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## Hawaii Has Richly Won Privileges And Rights of Statehood

By HAROLD L. ICKES  
We have put in a lot of time articulating the British and the Dutch for their colonial policies. We have put in a lot of time articulating the rights of self-government for India, but we have not put in a lot of time articulating the rights of statehood for Hawaii. There can be little doubt that the Hawaiian people are qualified to become a state.

In 1940 the Hawaiian people voted 2 to 1 for statehood, but even without this expression, their excellent war record and proven loyalty call for the recognition that statehood is a state which has been won. The Hawaiian people have won the right to statehood, and the purchase of war bonds. Thirty-three thousand Hawaiian citizens served in the armed forces, winning numerous citations and decorations. Of this number 52 per cent were of Hawaiian ancestry. The value and distinguished courage displayed by the latter in some of the toughest battles of the war have not only dispelled the feeling of doubt that existed before the war of the availability of Hawaii for statehood, but is a remarkable fact that not a single instance of sabotage was discovered in Hawaii during the war following the Japanese attack, despite its large number of people of Japanese blood.

### FIRST PROPOSED BACK IN 1935

Statehood for Hawaii has been the first congressional committee visited the Territory to consider its desirability as a state. Another committee followed in 1937, and it was decided to postpone action until the Hawaiian people had been more settled. During the war, nevertheless, nothing was done. In December of 1945 a subcommittee of the Committee on Territories of the House of Representatives visited the Hawaiian Islands and recommended statehood.

The population of Hawaii is over half a million, which is greater than that of any other state at the time of its admission into the U. S. The Hawaiian people have brought it closer to Washington than any other island territory, and accepting only two or three, in the horse-and-buggy days.

As one of the continental United States best customers, Hawaii between 1935 and 1945 received more than \$100,000,000 from the United States. The Hawaiian people have exceeded those of several states and, except for military costs, have been greater than the amount expended upon them by the Federal Government. Last year, for example, the Territory paid over \$172,000,000. It has been an unfortunate fact that there has been too great a concentration of the business affairs of the island in the hands of the so-called five families. Perhaps the Hawaiians themselves under statehood will be able to find a solution of this problem. In any event, there is a very real opportunity in Hawaii for small business.

**BETTER MODERN THAN MANY STATES**  
In addition, educational standards are much higher than in any other state, with a minimum of literacy among native-born citizens. Library facilities are available for all, and the territory has a high standard of living. In addition to installing a standard 8-hour day, Hawaii is the only government in the United States which has the exception of Wisconsin, where the 8-hour day is extended in agricultural labor.

Aside from all else, and purely from the selfish point of view, the Hawaiian people are a rich and fertile field for investment.

**NEW STATEHOOD ON PAGE 10-A**

# COAL OPERATORS AGREE TO HOLIDAY PAYMENT

## WBT Plans 50,000-Watt FM Station Here

Spencer Mt. To Be Site Of Project  
Investment To Total \$250,000

By REED SARRATT  
Charlotte News Staff Writer  
The Southeastern Broadcasting Co. owners and operators of Radio Station WBT today applied to the Federal Communications Commission for a permit to build a 50,000 watt Frequency Modulation station to serve the Charlotte area. Charles H. Crutchfield, secretary-treasurer of Southeastern and general manager of WBT announced here. Approximately \$250,000 will be invested in the station.

Pending action by the FCC, the broadcasting company has obtained an option from Dixie Power Co. for the purchase of Spencer Mountain, located in Gaston County six miles and one-half miles from Charlotte. The price which is to be paid for the site is \$25,000. The real estate transaction is being handled by Lee Kinney.

On Jan. 30, FCC gave to WBT a license to operate a "metropolitan" FM station to serve an area within a radius of 10 miles of Charlotte. Plans had been made for an investment of approximately \$50,000 in this station.

The application which was made today is for a "rural" FM station, which will serve an area within a radius of approximately 100 miles.

"We have decided," Mr. Crutchfield explained, "since FM has been so rapidly spreading in the last few months, that the metropolitan station for which we have been granted a conditional grant is inadequate to serve our needs. The FCC has indicated that we should apply for a rural station which will serve a larger area and will provide for more equitable distribution of the obligation of the Government, are giving considerable attention to personal property."

