

## ODB Makes Good In Getting Checks To Army Families

### Office Of Dependency Benefits Pay Out 2 Billion A Month

By BILL GLOVER  
AP Features Writer

**NEWARK, N.J.**—Along a hidden battlefield that extends from headquarters here to Cherokee City, Six Mile Run and every other town and hamlet in the U.S.A., the Army's ODB is making good in a fabulous battle to guarantee that Johnny Doughboy's dependents get monthly allowance checks swiftly and surely.

The meaning for YOU is that you too will be paid promptly and without hitch as soon as your man is called into service—if you do your part.

Seven million dependents are getting their now.

It's a fabulous battle because a year ago the dependents didn't even get paper. Now, disbursing at the rate of \$2,000,000,000 a year in an ever-growing monthly avalanche of green checks, the lusty infant has proved, to the joy of Army men, that the War Department isn't always snarled in red tape.

The agency is known officially as the Office of Dependency Benefits. Its director is Col. Harold N. Gilbert, a six-foot, sandy-haired veteran of 27 years of Army life.

If you do your part, he is confident ODB will stay on current basis even when the Army reaches its currently estimated full strength of over 9,000,000.

Applications Day.

New applications for family allowances are flowing in at the rate of 12,000 a day.

To handle these applications, read 80,000 letters a day, write another 82,000, answer 10,000 telephone calls, interview hundreds of applicants and do all the paper work behind the scenes, the ODB has more than 200 Army officers supervising.

Ironically, the office which handles the mandatory family allowances for the four lowest ranks (such private to line sergeant) hasn't one enlisted man on duty. The family allowances comprise about two-thirds of the ODB's checks.

The rest are voluntary allotments by pay by soldiers, from private to general, sending more money to the folks back home, for bank deposits or for insurance.

Forty-five percent of the family allowances disbursements are deducted from soldiers' pay; the rest is a government contribution.

For Class A (wife and/or children) dependents the soldier must help support, he can contribute \$22 a month; the government \$28 for the wife, \$12 for one child and \$10 for each additional youngster under 18.

All Not Eligible

Another group of dependents, Class B, consists of parents, brothers, sisters or grandchildren. The allowance scale is lower and the soldier contributes a smaller amount. One of the ODB's biggest headaches, says Col. Gilbert, is putting over the fact that Class B individuals receive allowances only if direct dependency can be shown and if the soldier wants to contribute to their support.

"We had one letter," the colonel recalls, "which said 'We understand the government sends checks to the parents of a soldier. Please put us on the mailing list.'

ODB, which issues one-fifth of all the checks paid by Uncle Sam, is housed in an 18-story buff brick skyscraper in which the plaster was scarcely dry when the brand new agency moved in from Washington last October.

Col. Gilbert is an infantry officer who has served around the world. In 1939 he directed American forces in the winning campaign in a derring-do "Keep Em Flying" slogan.

His slogan now, emblazoned in every corner of the building, is "Get 'Em Paid."

