

STATE MAY QUERY ECTC HEAD TODAY

GREENVILLE, July 2.—(AP)—After being in special recess today, the second trial of Dr. Leon R. Meadows, former president of East Carolina Teachers College, will enter its fifth week tomorrow when direct examination of the defendant by his own attorneys will continue.

Judge J. Paul Frizzelle, the presiding jurist, recessed the special term when court was convened this morning in respect to J. Frank Harrington, Pitt County Superior Court clerk for 27 years, who died yesterday.

Harrington, 72, died after several days illness. Funeral services were held at 4 p. m., today. His successor will be appointed by Judge Frizzelle.

Dr. Meadows, who is charged with the alleged misappropriation of more than \$14,000 in special college and student funds while president of the college, is expected to be turned over to the State late tomorrow for cross examination.

The defendant's testimony taken during most of last week followed much the same pattern as in the first trial of the case last spring, when a jury failed to agree and a mistrial was ordered after eight weeks of legal battling.

The former educator, who retired at his own request after his board of trustees had exonerated him of similar charges carried in a State Auditor's report, on which the State's case is based, has steadfastly maintain that he was guilty of no misappropriation of funds while serving as ECTC president. He has testified that he even advanced some of his own funds to the college to effect badly needed repairs, and had not been reimbursed for some of the funds he advanced.

Court officials now are predicting the trial will continue for another four weeks.

MODERN 'MAGIC CARPET'

CHICAGO, July 2.—(AP)—Sayed Hafidh Al-Kadi, Sheik of ancient Baghdad, explained while visiting Chicago that his modern "Magic Carpet" has four motors and is capable of flying several hundred miles an hour.

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CHICAGO, July 2.—(AP)—Women workers of the Elgin National Watch Co., have presented \$2,000 to the American Foundation for the Blind for the purchase of Braille watches for 250 blind veterans of World War II.

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TRUMAN SPENDS DAY VISITING IN KANSAS CITY



CALLING ON OLD FRIENDS in near-by Kansas City, Mo., President Harry S. Truman puts in a restful vacation day. Receiving a lei (top, left) from Tommy Bowles, 5, he holds a flower for the lad to smell. At a haberdashery shop (top, right) he talks over old times with his former business associate Edward Jacobson. And (bottom) he feasts with former school chums at an old-fashioned picnic, after receiving an honorary degree as Doctor of Laws in 56th anniversary ceremonies at School of Laws, University of Kansas City. (International)

Businessmen Approve New Development Plans

A five-point plan approved by business and other groups of the community for the future industrial development of Wilmington and nearby areas was announced yesterday by C. M. Harrington, president of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.

Provisions for financing new plant facilities, training labor and providing housing, schools and recreational facilities for workers are included in the program.

The five points are as follows: 1.—A group of citizens, Wilmington Association, have underwritten a fund of \$300,000.00 to provide additional working capital for establishing manufacturing companies, which have a background of successful operation.

2.—A company known as Industrial Properties, Inc., has been established by interested parties to provide for the construction of factory buildings to be leased to prospective industries.

3.—The New Hanover county school system has a well diversified vocational training program for youth and adult, and during the last five years has trained over 12,000 for various types of

industries, and is prepared to enlarge this program so as to take care of new industries which contemplate locating in Wilmington and New Hanover county.

4.—Working in close cooperation with the Wilmington Housing Authority, the community is prepared to offer interested parties the advantages of an ideal industrial development providing permanent low-cost housing, modern schools, nurseries, parks and supervised recreational facilities for white and colored, situated in the newly selected industrial areas, a development which has been declared by experts to be one of the outstanding locations of its kind in the country.

5.—That local agencies including the city and county governments have agreed to cooperate to the highest degree in providing facilities for these industries.

Mr. Harrington said that the plan has won wide approval and many out-of-state concerns were expressing interest in the proposal. Several companies have already arranged to locate plants in Wilmington during the post-war period, he added.