**SUGGESTED PLAN**  
Suggestion that a plan of assessing personal property at a flat ten per cent of the real estate has been advanced but it is believed that state-wide legislation is necessary. Under this plan, the property owner would be given the right to reject the ten per cent assessment on real estate property and in that event tax assessors would make a personal inspection and appraise the personal property.

This plan, however, would not bring it in line with those who do not own real estate and the large group of apartment houses and other buildings which escape the listing of their household furnishings, jewelry and other personal property.

The sewer service charge, based on the water consumption, is a method of assessing three cents per foot of sewerage pipe. On the present plan, a 30-foot lot pays the same for sewerage disposal.

**SEE WATER BILL ON PAGE 11-A**

# Way Cleared For Increase Of 22 Cents On \$1.15 Authorized

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Soft coal operators today agreed to pay \$3,000,000 in back holiday pay claimed by John L. Lewis miners, clearing the way for discussion of key issues in the deadlocked negotiations.

In a statement the operators said that in agreeing to make the payment, the action "is not to be construed as a concession in any way of any merit in the demand made, nor as establishing a precedent for future action."

# New City Revenue Measure Readied

An ordinance that would bring some \$150,000 or \$200,000 in new revenue through collection of a sewer charge of 25 per cent of the water bill is expected to be framed and ready for presentation to the City Council next week.

# Sewer Charge Proposed

WASHINGTON — (AP) — House Military Committee sources predicted today President Truman will issue an executive order tomorrow continuing the Selective Service organization, without inductions, if Congress fails to extend the draft law expiring at midnight Wednesday.

# Brozek Girl Indicted By Grand Jury

ASHEVILLE — (AP) — A Federal Grand Jury today returned a three-count indictment against a girl, 19-year-old nursemaid, on a charge of kidnaping a child. The girl, identified as Rosemary Johnson, was known as Rosemary Johnson in Charlotte, N. C. now in custody of the infant's mother. She is the outcome of extradition proceedings.

# 355-Day Boy

NEW YORK — (AP) — A 355-day-old boy, named after his mother, was born to a woman who had been pregnant for 355 days. The boy was born on April 24, 1944, and a son was born to his wife April 14, 1944.

# Naval Officer Ruled Father Of Infant

NEW YORK — (AP) — A 24-year-old New York resident says he will appeal a ruling of the New York Supreme Court that he is the father of a boy born to his pretty, blonde wife last days after he left for the Pacific.

# Weather

Partly cloudy and cooler today and tomorrow. Tuesday with light rain beginning in afternoon.

# Argentine Firm To Open Plant Here

Plans for the manufacture in Charlotte of rapped-soled canvas shoes by a \$2,000,000 Argentine corporation were announced this afternoon by Henry W. Clausen of Buenos Aires, who will head the Charlotte plant. Clausen & Co. operations will be underway in about 90 days. The company president has arrived in the city to complete final arrangements for the first time a commercial history. Argentine capital has been invested in U. S. business, and Argentine machinery has been shipped to the States for use in many factories here. Mr. Clausen said, C. O. Kistner, Charlotte Chamber of Commerce executive for the past 10 years and the man chiefly responsible for the location of the firm here, said today that in his four decades of putting Charlotte on the map that this was the first time a man had come 7,000 miles to launch an industry here.

# Move To Get Air Service

Robert Lassiter Jr., young airman and former Navy pilot, was appointed executive director of the new municipal Aviation Committee today and given the job of formulating and executing a plan to obtain more air transport service for Charlotte.

The committee met at Thacker's, with Chairman John L. Wilkinson presiding, discussed the work to be started immediately by Mr. Lassiter, and made initial plans for the new airport. The committee chairman, Mr. Lassiter, said one of the committee members will make a detailed study of Charlotte's needs, talk with many aviation experts, work out a program of action, and submit the program to the committee for approval.

# Connie Bennett To Marry Fifth

HOLLYWOOD — (AP) — Actress Connie Bennett will be married June 22 for the fifth time. She and Col. John Thayer Coulter, who is chief of staff of the Army Air Transport Command's Pacific Division, will be wed at the Mission Inn, Riverside, Calif. Coulter is stationed at Hampton Field, near San Francisco.

