

Resident Held For Theft Of Gas Coupons

T. O. Walker Charged with Taking 35,000 Gallons In Tickets

CONFESSION SIGNED

3,000 Fuel Oil Vouchers Also Taken From Local Oil Company

Definite evidence of possible large-scale black market operations in gasoline ration tickets was revealed here on Thursday morning when Thaddeus Ottaway Walker, 42-year-old white man, waived a preliminary examination before Recorder H. Winfield Smith and was bound over to superior court on charges of embezzling ration tickets good for 35,000 gallons of gasoline and 3,000 fuel oil coupons from the American Oil company here.

Walker was placed in jail in default of \$5,000 bond.

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Fales said that none of the tickets alleged to be stolen by Walker, whose home is at 9-G Nesbitt Courts, had been recovered.

It was the first case of an alleged violation of government rationing.

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LOCAL ATTORNEY HEADS TB GROUP

Emmett Bellamy Elected President Of New Hanover Association

Emmett Bellamy, local attorney, was elected to the presidency of the New Hanover Tuberculosis and Health association at its organizational meeting in the Health building Thursday afternoon.

The new organization adopted a constitution, patterned along lines of the State TB association constitution, elected a full slate of officers, and named a board of directors.

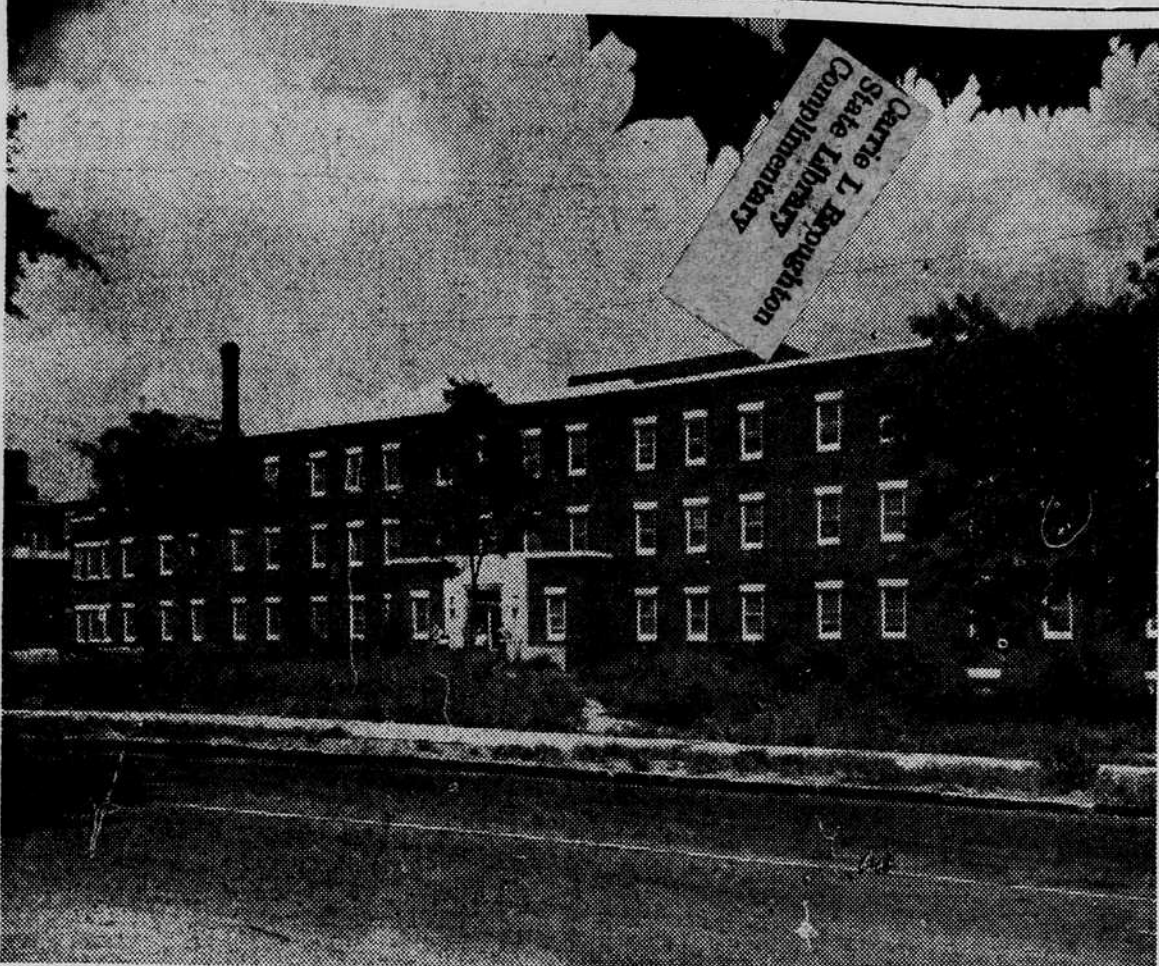
Decision was reached to hold quarterly meetings, and to hold a large annual session in May of each year. The possibilities of securing a paid executive secretary was considered, but it was explained that such a step would depend upon the income from sale of tuberculosis seals at Christmas.