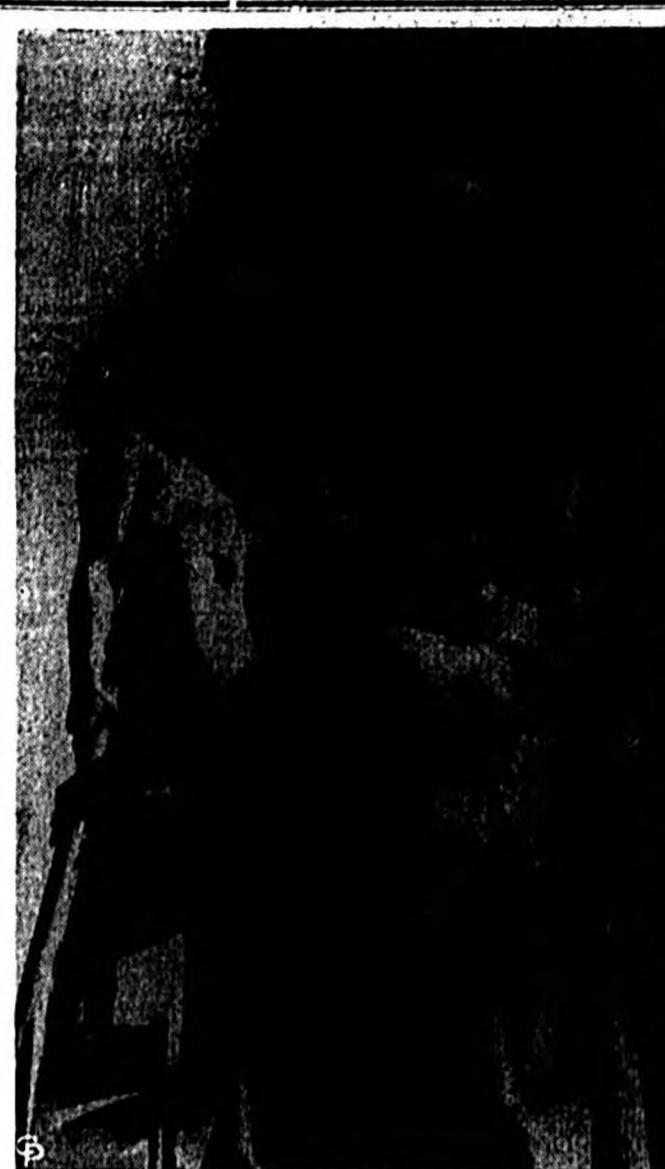
In spite of everything, grumbling does occur.

One man, generally minded, states flatly that the soldiers' benefits factor is that people immediately after the application, "the colonel says, "instead of having to serve the first of the month after the application is approved, and begin issuing the month following that."

The colonel adds: "The ODB is doing a good job. What it does is disburse the checks a month back because people have moved and left no forwarding address. And there have been other other changes in dependency status such as separation, divorce, remarriage. We've got to make sure we have some kind of record of where people live."

The independent company of dependency benefits, however, has been doing a good job.

It's a good job, too, because



### Boatswain's Mate Tells What It's Like On Submarine In Enemy Waters

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Navy department communiques tell tersely of the prowess of American submarines as hunters. But during the arduous weeks of war, what does a submariner think about? Boatswain's Mate First Class Paul Carrington Barkdale knows. He is member of the crew of the sub that overcame President Quezon and High Commissioner Hayes from the Philippines and torpedoed 16 Japanese vessels. Barkdale returns home to Virginia recently for the first time since September, 1941, to see his mother and meet 10-year-old Paul Carrington Jr. This is his story.)

By Paul Carrington Barkdale  
Boatswain's Mate First Class

As Told To John Dafton For AP

Richmond, Va.—A man gets scared—plenty scared when the stuff starts coming. If he doesn't, well...he's probably crazy or something else is missing. But what you wait you get to thinking and then you might start thinking—and before you remember to get scared again the stuff stops coming...

First, of course, you think of home and the folks. But more than likely you think of some swell liberty (leave) when the stuff starts coming. If he doesn't, well...he's probably crazy or something else is missing. But what you wait you get to thinking and then you might start thinking—and before you remember to get scared again the stuff stops coming...

Then I remembered I'd been thinking about Australia, and the night in the bar when a few of us decided—that Australia—was the place where they had kangaroos. We'd never seen one so after a little more pleasantness we decided to do something about seeing a kangaroo.

So I went up to the big Charle-

ton Zoo and there I saw a kangaroo.

He stood by the high barred fence and watched the kangaroos and a number of men and ante-

lope who had what seemed to be a time idea. He said he bet he could catch a kangaroo. We climbed in.

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It began to look ugly but at once the antelope looked by us.

All but one. He looked like sort of a model T kangaroo, so we closed in. That was when the old hopper really came to life and it took all three of us a good while to persuade him we meant no harm.

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If we wish to be free if we wish to  
preserve inviolate those estimable priv-  
ileges for which we have been so long con-  
flicting—we must fight.

PATRICK HENRY.

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## Japs Charge U.S. At Attu Is Using Gas

### War Department Says Kiska Is Next On American Invasion List In Aleutians

Allied Headquarters in Australia, May 17. (AP)—The War Department has today listed 10 American fighter pilots as now each having destroyed at least five Jap planes. The list includes First Lt. Ernest Hartman, Morristown, Tenn.