# Embattled Women Stand Off Men And Bulldozer To Save Trees

**INJUNCTION SAVES THE DAY**  
GOLDSBORO — (AP) — Led by Mrs. Will West, women of South Central County today stood off a force of City workmen with a bulldozer and prevented the removal of trees in Robinson Park until an injunction stopping the work could be secured.

The temporary restraining order was signed by Superior Court Judge Henry A. Stevens in Wake and returned to Goldsboro late Saturday to complete service on City officials that day.

The order is made returnable before Judge Stevens in Goldsboro on May 18 for argument on whether to make the restraining order permanent. Docketing court proceedings were taken by properly owners of South Central.

**The Right Tool**  
Carolina Farmers know the importance of the right tool for every job. And they know, too, that the right place to look for the finest farming news and notes is the Carolina Farmer, appearing every Monday in the Charlotte News.

**Budget Adopted By County Board**  
By TOM WATKINS  
Charlotte News Staff Writer  
The Board of County Commissioners today adopted the 1946-47 fiscal year budget of \$2,978,000.55, which is approximately \$361,526.08 greater than that of the previous year, and fixed the tax rate at \$1.15 which is an increase of 22 cents on the \$100 property valuation.

The tax levy for the year 1946 was based on a total valuation of \$167,000,000.

The county-wide tax rate was set at 95 cents and the school supplement at 20 cents, or a total of \$1.15. Last year the tax rate was 73 cents and the school supplement 20 cents, total 93 cents.

**RATE**  
The rate of taxation levied on each \$100 assessed valuation on all property in the county follows:  
General county fund, 15 cents.  
Bulldozer and maintenance, 1.40 cents.  
Poor fund, 1.95 cents.  
Public health, 6.00 cents.  
Preservation of health, 8.00 cents.  
Old-age assistance, 4.00 cents.  
County school fund, 1.00 cents.  
County debt service fund, 1.50 cents.  
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Industrial Home, 0.20 cents.  
Drainage fund, 1.00 cents.  
Public libraries fund, 4.00 cents.  
School maintenance of plant, 6.00 cents.  
School vocational education, 3.74 cents.  
County school capital outlay, 1.00 cents.  
City school capital outlay fund, 6.00 cents.  
General school debt service fund, 3.98 cents.  
Public health fund, 21,000.00 cents.  
The break down in the school supplement follows:  
County school debt service fund, 0.20 cents.  
School capital supplement fund, 1.50 cents.  
Total 20.00 cents.  
Combined total, \$1.15.

**Draft Order Predicted**  
WASHINGTON — (AP) — House Military Committee sources predicted today President Truman will issue an executive order tomorrow continuing the Selective Service organization, without inductions, if Congress fails to extend the draft law expiring at midnight Wednesday.

The President has power, they said, to make the Selective Service organization a part of the executive office under recently enacted reorganization legislation. They declined to be quoted directly on the House may act late today on a Senate measure extending the draft law until July 31.

**Publisher Dies In Futile Effort To Save Children**  
PRINCETON, Ill. — (AP) — John W. Bailey, publisher of the Princeton Daily Herald, and his two children burned to death today in a fire which destroyed their home near here.

Bailey was trapped in the fire which he attempted to rescue the two children, Nancy, seven, and John, four. He had pushed his wife, Mary, out a window in the discovery of the fire. She suffered shock but was not injured. The two children were taken to enter the house were fruitless.

**LAST YEAR'S BUDGET**  
Last year's budget called for a general fund of \$2,616,474.60, plus maintenance fund of \$300,000. Total \$2,916,474.60. Actual 1945-46: General fund, \$2,978,000.55. Maintenance fund, \$300,000. Total \$3,278,000.55. Increase of \$361,526.08.

**GENERAL FUND**  
General fund, \$2,978,000.55. Public health, \$6,000.00. Preservation of health, \$8,000.00. Old-age assistance, \$4,000.00. County school fund, \$1,000.00. County debt service fund, \$1,500.00. Industrial Home, \$200.00. Drainage fund, \$1,000.00. Public libraries fund, \$4,000.00. School maintenance of plant, \$6,000.00. School vocational education, \$3,740.00. County school capital outlay, \$1,000.00. City school capital outlay fund, \$6,000.00. General school debt service fund, \$3,980.00. Public health fund, \$21,000.00. Total \$2,978,000.55.