher wages and refugees from that section. more upon getting men back to work at any wage the industry who lost his own home and an-

power plants, steam shovels, ments. buildings, everything which is not directly consumed but is used to wife gave birth to a baby girl make or house or transport con- in the rear seat of Dr. Paul Congressman Takes sumer goods. Business has not Folger's car while being driven increased in those lines, because away from the fire, remained bethere has been no new capital hind to fight the flames, and sucavailable with which to buy them. ceeded in saving his home when Such things need additional capital on the part of the industries as it reached the young farmer's using them.

This condition is having an effect upon consideration of such things as easing up restrictions on new capital stock and bond issues, and upon the loosening of long-term credits.

Foreign Trade Attention Much greater attention is beand recapturing America's foreign trade. When Secretary Wallace, in his clearly-thought-out booklet, "America Must Choose," pointed out that if we went in for economic 'nationalism we would have to take fifty million acres of land out of cultivation and find new employment for mendation. That line of thinkby the Administration.

President Roosevelt's request for authority to readjust tariffs is a result of the determination to try to recover our lost international commerce, and probably will be granted. It does not seem



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Forest Fires Rage Over Large Area In North Carolina

Flames Threaten Roaring Gap Resort. Many Homes Destroyed And Valuable **Timber Tracts Burned**

A pall of smoke hangs over much of Alleghany county as grim evidence of the devastation wrought by the forest fires which have been burning in various sections of the county, as well as in Wilkes and Surry counties, for the past several days. Tuesday night and yesterday the fire was The remedy proposed for this still burning in Arrabellow's state of things is to reduce the mountain and in several other tax on whisky and gin, to a places. Already several families, point where there would be no which were thought to be in the profit commensurate with the risk, path of the flames, have been in making it illicitly. If Mr. moved. A call for men to help ter of a wealthy Tucson, Arizona, Choate's figures are correct, and was received at Sparta Tuesday. Choate's figures are correct, and was received at Sparta Tuesday. family, who was kidnapped as two-thirds of all the alcoholic Thirteen houses were said several she left school and held for ing no tax, then a reduction of days ago to have been destroyed \$15,000 ransom. It was in Tucthe tax to one-third of what and it was reported that two or son that John Dillinger and gang leaders in thought and action in mont and Western North Caroit is now would bring in just as three citizens were missing, al- were captured last year and it is much money, if it were collected though the belief has been ex- thought by some this was a Dilon all the liquor manufactured. pressed that no lives were lost linger planned revenge on local The question under discussion in the fire. The fire was within police. here is whether or not all liquor one-half mile of Roaring Gap could be successfully taxed, even Saturday night but those who at a reduced rate. It would in- were in charge of the line of volve spending a lot more than fighters battling the flames felt estimated that more than 300,000 The real problem many think, acres of mountain timber have

saw their lines of defense jump-All in all, official Washington ed by flying sparks and embers

ed Saturday morning near Fancy was today assigned to the Fifth Gap, eight miles north of Mount Episcopal district by the quad-

Calls for help were sent Satur- Methodist

the social program and setting fire which devastated that coun- Kern will have charge, in adtry Thursday and Friday, coverdition, of the Upper South Caroling an estimated 300,000 acres, lina, South Carolina and North New High Point In Dalton Warren To The indications now are that was well under control Saturday Carolina conferences. less stress will be put upon the night, according to reports from Bishop Arthur J. Moore was

J. A. Spaugh, of Surry county, and Africa. or business can afford to pay; also other dwelling house on his place, prohibition rally here Sunday in that there will be less insistence told relief officials at Dobson Municipal auditorium in which upon higher prices for commodi- that he barely had time to rescue he urged a militant stand for ties, and more tolerance of price his three children, carried off reenactment of national protheir feet by the gale, and drive hibition and blamed its break-The report of the NRA com- away from the path of the fire. down principally upon lack of mittee on durable goods has been He stated that he did not have federal enforcement. He chargreceived with some concern. Un- a change of clothes for himself ed the church with apathy in not der this heading of durable goods or his wife and children. Several backing up a memorial sent by come such things as locomotives, neighbors were in similar predica- the Methodist church demanding

> Grover Southard, 40, whose the fire split in two sections just

Inhabitants said that the fire which came from the western side of the Blue Ridge caused a velt today. Representative Handraft reaching cyclonic proportions when it struck cold air layers on Mitchell's and Fisher's rivers, creating a small tornado which swept the flames before ing given to means of increasing it across a four-mile strip of land between the two streams.