The purpose of the association, plans for which were first advanced at a meeting last Thursday, was said to be the conducting of an educational campaign against tuberculosis and for health promotion in the county. It will be financed through the sale of seals.

The full roster of officers includes Mr. Bellamy, Mrs. Alex Sprunt, vice-president; Miss Johanna Rehder, secretary; Mrs. Harris Newman, treasurer; Dr. A. H. Elliot and Dr. J. C. Wessel, honorary vice-presidents. The executive committee will be composed of these officers, together with three members-at-large, chosen

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New Hospital Addition Nears Completion In City



The exterior of the FWA sponsored wing to James Walker Memorial Hospital presents an attractive appearance.

ASIATIC LEADER TO MEET CHIANG

Mountbatten To Confer With Chinese Chief Before Action Starts

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—(AP)—The staff conferences which Lord Louis Mountbatten began today with high-ranking American military leaders will be followed in the near future by similar discussions in Chungking with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek before a campaign is begun against the Japanese in Burma.

This was learned tonight after Mountbatten, appointed 24 hours ago as Allied supreme commander in Southeast Asia, arrived by plane from Canada to talk with Army and Navy officials.

At the same time, these aspects of plans already made and others yet to be formulated were reported: (1) The main objective of Mountbatten's operations will be to increase the present trickle of supplies to China to a flood, indicating a general Burma campaign, although attacks also may be made in Malaya.

(2) Mountbatten's staff is not yet chosen in its entirety, but he will have a British chief of staff, an American—already selected but not identified publicly—as deputy chief of staff, and probably an

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Local OPA Enforcement Attorney's Office May Be Permanently Ended

Theodore S. Johnson, state director of the Office of Price Administration, said Thursday night that the position of enforcement attorney for the Wilmington area which was vacated August 15 by J. Frank Hackler, "will quite likely not be filled."

Mr. Johnson explained that the state OPA budget had been reduced, and that it has not yet been determined exactly where personnel reductions will be made.

Meanwhile, Dan J. Herrin, food rationing officer, and Herbert Blumenthal, price official, with their stenographers, are the only remaining members of the area OPA staff, with headquarters in the Trust building. The several investigators formerly employed have been assigned to duty in the Raleigh district office.

Enforcement work for the territory has been handled recently by representatives from the Raleigh district.

New Hospital Addition To Open In Mid-October

The overworked medical staff of James Walker Memorial hospital and the overcrowded occupants of that institution look forward to the opening, sometime between October 15 and October 31, of a new 108-bed wing. Equipment, not construction, will be responsible for the delayed opening, C. F. Churchill, Federal Works Agency engineer, said Thursday.