(My Associated Press) Seaborne American forces are landing in a steady stream of reinforcements in the seven day old battle of Attu Island, a Tokyo broadcast said today, and heavy fighting is now in progress on the northern coast of the key Japanese outpost in the Aleutians.

The Tokyo radio says United States troops are striking in a three pronged offensive attack under cover of aerial naval bombardment. No indication was given of Jap warships challenging the Americans or of bringing up reinforcements.

Major Gen. Nakau Yaghi, Army press chief for the Japanese, made the propaganda charge the Americans twice used poison gas. This was unconfirmed from any other source and observers entirely discounted it. The Navy later emphatically denied the Japanese charge.

Japan-held Kiska will be next on the American invasion list in the Aleutians when United States troops complete the current task of reconquering nearby Attu Island, a War Department spokesman said yesterday.

Capt. E. B. DePuy, news division chief of the department's Public Relations Bureau, said the Japanese were retreating in the westernmost island group step by step in the process of sweeping into the sea the Nips on both Attu and Kiska.

"Now the Kiska Japs, under continuous air bombardment, anxiously await the result in Attu," he said in his weekly radio review of the war.

His statement, doubtless uttered with official sanction, appeared to substantiate speculation that more strongly garnished Kiska, 172 miles east of Attu, would be attacked after—or perhaps even before—Attu is retaken.

Official silence still obscured progress of the fog-bound battle of Attu, but there was every confidence that an early victory was in sight for American troops who stormed that island last Tuesday with bold strokes to fashion a bridgehead on the northern route to Tokyo.

**Black Market In Potatoes Thrives On Grand Scale**

WASHINGTON, May 17 (AP)—The Washington Post says a "black market" in potatoes is operating here on an unbelievable scale, in utter contempt for price ceilings and rationing—and right under the nose of OPA enforcement officials.

A Post reporter said he "had no difficulty in contracting for 400 pounds of potatoes at 15 cents a pound, or about twice the ceiling price" after going to a wholesale market.

"The deal was made with an anonymous driver of a huge, four-wheeled truck from Florida," he related. "I went out to the market after dark, and the black market operators sold their ware there between midnight and 4 A.M."

"Posing as a restaurant keeper from out of town, I fostered the impression that I was well headed with good, cheap money, and was prepared with a check book with it," he said. "Finally, we got into the big truck. The man who was posted was whispering words. Quickly I covered the eyes of the driver and started heading for some spot."

"When I got there, I have some, but it will cost me 400 pounds, or red pounds, was the instantaneous and willing response."

"Only adherence to OPA regulations prevented me from taking delivery on the spot."

### WEATHER

Florida—Showers in south portion scattered light showers in northeast this afternoon and to-night.

Georgia—Cloudy with a few scattered showers in extreme southeast. Otherwise mostly clear.

Texas—Cloudy with scattered showers in extreme southeast. Otherwise mostly clear.

### When Yanks Mopped Up Bizerte



U. S. INFANTRYMEN proceed with the job of mopping up Bizerte, like the rest of Tunisia. Bizerte is now under Allied control. This is an official U. S. Army Signal Corps radiophoto (International).

### Bill Thorne To Dancing Program Be Installed As Presented At Head Of Legion Luncheon

### New Commander Was In 2nd Division, Awarded 4 Medals

William F. Thorne of Lake Wales will be installed this evening at 8:00 o'clock as Commandant of Campbell-Loring Post of the American Legion at the Legion Hut, succeeding Ned Smith.

Mr. Thorne, who has been Post Adjutant for the past year, served in the United States Army in the 2nd Division and later the 3rd Division during World War II.

President Holland Dean announced that additional contributions to the Seminole County Blood Bank had pushed the total for the Rotary Club's drive to \$1,758.30, or nearly 1,000 more than the original quota, and read a telegram from Rotarian Smith, chairman of the Central Florida Blood Bank as follows:

"We want to compliment you, the member of your committee and the Rotary Club on the very excellent showing which you made in your recent campaign to raise funds for the blood bank. The response was outstanding."

President Holland Dean, according to Mrs. W. L. Kipp, who had charge of the血库, believes the club without jurisdiction in the case and "we believe the jurisdiction and responsibility lies with the agents of the government now in charge of the red cross."