Few Tenants Lose

Raleigh, May 8.—Only a very many millions of people; but that few tenants have been discharg well as that of his administration if we removed artificial barriers ed from farms in North Carolina is greater in North Carolina toto foreign trade we could still as a result of AAA crop reduc- day than it ever was, find and rebuild world markets tion programs, according to Dr. for our surpluses. He attracted G. W. Forster of State college. wide attention and general com- Dr. Forster said that the fundamental cause of the shifting ten- attending the American-Pharma- ings and private property. ing seems to have been adopted ant problem lies in the economic ceutical Association, had another conditions which have prevailed treat today which few American for years.

Forster, "financial difficulties have of Representatives. led tenants to move from their The Elder Hancock has been farms frequently to seek 'greener pastures,' while landlords have likewise been forced to discharge tenants who were not profitable."

The Lider Hancock has been ing within the next few weeks.

Secretary of the North Carolina ing within the next few weeks.

The building will have an 84foot front on C street and will being made to issue serial bonds commonwealth government, headbe 50 feet wide.



Above is June Robles, 6, daugh-

Cannon Will Have Charge Of Pacific Area For 4 Years

Bishop Kern Assigned To Besides the six children mention with Mrs. Claude Doughton as North Carolina

Jackson, Miss., May 5.—After services. being retained as an active bishop over an attempt by certain con-A new blaze or an extension ferences to retire him, Bishop of the Mitchell's River fire start- James Cannon, Jr., Richmond, rennial general conference of the Episcopal Church,

The original Mitchell's River North Carolina conference, Bishop

assigned to the Orient, Europe

Bishop Cannon addressed a "sufficient money and men to enforce prohibition."

Father On Visit To White House Tues.

Washington, May 8.—Frank W. before, and nearly twice as many chairman. Hancock, Sr., of Oxford, father of Representative Frank Hancock, cock went with his father to the White House and they chatted briefly with the President just after his conference with senators on silver.

The elder Hancock told the President he had had the pleasure of working for 14 Democratic NEW P. O. TO BE BUILT candidates for President but aided none with a greater enthusiasm Jobs In State As than the one who was nominated at Chicago in 1932 on the promise A Result Of AAA of a new deal to the American people. He told Mr. Roosevelt that his personal popularity as

The President thanked Mr. Hancock for his kind expressions. The elder Hancock, who is here have the lot cleared of all build-"For some time," said Dr. his son preside over the House completed and that contract will notes outstanding.

Mrs. Rebecca Doughton Passes Away Thursday, May 3, At Laurel Springs

Funeral Services At Laurel Springs Baptist Church Friday Afternoon. Condolences Received From Far and Near

quietly and unobtrusively in the Fender, Washington, D. C. nation.

A., and her daughters, Mrs. F. ter two had long been friends of Miller, Mrs. T. J. Carson and the family. Mrs. W. A. Fender, were also in A choir of chosen friends sang Group Of Conferences ed, she left 27 grandchildren, 41 accompanist, ren, and all the grandchildren, ex- were flower bearers. cept five, attended the funeral

Winston-Salem; Miss Mattie at an early date. Doughton, Guilford college; Page | The following resolution was retail merchants' council.

L. S. Harris, director of the

582 trucks in the preceding

which is more than twice as many

new cars bought during the first

nearly three times as many

North Wilkesboro, May 8 .- The

the erection of a post office

J. C. Reins, postmaster here,

has been appointed custodian of

the post office property and a

few days ago received orders to

NEW P. O. TO BE BUILT

as in March.

trucks, 1,225.

building.

Motor Vehicle Bureau, show.

The passing of Mrs. Rebecca ler, North Wilkesboro; Dr. and Jones Doughton, at her home at Mrs. Wayne Miller, Lenoir; Van Laurel Springs, on Thursday Miller and family, Reece Miller and family, Reece Miller and family and Mrs. T. C. Moxern North Carolina one of its best known and best loved women. She was born on June 17, family. Charlotte; Thomas D. 1838, almost 96 years ago. On Carson, Washington, D. C.; March 11, 1856, she was married George E. Carson, Elizabeth City; to Capt. J. Horton Doughton, who Miss Ivey Grace Doughton, Laurel preceded her to the grave 28 Springs; Miss Bernice Doughton, years ago. Though she lived Philadelphia, Pa., and Walter

and women who went out from funeral. Delegations of friends puppy, leaders in thought and action in ment and western worth whatever sphere of life they might lina and from nearby Virginia were in attendance.