But the hospital's nurses are expected to move into at least the top floors of the new four-story, 70-bed addition to their home approximately September 1—in time for the arrival of a new class. The paint job in that building is being completed now. The nurses are pointing with pride to the fine reception room, where they will be able to entertain their friends during off-duty hours.

Wilmington's newest hospital facilities will cost \$308,000, of which the Federal Works Agency granted \$428,000. The former figure includes everything—equipment, engineering, and construction. Actual construction cost was said to be \$442,300.

The handsome new addition is a three-story brick structure (with basement) designed by Lynch and Foard, Wilmington architects. It possesses fire walls, and the wood interior has been treated with a chemical that renders burning almost impossible. (After the war, a sprinkler system will be installed.)

First floor and second-floor corridors connect the old building with the new, giving persons in the new wing ready access to elevator service.

The structure will be steam-heated, and high-pressure boilers will be provided for the sterilizing of instruments and materials.

Perhaps one of the most welcome features of the entire construction program will be the new incinerator, where for the first time the hospital will be able to dispose of its quantities of garbage quickly and effectively. This supplement to the boiler room is expected to promote increased sanitary conditions, inasmuch as the handling of waste has not been an easy problem since facilities have been overtaxed.

Engineer Churchill reported that grounds for the wing will be approximately landscaped, and that there will be an abundance of walks and drives.

The new plant, under construction since December 29, 1942, will be turned over by FWA to members of the hospital board of managers, of which J. C. Roe is chairman, when the last bit of work is finished and the equipment received.

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People Of Nazi Capital Reported Fleeing City; Russians Pursuing Axis

800 GERMANS DIE

Numerous Enemy Counterattacks Beaten Down By Steppe Army

TANKS KNOCKED OUT

First Goal Of Drive Is Apparently Poltava, Vital Railroad

LONDON, Thursday, Aug. 27.—(AP)—The Soviet steppe army pursuing German troops retreating toward the Dnieper river west of Kharkov gained three and one-half miles yesterday, wiping out 800 enemy rearguards, routing two battalions and capturing several villages, Moscow announced early today.

Numerous enemy counterattacks were beaten down in the relentless chase across the hot Ukraine plains, the daily communique said, as the Russians under Gen. Ivan S. Konev broke into villages and reduced them in bitter street fighting. Fifteen tanks were smashed or burned in one engagement.

Poltava Already By-passed

The bulletin gave no indication how far the Russians had advanced west of Khakov, but the first big goal apparently is Poltava, 75 miles to the southwest on the railroad leading to the Dnieper, another 75 miles beyond.

One Russian column already had by-passed Poltava on the north in a direct plunge toward the major goal of Kiev, Ukraine capital. This Red army group was within 45 miles of the Kiev-Poltava railway and other lines criss-crossing the central Ukraine.

In the Donets basin, the Russians said, Red troops killed 2,000 Germans and destroyed 48 tanks yesterday in fighting south of Izium and southwest of Voroshilovgrad. Whole trainloads of ammunition and other booty were captured in lunges which were encountered an absorbing frequent Axis counterattacks, said the communique, recorded by the Soviet monitor.

Konev, whose troops captured Kharkov Monday and rushed on toward the city after the withdrawing Germans, was raised from colonel general to general yesterday, a Moscow broadcast disclosed. Markian M. Popov, whose troops seized Orel and are now fighting 25 miles east of Bry-

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French National Group Recognized By America

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—(AP)—America and Great Britain gave limited recognition tonight to the right of the French Committee of National Liberation to administer the empire of fallen France but they stopped short of calling the committee a government.

In statements so similarly worded that they showed evidence of joint composition, perhaps in the recent Quebec conferences, the two governments chorused that it would be up to the people of France to choose their own government once the Nazis are routed.