Nine Prisoners Freed On Order Of Governor

RALEIGH, July 2.—(AP)—Nine prisoners, including two serving sentences for second degree murder, were paroled today by Governor Cherry. Those freed:

Sam Hudson, sentenced in Bertie County in May 1942 to from seven to ten years for second degree murder; James (Boy) Harper, sentenced in Pitt County in January 1942 to from ten to 12 years for second degree murder; Herman Barbour, sentenced in Harnett County in January 1943 to 12 months for violating the prohibition law; Andrew Brinson, sentenced in Durham County in May of this year to eight months for larceny; Robert Jones, sentenced in Robeson County in April 1944 to three years for breaking, entering and larceny; Chester Manning, sentenced in Forsyth County in December, 1944, to 18 months for larceny from the person; George Worthy, sentenced in Burke County last February to 12 months for larceny; Norman Walters, sentenced in Watauga County in April 1943 to four years for forcible trespass and larceny; and Elijah Williams, sentenced in Vance County in October 1943 to from five to eight years for assault with a deadly weapon.

DAVIS APPROVES "FRINGE" WAGES

WASHINGTON, July 2.—(AP)—Economic Stabilization Director William H. Davis tonight approved "fringe" wage agreements between five big meat packing companies and 70,000 packinghouse workers.

The wage adjustments, previously approved by the War Labor Board, are effective immediately. Companies involved are Armour and Co., Cudahy Packing Co., John Morrell and Co., Swift and Co., and Wilson and Co. Employees are represented by the Amalgamated Meat Cutters (AFL), the United Packing House Workers, (CIO), and the International Brotherhood of Packinghouse Workers, (IND.)

In a letter notifying the board of his approval, Davis made it clear that he had acted only on wage aspects of the cases and had made no determination as to whether price relief would be necessary.

He said the Office of Price Administration had reported to him that "it is difficult to estimate in advance of operating experience, the actual increase in costs resulting from wage awards of the kind approved in these cases." He said, however, that "on an overall basis the large packers may be able to absorb the wage increases without any increase in prices or subsidies."

Lower Air Travel Rates Seen By Airline Chief

WASHINGTON, July 2.—(AP)—S. J. Solomon, president of Atlantic Airlines, Inc., said today "day coach" air travels, with rates within reach of the average American traveler, will become a reality, linking New England with the Deep South, if an application he filed is approved by the civil aeronautics board.

Solomon, who resigned as chairman of the board of Northeast Airlines, said he plans to have the organized Atlantic Air Lines provide frequent air transportation at low cost over routes between Providence, R. I., and New Orleans, covering 14 states.

"Postwar air travel must no longer be limited solely to the wealthy and big business," Solomon said.

Scientists Lay Plans To Study Solar Eclipse

NEW YORK, July 2.—(AP)—Next week's total eclipse of the sun, one of nature's grandest spectacles to laymen, will climax months of hard work and journeys of thousands of miles for astronomical scientists.

Solar eclipses are serious business to science, providing a chance that comes only once every decade or so to gain further information on the many mysteries of the universe.

If weather conditions are right, July 9, the long preparations and expeditions—two American and one Canadian—will be well worth the effort. They will set up delicate instruments at remote points in Northern Montana and Manitoba and Saskatchewan in Western Canada in the hope of gaining new and important information on sunspots, radio reception and photographic data on the "flash spectrum," the shell of glowing gases around the sun visible only at total eclipse.

The July 9 eclipse will be the first total solar blackout visible in the U. S. since 1932 and there won't be another total phase until June 30, 1955.

The belt of totality in the United States, some 35 miles wide, begins about 10 miles southeast of Cascade, Idaho, where the sun will rise at 6:04 a. m. (Mountain War Time). From there the moon's shadow will streak northeastward at a mile a second clip, five miles south of Butte, Mont., into northeast Montana, into Canada and over Russia where the eclipse will end at sundown.

Although the eclipse in all its phases will last about two hours, totality in America will be only about a half minute, varying from 26 seconds in Butte to 34 seconds in Saskatchewan and 76 seconds in Greenland.