Mrs. Doughton's life was full to the end. All her thoughts 2 p. m. at Laurel Springs Bapwere for the welfare of those tist church of which the deceased about her. With her lived her had long been a member, by Dr. youngest son, W. F., who was al- G. A. Martin, the pastor, assistways very tender and considerate ed by Rev. C. W. Russell, pastor of her wants and needs. During of the Sparta Methodist charge; the last week of her life, her Dr. C. W. Robinson, North Wilother sons, Congressman R. L. kesboro, and Rev. J. F. Fletcher, and Ex-Lieutenant Governor R. Mouth of Wilson, Va. The lat-

constant attendance upon her, several of the beautiful old hymns

family cemetery.

Doughton and family, Greens-boro; Joe Doughton and family, publicans of Alleghany county: that being not against the sales Greensboro; George E. Doughton, Resolved, that we, the Republitax but against the principle of Guilford college; Mrs. B. O. Ed-cans of Alleghany county, in conhaving legislative candidates comwards, Asheville; Mr. and Mrs. vention assembled, extend our mit themselves not to represent D. C.; the family in the recent death of

Auto Sales Reached Address Voters Of In April For N. C. County In Campaign secretary of the North Carolina funds, and that the remainder

Raleigh, May 8.—North Caro- the Democratic nomination for from the sales tax and that if the lina reached in April the highest point in the purchase of new dress the voters as follows: point ever reached in one month

in the number of new trucks 12, 7:30 p. m., Prof. Leonard farmers and school teachers in repurchased, figures announced by Halsey, chairman.

In April 4,950 new automobiles 7:30 p. m., Steve Mitchell, chair- see its defeat. He said that there and 1.164 new trucks were man. bought, as compared with 1,601

Whitehead Township, at Whitecars and 394 trucks in April, head school house, May 19, 7:30 head school house, May 19, 7:30 p. m., Oscar Caudill, chairman. whitehead Township, at Whitehead school house, May 19, 7:30 chants "not to be led astray."

Cherry Lane Township, at New passenger cars for the Franklin Royal's garage, May 25, first four months of 1934 reach- 7:30 p. m., Clyde Crutchfield. ed 11,532, and new trucks 3,287 chairman.

Blevins Cross Roads school house, four months of 1933, 5,109, and May 26, 7:30 p. m., Charlie Reynolds, chairman.

> Gap Civil Township, at the Courthouse in Sparta, Thursday night, May 31, 7:30 o'clock, J. B. Doughton, chairman.

lot recently purchased in this city GOVERNOR FINDS MARKET by the Post Office Department is ANXIOUS FOR N. C. BONDS being cleared in preparation for

Raleigh, May 8 .- Upon his rethat an issue of 41/2 per cent. electric chair on Friday, May 18,

urer, had said several months ago to grant a new trial in the case. that the state was planning to Information received here from Washington is to the effect that issue funding bonds to take up fathers have enjoyed. He saw plans for the building have been the \$12,300,000 in general fund

be let by the Post Office Department for the erection of the build-Governor and the council of state provides for the independence of



home built by her husband and The floral tributes were many Carl Johnson, 19, (above), went importance have been disposed herself seventy-five years ago, yet and beautiful, and came from as swimming at Long Beach. Cal., of, and the court is now progressinfluences had their beginning far north as Boston, Mass., and a few weeks ago. "Flipper," ing more slowly since the more there that helped build a com- as far south as Charlotte. Tele- 2-month old seal, exhausted on a important cases are yet to be munity, a county, a state and a grams and letters of condolence raft, climbed aboard Carl's back tried. were received from persons in when he came alongside. Carl Judge McElroy has, so far, That home was always a center all walks of life—from President took the baby seal home, fed it been lenient in his punishments. of religious, educational, economic and political thought. The men who was unable to attend the per" follows Carl about like a cases have been disposed of, in-

Record Against

ed To Its Removal

Which Includes Western great-grandchildren and one great- Grandsons of the deceased were ing session of their annual meet- is thought that the verdict was a great-grandchild. All the child- pallbearers and granddaughters ing here today, pledged them- compromise of the jury. selves to withhold support from The trial of Ransom Brooks Interment was in the Doughton any legislative candidate who is and Ves Douglas, charged with not committed to the removal of Among the relatives in attend- As a fitting tribute to their the general sales tax. Today's impersonating an officer to highance at the funeral were the fol- mother, an appreciation of Mrs. session was featured by a vigor- way robbery, commenced Tueslowing: J. Kemp Doughton, Balti- Doughton's life, to be prepared ous denunciation of the principle day afternoon. The case of more, Md.; James H. Doughton, by her children, will be published of sales taxation by John C. Watson, president of the New York

ing support to the President's been promised from it.