"The government of the United States," said a statement issued by President Roosevelt's name, "recognizes the French Committee of National Liberation as administering those French overseas territories which acknowledge its authority."

The British statement in London, added that recognition was accorded also to the committee's "having assumed func-

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FRENZIED PUBLIC

Mosquito Bombers Further Harass Berlin As Tension Increases

GOVERNMENT MOVING

BBC Says Nazis Arranging To Scatter Offices To East And South

LONDON, Aug. 26.—(AP)—Bombed and burned Berlin, harassed for the third night in a row by RAF Mosquito bombers, was tonight reported being deserted by its panic stricken population with 500,000 fugitives already in Poland.

As Mosquitos kept up their "insomnia" tactics on the German capital, the British Broadcasting System said the Nazi government was arranging to scatter itself to occupied territory to the east and southeast.

Late this afternoon U. S. Eighth Air Force Marauder medium bombers, with RAF, Dominion and Allied Spitfires running interference, heaped new explosive destruction on Nazi airdromes at Caen in Normandy, a joint American-British commu-

nication announced. The Spitfires then swept over northern France in a further offensive. Returning crews reported good bombing results.

Two Fighters Blasted

RAF Spitfire blasted two enemy fighters out of the sky. No Allied planes were lost in the operations.

Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler's minister of the interior apparently was headed for Prague, the BBC said in reporting the exodus of a half million to Poland. The broadcast overseas declared the foreign ministry might move to Vienna, the ministry of education to Posen and the labor ministry to Krakow.

Other sections of the fugitive population was traveling to the Baltic states and Austria, the BBC stated. Many Germans were said to be entering Poland reluctantly fearing for their lives when victory by the United Nations free the Poles.

Reports from neutral capitals declared Berlin "lives in real panic" and the damage has been catastrophic.

The RAF campaign is to keep Berlin residents in constant suspense by nuisance raids between heavy blows. With big bomber forces grounded the Mosquitos sent the inhabitants of Hitler's stronghold scurrying to their shelters for more than half an hour in the middle of the night.

Pilots of the lightning-fast British light bombers said fires were still burning in the city from the RAF's 700 plane assault three days ago, and that the Germans put up a full scale anti-aircraft barrage.

The RAF tactics not only kept the civilians in the city on edge, but forced the Nazis to keep their tired anti-aircraft gun crews at their posts hours on end. The alarms caused by the Mosquitos

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NAZIS DESTROY SWEDISH BOATS

Neutral Country Has New Issue To Take Up With Hitler's Regime

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 26.—(AP)—Neutral Sweden tonight had a new issue to take up with Germany—the reported North Sea sinking of two Swedish fishing boats by three German destroyers.

The Swedish foreign office said naval authorities had started a swift investigation of the story told by fishermen of three other boats which, they said, managed to elude the Nazi attack that sent two down in flames off Denmark, with a possible loss of 12 lives.

If confirmed, the foreign office said the government would consider the case "extremely serious."

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LIGHTNINGS RAKE ITALY'S TREETOPS

Nazi Troops Struck Flat-footed By Daring Daylight Assault

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Aug. 26.—(AP)—Waves of Lightning fighters, shooting their way across Italy at treetop height, opened one of the war's most successful air attacks yesterday when Flying Fortresses and Liberators smashed Foggia airdrome, its ten satellite fields and the railroad yards into smoking ruins.

Completely surprising air and ground crews, the twin-tailed Lightnings darted over their targets with cannon and machine-guns spitting a hail of lead which cut down swaths of fleeing Germans and Italians and set strings of bright fires in hangars and planes.

Then the Liberators and Fortresses, in successive waves, roared onto the scene and tumbled their heavy loads of high explosive and splinter bombs onto the fields which were left a ghastly chaos of craters, flaming buildings and blackened aircraft.

