











## Roosevelt's Peace Pleas Welcomed By Prime Minister

### Chamberlain Expresses Satisfaction Over Appeal For No War In 10 Years

### Anglo-Soviet Talks Continue

### Europe Awaits Hitler's Reply To President Apr. 28

Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain in a brief statement of foreign affairs, told the house of commons today that Britain welcomed "with great satisfaction" President Roosevelt's appeal to Italy and Germany for a 10-year peace agreement.

Chamberlain added that the conversations were continuing with Soviet Russia in an effort to get Russia into the British-French defensive alliance.

An expected announcement of the British-French pledge to fight for Turkish independence, if secured, was delayed, it was understood, until the Russian conversations were completed.

It appeared Europe was in for a period of waiting—until Chamberlain's appeal to Hitler, President Roosevelt's appeal, and a meeting of Reichstag Apr. 22.

The German fleet, meanwhile, sailed for maneuvers off the Spanish coast.

Demobilization of the Spanish generalissimo, Franco, ordered the 11st group of 300,000 to return home. The bulk of the southern forces remained under arms, however, awaiting the victory celebration to Madrid next month.

In Paris French authorities reported last night that Great Britain and France had reached a complete agreement with Soviet Russia for a tripartite pact, pooling the warplanes of the three nations under an extension of Europe's armed peace front.

At the same time the Soviets were said to have notified France that they were prepared to sign a mutual assistance pact with Britain and harness it to their

## Report Of Fire Department Shows Increased Losses

The monthly report of the Fire Department released this morning by Fire Chief Mack Cleveland showed the department averaged 17 alarms, also of them 10 were for fires, and 7 for gas leaks.

Damage last month was \$748,000, principally as a result of a fire at the hall of the Industrial Order at Oak Hollow, a large apartment on the corner of 1st and 2nd streets, which the department officials stated had burned for over an hour before the fire was extinguished.

Losses of the fire were listed as follows: 100,000 for the building, 100,000 for the contents, 100,000 for the furniture, 100,000 for the fixtures, 100,000 for the equipment, 100,000 for the inventory, 100,000 for the stock, 100,000 for the cash, 100,000 for the bonds, 100,000 for the securities, 100,000 for the jewelry, 100,000 for the automobiles, 100,000 for the boats, 100,000 for the other property.

The 15-day order directed the department to investigate the cause of the fire and to report to the board of fire commissioners.

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The hearing on the bankruptcy petition, filed in January, ended abruptly yesterday when Federal Judge Alexander Akerman asked a preliminary report on the validity of the amendment to the Wilcox Bankruptcy Law which the City has invoked to force holders of unrefunded bonds to participate in its refunding program.

The matter was referred by Judge Akerman to Allen E. Walker of Winter Haven, special master in the City's proceedings, who will prepare the report and also investigate other legal questions involved.

This is the first time that the amendment to the bankruptcy law has been invoked and it was stated that many other Florida cities would seek to complete their refunding programs under the provisions of the statute if Sanford is successful in its attempt.

The City hopes to get all of the outstanding bonds refunded in order that it may liquidate the huge bond debt of approximately \$5,000,000 over a 40-year period without levying an excessive millage which would be necessary to pay the interest on the bonds.

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## HALF CENTURY



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## Aggressors Are Named In Peace Appeal

### Lage Agrees Hitler, Mussolini Designated As Attackers In Prospective War

WASHINGTON, Apr. 18.—(AP)—William Potter Lage of New York, writer on international affairs, asserted today he was "inclined to agree" that President Roosevelt in his peace appeal to Hitler and Mussolini had named aggressors in a prospective war.

He made the statement at a hearing before the House Foreign Affairs Committee on neutrality legislation.

Also in the field of foreign affairs, Chairman Pittman (D-Nev.) of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, disclosed that the "cash and carry" provision of the neutrality act would be allowed to expire Apr. 30 despite the European crisis.

Senator Borah (R-Idaho) asserted, meanwhile, that imposition of economic sanctions the violators of treaties with the United States would constitute act of war.

President Roosevelt called in his advisers today to survey tentative plans as to the conduct of security and commodity markets in the event of a European war. Officially, said the question already had been discussed in a preliminary way by department officials directly concerned.

## Mrs. Kendall Is Speaker At Meet Of Civic Group

Mrs. Gladys Kendall, county home demonstration agent, and county chairman of the National Clean-up Week for Seminole County, yesterday morning spoke to the members of the Women's Civic Committee of the Seminole County Chamber of Commerce.

She urged them to cooperate in her letter asking cooperation and aid of the various organizations, in the clean-up campaign which is slated for the week of Apr. 30—May 6 as a part of a national campaign.