This was a decision of the League of Women Voters, and the board declined to comment.

W.L.K. Chappell, president of the W.L.K. Chappell Service Center, and Captain Louis L. Lewis, president of Lewis' newest defense plant, also declined to comment.

He said the League of Women Voters had not yet been informed of the results of the development.

"We hold ourselves in readiness to go into session on an hour notice," he added.

He would not say whether the members would continue working beyond the true deadline in the absence of a new agreement or extension of the true

With Miss Alma Grantham at

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More Contributions To Blood Bank Received

CIO Executive Board Rebukes John L. Lewis

New contributions to the Seminole County Blood Bank were made by Frank Evans, president of the United Mine Workers, and then asserted their "just demands" by exploiting the injustices in the mining industry in furtherance of his personal and political vendetta against the President of the CIO.

These petitions, he stated, will be sent to Senator E.P. Householder and Representatives Bartow Mann and M.B. Smith.

**Petition Opposes Abolishing Office**

Justice of the Peace W.E. Watson is obtaining the signatures of citizens to a petition protesting Senate Joint Resolution 419 which would abolish the office of Justice of the Peace throughout the state.

These petitions, he stated, will be sent to Senator E.P. Householder and Representatives Bartow Mann and M.B. Smith.

**CELY MARKET May 15, 1943**

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**Excerpts**

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**Records**

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Orlando—Wierdala

Hastings Night; Golden Heart,

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market limit; 114.75 to

115.00, few 85.00, mostly

25.00, few 20.00, mostly

15.00; demand good market;

total—\$14.00, 85.00 to

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### WLB Charges Lewis Defies Laws Of U. S.

### UMW Officials Fall To Appear At Meeting To Resume Contract Negotiations

WASHINGTON, May 17 (AP)—The War Labor Board said today that John L. Lewis, president of the United Miners Workers, has defied the authority of the United States and the law "in whether Mr. Lewis is above and beyond the laws which apply to all other citizens of the United States."

The board issued a unanimous statement after a meeting at which Lewis and other UMW officers had been asked to attend to arrange a resumption of contract negotiations. The board statement said nothing about the next step to head off a threatened new strike at the expiration of the present 15-day truce tomorrow night.

Replying at a New York press conference Sunday to a WLB representative, Lewis said he had defied the War Labor board's latest attempt to gain settlement of the United Miners Workers' coal wage dispute and raised the prospect of a new wage stoppage when his 15-day truce time expires Tuesday night.

Replying at a New York press conference Sunday to a WLB representative, Lewis said he had defied the War Labor board's latest attempt to gain settlement of the United Miners Workers' coal wage dispute and raised the prospect of a new wage stoppage when his 15-day truce time expires Tuesday night.

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## Cigarette Tax Is Big Legislative Item This Week

### Everything Else Is Sidelined For Revenue Measure

TALLAHASSEE, May 17.—(UPI)—A tobacco cigarette tax is the mother and business of the Florida legislature this week.

The administration's bill to levy the tax and other bills to allocate the estimated \$1,000,000 a year will produce was given the green light over all other measures when the house convened yesterday.

The Senate, with its annual general appropriation bill already out of way, is expected to have offhand about a fight which occurred late yesterday between Senator Robert L. Bishop and Senator English, state superintendent of mines, in the senate.

**Predict Cigarette Tax Passed.**

With 15 of the 60 House members listed as co-sponsors of the cigarette tax bill, its advocates predicted quick House passage.

Its fate in the senate was more uncertain.

Opposition was expected from the floor of the legislature. Most members from the cigarette tobacco-producing counties of North Florida were pledged to fight it and others in the House have expressed opposition to the bill as soon as it goes to committee.

General Holloman, who had opposed such a tax bill for many years, as a member of the legislature and as a candidate for election, recommended at this year as the best harmful tax the most revenue source of revenue available to recuperate racing losses which had been suspended last season.

**No Other Plan.**

He has said he has no other plan to offer if the legislature turns down the cigarette tax.

Revenue from the tax would go into the state general revenue fund but two companion bills would appropriate \$2,000,000 annually from general revenue for old age assistance and \$1,000,000 for equal distribution among the counties. These were the two public groups which supported the bill.

The tax would be for drivers only, since the administration feels that racing is the sin and racing is resumed there will be no further need for it.