At least 26 enemy planes were knocked out of the sky in the all-American attack, raising to 175 the total of Axis aircraft destroyed in air battle since last Thursday. Scores more were wrecked on the ground and from 200 to 300 dead and wounded were left in sprawling windrows, it was announced at Allied headquarters.

The Axis planes caught flatfooted had been assembled in southern Italy to meet a possible invasion of Europe from the Mediterranean and included Junkers 88 bombers and Junkers 52 transports. The bombers represented the bulk of the once great bomber fleet which Field Marshal General Albert Kesselring, Axis air leader in Sicily, had based on the island until systematic bombing of his bases before the invasion there compelled him to withdraw them to the Italian mainland.

The presence of the transports indicated the Axis had despaired of keeping either the railways or highways of Italy open to military traffic in the face of the terrific Allied air attacks and therefore were dependent on aircraft to haul personnel and materials.

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Mayor Cameron Will Review Camp Davis Soldiers On Parade

Final preparations went forward Thursday for the impressive review to be given by the 50th AAA Brigade at Camp Davis at 4 P. M. Thursday afternoon in honor of Mayor Bruce Cameron of Wilmington.

The review, a colorful feature of which will be a massing of the colors of ten battalions amidst the marching groups. The ten battalions which will participate comprise the 50th Brigade.

With Mayor Cameron and his staff on the reviewing stand will be Brig. Gen. Clare H. Armstrong, commanding general of the Anti-aircraft Artillery Training Center in the absence of Brig. Gen. James E. Townsend.

Other Camp Davis officials invited to attend the review include Brig. Gen. Bryan L. Milburn, commandant of the Anti-aircraft Artillery School, and Col. Adam E. Potts, camp commander.

Following the review Gen. Armstrong will hold a tea in his quarters at camp for the various guests.

CITY TO REQUEST RECREATION FUND

Application To Be Made With Emphasis On War Worker Problem

The city will make a new application for Federal funds to develop a municipal recreation program, with an emphasis on war worker recreation, City Manager A. C. Nichols revealed Thursday night after a conference with Mrs. Helen S. Hoggard, field recreation supervisor for the Federal Works Agency.

Mrs. Hoggard made an extensive tour of the city and of war worker projects here, in company with Jesse Reynolds, newly appointed city recreational director.

The city manager said Mrs. Hoggard indicated that there was "sufficient need" to warrant a Federal allocation of funds for recreational purposes.

The allocation would include funds for the continued operation of the Woodrow Wilson hut, now operating on a temporary basis since the demise of the Works Progress Administration.

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WEATHER

FORECAST NORTH CAROLINA: Continued rather warm. (Eastern Standard Time) (By U. S. Weather Bureau) Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., yesterday. Temperature: 1:30 a. m., 77; 7:30 a. m., 78; 1:30 p. m., 90; 7:30 p. m., 81. Maximum 91; minimum 77, mean 84, normal 77. Humidity: 1:30 a. m., 87; 7:30 a. m., 88; 1:30 p. m., 58; 7:30 p. m., 74. Precipitation: Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., 0.00 inches. Total since the first of the month, 4.68 inches. Tides For Today: High 7:08a 2:04p Low 7:59p 2:12a Wilmington 5:09a 11:03a 5:30p 11:08p Masonboro Inlet 5:14a 11:08p 5:35p 11:13a Moore's Inlet 5:19a 11:13a 5:40p 11:18p New Topsail Inlet (Elmore's) 5:24a 11:18p 5:45p 11:23p (All times Eastern Standard) (All times Eastern Standard) Sunrise 5:42 a. m.; Sunset 6:45 p. m.; moonrise 2:46 a. m.; moonset 4:59 p. m. Cape Fear River stage at Fayetteville on Thursday, at 8 a. m., 9.25 feet.

City Makes Test On New Water Plant

The city's new seven-million-gallon filter plant was scheduled to go into operation late Thursday night with the first of a series of test runs being pumped through the completed plant, City Engineer J. O. Loughlin said Thursday afternoon.

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