Dalton Warren, candidate for that the popular trend is definitely priations. sales taxers. He spoke in vehemcent addresses that they buy from Prathers Creek Township, at those merchants who favor the New Hope school house, May 18, sales tax rather than those who are efforts on foot to becloud issues with relation to the sales

Arnold Schiffman, of Greensmonths of March, 1934. This is Cranberry Township, at Laurel boro, also speaking at the open and he appeared quite sallow and three times as many motor ve- Springs school house, May 24, forum, criticized sharply the prachicles in April as in the April 7:30 p. m., Frank Doughton, tice of sending "politicians rather than business men to the state legislature," and expressed the hope that a "better type of business mind" will compose the 1935

Willard Dowell, secretary of Glade Creek Township, at the state association, closed the (continued on back page)

> DEATH ROW IN RALEIGH HOLDS 25 CONDEMNED MEN

Raleigh, May 7.—The largest number of doomed men ever housed in the state penitentiary here was in death row today

The latest arrival was Joe E. turn from New York Saturday, Dalton, Hendersonville, convicted Governor Ehringhaus said the on a charge of slaying his wife. state's financial rating is such He is scheduled to die in the bonds would find a ready market. unless gubernatorial action inter-Charles M. Johnson, state treassupreme court refused a request

FILIPINOS GET FREEDOM Manila, P. I .- The Philippine legislature voted to accept the A 1933 statute authorized the Tyding-McDuffie measure which

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Several Cases Already Disposed Of While Others Of Importance Are On Docket

Spring term of Superior court opened Monday morning, May 7, with Judge P. A. McElroy, Waynesville, presiding.

A record breaking crowd filled the town to overflowing and crowded the courthouse beyond capacity. Many cases of minor

cluding the following:

State vs. Guy Osborne, assault with deadly weapon; State vs. Loney Pugh, forgery; State vs. M. L. Pruitt, assault; State vs. Ray McMeans, abandonment and non-support; State vs. Freel Perry and Fletcher, assault, with deadly weapon; State vs. Joe Sales Tax Tues. Lineberry, driving car while under influence of liquor, and State vs. Johnnie Washington.

Pledge Solves To Withhold night with a verdict of guilty of Support From Legislative assault with a deadly weapon Candidates Not Committ- against Vas Lane and George Upchurch, who were charged with robbing John Mabe, an aged resi-High Point, May 8 .- North dent of the Stratford community. Carolina merchants, at the clos- The case was hard fought and it

numerous crimes ranging from Folger Wagoner, charged with murder, is yet to be tried.

Teachers To Get Pay Checks For 8th Month Soon

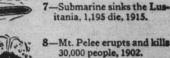
Raleigh, May 8 .- State pay ton, North Wilkesboro; Miss Reba ton and the other members of that resolution and another pledg-checks will probably be issued to Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Miller, Gas- their mother, Mrs. Rebecca covery program. They then two weeks for the eighth school launched into the open forum month of the closing school year, discussion which failed to de- LeRoy Martin, secretary of the velop all the fireworks that had state school commission, announced today. It was said that ap-At the open forum J. Paul proximately two-thirds of the Leonard, of Statesville, executive teachers will be paid from state Fair Tax Association, declared will be paid with federal appro-

> The federal fund distribution the State Senate from the twenty- vote was taken now victory will be supervised by Mrs. Thomas ninth Senatorial district, will ad- would be in the bag for the anti- O'Berry, state relief administraton. The federal fund totals ent denunciation of Governor about \$500,000. Teachers paid Piney Creek high school, May Ehringhaus for suggesting to by the government, Mrs. O'Berry pointed out will be those who have no other incomes.

> > BAILEY BACK IN CAPITAL Washington, May 8 .- After several days of resting at his home in Raleigh, Senator Bailey returned to Washington today. The senior North Carolina senator is not in the best of health drawn today when he came on the floor of the Senate.



hefore he dies."



8-Mt. Pelee erupts and kills 30,000 people, 1902.