First in line along the belt of totality will be a party of astronomers from Princeton University, led by Prof. John Q. Stewart, associate professor of astronomical physics. The Princeton group, which will include Dr. James Stokely of Schenectady, N. Y., General Electric Co., scientist, and Dr. and Mrs. Ira M. Freeman, plans to observe the eclipse from a point on the center line about 15 miles south of Malta in northern Montana.

This party, with the aid of laymen observers in Idaho and Montana, plans to concentrate on observations of the moon's shadow in the sky and general illumination during totality, which Prof. Stewart said had been made only infrequently in the past because astronomers had centered on the chromosphere and corona.

Another American expedition, sponsored by the Philadelphia Bulletin, and headed by Dr. Roy K. Marshall, director of the Fels Planetarium at Franklin Institute, will set up headquarters at the little Saskatchewan town of Wolseley, about 60 miles east of Regina.

Included in this party, which will fly from Philadelphia, will be Dr. Richard M. Sutton, professor of physics at Haverford College and Dr. Orrie Mohler of the University of Michigan.

This group, equipped with a battery of cameras ranging from a 40-footer with a five-inch lens to an automatic motion picture camera set to make exposures every four seconds, will photograph every phase of the spectacle for thorough study later. The scientists plan a four-day rehearsal on the spot to insure that there will be no slip-ups during the 34-second period of totality.

Still another group, headed by G. E. Leseur of the Dominion observatory at Ottawa, and A. G. Camron, an astrophysical student from Winnipeg, will set up an observation post at a remote Canadian location.

In addition to photographing the eclipse in all phases, the expeditions plan intricate tests to determine what affect the crossing of the moon before the sun has on the earth's magnetic field and on radio reception, the range of which increases after sunset. Scientists attempting to discover just what effect the sun has on radio waves believe experiments made while the sun is eclipsed during daylight hours may provide some of the answers.

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Postal Receipts Drop Down With Population

Wilmington postoffice receipts for June totaled \$35,094.75, as against \$37,935.64 for May, it was revealed yesterday by officials. Receipts for the second quarter, April 1 to June 30, totaled \$107,473.07 this year, compared to \$129,110.01 for the same quarter of last year. The reason given by officials for the decrease in receipts was the decline in population.

Sale of the three cent denominated Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial stamps, received Saturday, was reported large yesterday, at the postoffice, and it was stated that the one cent Franklin Roosevelt stamps were ordered last week, and are expected sometime this month. Franklin Roosevelt stamps of two and possibly five cent denominations, will be placed on sale sometime in the future.

Jury Exonerates Sweeper Operator

"Unavoidable accident" was the finding of coroner's inquest Sunday into the death of Walter James Backus, two-year old Negro boy, who was injured when struck by a city street sweeper Saturday morning.

C. V. Garrett, of 6 Wooster street, operator of the sweeper, was exonerated from blame for the accident, Coroner Asa W. Allen reported.

The Negro boy died Saturday night. He was riding in a pushcart being pushed by two friends at the time of the accident, his companions escaping injury.

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Macon County Official Dies At Raleigh Hotel

RALEIGH, July 2.—(AP)—Gus Leach, 75, chairman of the Macon County Board of Commissioners died of a heart attack in his room at the Sir Walter Hotel here today, Coroner Roy M. Banks reported.

Banks said Leach had attended a hearing before the State Board of Tax Assessments earlier in the day but complained of being ill and returned with two friends to his hotel room. He became unconscious shortly after arriving there and died before medical aid arrived.

With Leach at the time of his death were R. S. Jones, Franklin Lawyer, and George H. Ward, Asheville lawyer.

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In Six War Loan drives New Hanover County has exceeded its "E" War Bond Quota. As of June 29th "E" Bond sales in the Seventh War Loan amounted to \$2,030,126.25, against a Quota of \$2,478,000. We must therefore sell \$447,873.75 of "E" Bonds by July 7th in order to meet this Quota and keep New Hanover County's record unblemished.

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