Mrs. Endor Carlett, chairman of the committee, told of the recent Miami convention of the State Federation of Garden Clubs where she was the only unattached speaker on the program, she was asked to tell of the progress being made on the proposed "Big Tree" park.

Those present at the meeting yesterday, besides the chairman, included Mrs. Martin Bram, Mrs. Roy Tillis, Mrs. Pearl Hanson, Mrs. J. O. Anderson, Jr., Miss Irene Hix, and Mrs. Gladys Kendall.

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## SCOUT SPEAKER



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## Salvation Army Concludes Drive Short Of Goal

### Capt. Rose Reports Only \$1845 Is Collected In Campaign

Although only little more than half of the \$3,500 quota estimated by the Advisory Board as necessary to carry on the work of the Salvation Army during the coming year has been raised, Capt. E. E. Rose, commanding officer of the local Citadel, said today that the general campaign for funds had been ended. He added, however, that complete reports have not been filed by all of the workers.

Capt. Rose said that only \$1,845 has been raised to date but that this total may be boosted somewhat when all reports from rural and city workers are made.

G. E. Rollins, chairman of the drive, urged those workers to make their reports as quickly as possible in order that the annual drive may be consummated. He also urged those who have made no contributions to the work of the Salvation Army to do so within the next few days. This assistance, he pointed out, would make it possible for the Salvation Army to carry on its work properly during the ensuing year.

Commending Chairman Rollins for his cooperation during the drive, Capt. Rose said that he and all those connected with the local post "desire to express our sincere appreciation for the splendid co-operation, the moral and financial support of Chairman Rollins and Vice Chairman J. W. Hall and also that of all the citizens in this county who have assisted in the campaign this year."

Chairman Rollins said that those desiring to make contributions to the Salvation Army should leave them at the headquarters on Second Street. Workers' reports should also be filed there, he added.

L. O. F. Seek World Convention For Miami

ST. PETERSBURG, Apr. 18.—(AP)—Members of the Patrons Club, L. O. F., passed a resolution yesterday asking other lodges of their order to concur with them in asking the sovereign grand lodge of the world to hold its 1940 convention in Miami. The meeting would mean the attendance of between 18,000 and 25,000 delegates.

Action was taken at the initial session of the patraarchal grand annual state meeting, being held here in conjunction with the grand encampment, grand lodge and Hebebebe.

BUSINESS MEN MEET

The officers and directors of the Business and Professional Men's Association will meet at the Chamber of Commerce Building Thursday night at 8:00 o'clock to discuss the proposed closing of stores on Thursday afternoons during the summer, and also to review the answers to the cards which were distributed some time ago by the Association, requesting suggestions for the improvement of Sanford business institutions, and their relations to customers.

## Pension Bill For Teachers Passes Senate

### Measure Vetoed By Cone Two Years Ago Is Approved Without Debate

TALLAHASSEE, Apr. 18.—(AP)—Without debate, the Florida Senate today passed a new Teachers' Retirement Bill to take the place of the one vetoed two years ago by Gov. Fred P. Cone.

The sponsors said the new measure met the Governor's objection to the original bill. They said a quick House passage had been assured.

The Senate vote was 32 to 4. The vote came not long after the Senate had debated—then postponed—bills designed to release the \$700,000 in impounded race track tax money that otherwise would have been distributed equally among the counties.

The House passed today a new series of bills designed to safeguard the impounded money. The retirement proposal would permit teachers to retire at 60 and would compel their retirement at the age of 70. Each teacher would make an annual contribution to the fund. The state would appropriate \$200,000 annually to the fund and \$12,500 for the expenses of administering the plan.

Senator Kanner of Stuart, (Continued on Page 21)

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During the session presided over by H. V. Pace of Orlando, executive of the Central Florida Council, Mr. Klusmann listed the necessary sanitary and other precautions which should be taken in connection with outdoor camping.

He also said that scout leaders should be in their tents and camps by 10 o'clock and that they are never transported to their camps by automobile. They hike instead, he said.

Members of the council present for last night's session were Sidney J. Nix, W. W. Gotsch, J. N. Tenhet, J. L. Galloway, Joe Meisch, Sam Highleyman, Julius Dingfelder, Karl Nordgren, E. L. Kelsey, A. C. Madden, R. G. Fox and H. E. Morris, all of Sanford; W. H. Lindsey, W. R. Lupton, and C. H. Monaghan of Daytona Beach; J. S. Pope and Dr. A. B. Whitner of Orlando, and C. H. Williams of Clermont.