**Probe Flight.**

Senate Select Committee has made an investigation of the Sheldon English flight, but has released no details pending a report to the Senate. He was expected to make it this afternoon.

The two officials traded blows in English's capital office after Sheldon was asked to come to the school department office for a conference in connection with statements the senator had made from the floor earlier in the day concerning a proposed investigation of school textbooks purchases.

In prepared statements to the press, each man and the other went first. Neither was seriously hurt.

Aid from the Sheldon English affair, the senate can't run the mill legislation to consider until the cigarette tax bill gets to that side of the legislature.

A \$2,000,000 annual appropriation bill was approved before the Senate adjourned Friday for the week end, and was sent to the house for action. However, the House appropriations committee was expected to bring out its own bill this week, perhaps in greatly different form. There was no indication which measure would be given prior consideration in the house.

**Hints To Housewives.**

GET READY TO CAN  
By Isabelle S. Thurby  
Extension Food Economist

Whatever you can, hospital-like cleanliness and sterilized cans at every step are MUNTRIN in hours canning to insure safe keeping, to save food value, to have high quality products. Read directions carefully and follow them precisely. Don't let expenses grow. The minute organisms that cause spoilage can't be seen, but they must be destroyed if food is to keep.

Non acid vegetables (which means vegetables except tomatoes and peppers), meat and fish need to be heated for about the 212 degrees Fahrenheit of boiling water in order to destroy the organisms that cause food spoilage. That is why authorities insist that the pressure cooker be used for processing such foods.

A limited number of pressure cookers will soon be on the market. If you are interested in obtaining one, see your rationing committee or your county agent. These cooks will be placed where they will serve the greatest number of people, fill the greatest need, and be most continuously in use. Those, therefore, who plan to share a cooker and to work in groups may be more likely to be given time consideration.

When canning nonacid vegetables, before starting, lay up and check equipment, large and small. Have cooker tested for accuracy of range. Perhaps a pressure canner will be used. This is a pressure cooker with a boiler and both pressure and safety valves. It is a pressure cooker having float safety valves and enough gas water to cover the float valve when it is raised.

It is important in canning to use suitable jars and lids.

Plenty of soft, clean, white rags to save stains on dish cloths tend to make the work of a busy day easier.

Jars and lids needed should be checked carefully. Only live, soft, non-cracked or new self-sealing lids should be used. Old lids should be washed thoroughly to be ready for sterilization when needed. Jar fillers and other equipment that will come in contact with food should be with great care.

The importance in canning



## Fans Are Excited Nothing Gets Army Over Arrival Here Man Down Quicker Of Speedy Swede Than No Letters

By DILLON GOODMAN  
AP Features Sports Editor

**WASHINGTON**—On a recent Saturday night, mulling over a bit of excitement in track racing because of the expected arrival shortly of a speedy Swede runner who covers a mile in approximately the time it takes to walk a mile, I asked my wife, I'm coming along on one, to choose a soft, sandy road.

The swift Swede, who has won six world records in a track meet, will be hundreds of years of knowledge of running technique to the average fan, but he is approximately the time it takes to walk a mile, I asked my wife, I'm coming along on one, to choose a soft, sandy road.

Gender here is the Swede's speedster, and he is the fastest human ever to sustain running.

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MEWHERE IN TENNESSE

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## Army Nurses Find Life In Field Is Something Else

### A Little Different From Hospital Corridors But Nurses Take It

**FIELD TO SPARE.** SOME 1,000 U.S. NURSES have been sent from the crowded and stifling corridors of city hospital to the practice of their profession under battle conditions. Now some Army nurses are serving with the Second Army in the all-inclusive field conditions of war, and find that the war proves that they can take it, though with some difficulty.

The experience of an American nurse in the field hospitals is quite different from the routine of the hospital. There are no long hours of waiting for patients. The work is short and sharp, and requires great physical exertion. The Army nurses are learning to help by preparing them for combat.

Nurses attached to this evaluation hospital of the Blue for medical service to get experience in field nursing are Captain Margaret Grace Bradshaw, acting Chief Nurse, who until her appointment was surgical nurse in the Okinawa Japanese General Hospital. Through the year previous she has served more than 100,000 patients in the Pacific.