Tampa Cuba Peddler Gets Fine Of \$750

TAMPA, Apr. 18.—Wesley Johnson, convicted negro bootlegger, was sentenced by Judge Himes in criminal court yesterday to pay a fine of \$750 or serve five months in jail.

Cyrus W. Fields, of defense counsel, said an appeal would be taken.

The penalty was the same as that imposed by Judge Himes in most bootleg cases where the evidence showed the defendants were peddlers, not the actual operators of the game.

Johnson was arrested last July by Constable Culbreath, who had seized a handful of bootleg and New York bond tickets.

School District No. 6 To Vote For Trustees

Citizens in School District No. 6 will vote for trustees for the next two years and the school millage levy for the same period at a special election to be held on Tuesday, May 16, Superintendent T. W. Lawton said today.

The clerk for the election at Lake Monroe will be C. E. McKinney while Lee Keller, George Morris and Cy F. Masoy will serve as inspectors.

The clerk for the polls in Paola will be George Smith and J. V. Jameson, J. W. Turner and H. T. Richardson will be inspectors.

## PRESIDES



John H. Gurrler, national organizer for Dr. Francis E. Townsend, presided over the district meeting, called by the father of the pension plan, which was held here Sunday.

## Power Sought To Prepare For Work On Canal

### \$500 Appropriated To Probe Old Navigation District

In order that everything may be in readiness for immediate commencement of work on the proposed St. Johns-Indian River Canal, if funds are allotted, the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole and Brevard counties have agreed to expend \$250 each to investigate the powers of the old Upper St. Johns Navigation District which was formed for the purpose of acquiring rights-of-way and other incident business in connection with construction of the canal.

This district was established by a bill adopted by the Legislature about 30 years ago which granted the district its powers and provided for a bond referendum to pay the costs of constructing the outlet to the Indian River.

This district has been kept alive by holding annual meetings of its directors but the legality of its powers has been questioned since the bond election failed to carry.

County Attorney E. F. Houlihan has been designated to investigate this matter and if he finds that the district no longer has the power to transact the business incident to construction of the canal, a bill will be submitted.

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## Annular Eclipse Of Sun Will Be Visible In West

NEW YORK, Apr. 18.—(AP)—In California the color of the sunlight is likely to look slightly greenish around 8:00 A. M. on Apr. 19 and the same thing will happen in Wisconsin about 10:30 A. M.

This will be about the only noticeable effect in the United States of an annular eclipse of the sun passing at those hours across Alaska and heading for the north pole.

An annular ring-shaped eclipse is one in which the edges of the sun appear all around the moon's face.

In the United States only a partial eclipse will be seen and that only with dark glasses. In California half of the sun's diameter is to be obscured, but without glasses, it is unlikely that the moon's disc can be detected. The change in color of the sunlight, though, may be seen without glasses.

In Wisconsin two-fifths of the sun's diameter will be covered. Other predictions are Idaho three-fifths, Texas one-fifth, New York one-fifth, South Carolina seven percent.

The predicted hours of the partial eclipse are: eastern standard, 11:00 A. M. to 1:00 P. M.; central standard, 9:30 A. M. to 11:30 A. M.; Pacific standard 6:45 A. M. to 9:00 A. M.

## Summer Work Is Discussed By Chambers

### Activities For Dull Months Planned At Council Breakfast In Mayfair Hotel

### Address Is Given By Karl Lehmann

### Beach Conrath Is Elected President For Ensuing Year

Discussion of projects for the coming summer to prevent their individual communities from going to sleep during the dull season of the year was heard this morning at a breakfast of the Central Florida Council of the Chamber of Commerce secretaries at the Mayfair Hotel.

"The Relationship of the Publicity Man to the Press" was the subject of the principal address by Karl Lehmann who lauded his remarks by pretending he had just been appointed state News Editor of the Times-Union, and by explaining what his policies would be if he occupied that position.

Beach Conrath of DeLand was elected president of the organization for the ensuing term. Other officers elected were Franklin N. Sawyer of Ucaia, vice president; Ralph Bagwell of Sanford, secretary. It was also voted to hold future meetings quarterly with annual election of officers.

H. H. Coleman, treasurer of the Seminole County Chamber of Commerce, delivered the address of welcome to the visiting secretaries and B. A. Carpenter, treasurer of the Orange County Chamber of Commerce, responded. The meeting was presided over by H. E. Hunnell, president of the council, who is also president of the East Coast Chamber of Commerce.

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## LOCAL WEATHER

Fairly cloudy, scattered light showers in the central portion, cooler in the extreme north and west central portions tonight; Wednesday generally fair except possibly showers and slightly cooler in the extreme south portion.