Traveling to the middle Pacific islands in the backs of two M-40 jeeps, she and her unit of 10 nurses left San Francisco last month, completing a trip of 10,000 miles. They arrived only to find more rain and mud weather.

A typical operation hospital is usually set up in the open, usually in the shade of palm trees. The hospital is built of simple materials, such as canvas, plastic sheeting, and corrugated iron.

In the event that an operation is needed, the supply of blood plasma is usually at hand. This is stored in a cold house that provides for preserving the blood during the Red Cross blood bank. It serves as a storage center for a long period of time. It is needed, the plasma being stored in liquid form until it is required.

### BACK AGAIN



## Dick Wakefield Taking Lead As Rookie Of Year

### Pipers Are Waiting To See If He Is Worth The Bonus

EL WATSON STAFF PIA

AL GALT

W. H. COOPER



"If we wish to be free if we wish to preserve inviolate those inestimable privileges for which we have been so long contending—we must fight!"

PATRICK HENRY.

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## New Air Blows Are Struck At Germany's Transport System

Third Big Dam Is In Danger As Toll Of Death Mounts From Devastating Flood

(By Associated Press)  
Allied raiders struck paralyzing new blows at Germany's vital transport system before dawn today as flood waters unleashed by the blasting of two giant dams engulfed more than 54 cities and towns and rolled up a mounting toll of death in the German Ruhr and Weser valleys. A third big dam, was reported in danger of bursting as a result of leakage started by an R.A.F. mine.

By daylight, a large formation of planes thundered across the channel, signaling the eighth consecutive day of an Allied aerial offensive.

German officials clamped down rigid censorship on details of the war, and Berlin newspaper clamored for vengeance against the Jews.

United States Flying Fortress and other United Nations' fliers pounded Italy's key anti-invasion outposts at Sicily, Sardinia and Pantelleria in softening up attacks on Italian ports and harbors of western Sicily which pummeled the difficulties of the operation.

On the African front Axis losses in the Tunisian campaign over the remaining of the March invasion were exceeding 20,000 men, according to latest reports.

Heavy reinforcements were reflected in the German division which had been sent from Crimia to reinforce exhausted forces.

Near Lischin on the Donets River, the Russians captured a series of trenches after heavy artillery preparation and renewed land activity also was reported from the Kuban area.

Gen. Von Arnim In Allied Hands



### Senate Group Endorses Tax On Cigarettes

House Approved Bill Is Expected To Be Voted On This Week In Senate Chamber

TALLAHASSEE, May 19. (AP)—The following House bills became law yesterday without the Governor's signature: No. 436, relating to reorganization of No. 442, re-arrangement of the Silver drainage district benefits.

TALLAHASSEE, May 19. (AP)—The Senate probably will vote before the end of the week on the administration's three cent cigarette tax already approved by the House 65 to 27.

It was endorsed by the Senate Finance Committee yesterday 8 to 4 and then, to speed final action, the committee voted to bring out the same kind of a bill and put it on the calendar.

This was decided because the House bill was referred also to the Miscellaneous Legislation Committee, which has not considered it.

The Finance Committee's action means that there'll be a cigarette tax bill on the Senate calendar, regardless of whether the Miscellaneous Committee approves the House bill.

Colin English, state superintendent of education, was barred from the Senate chamber for fighting with Senator Raymond Sheldon of Tampa last Friday.

The Senate adopted a formal resolution charging English with vindictiveness in attacking Sheldon and it denied to him the privilege of the floor and gallery for the remainder of this session, which ends June 4.

Sheldon was held "free from fault" in the fight that occurred in English's office after Sheldon had sat on the Senate floor that "no school racket" should be investigated.

Governor Holland's three-cent cigarette tax to raise \$3,500,000 a year sailed through the Senate Monday and carried with it a companion bill for paying \$2,000 to old age pensions and \$1,500,000 to the counties.

The Senate tax passed 65 to 27, just as earlier test votes had shown sufficient strength to sweep it through when debate ended.

The show of strength for the bill caused Representative Innis Bradford, a cigarette tax opponent, to move the motion for the final roll call by giving the tobacco auctioneer's chant and then saying "sold to the Governor of Florida."

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