

FORECAST

Wilmington and vicinity: Clear to partly cloudy. Slightly cooler today and tonight.

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Arthur Perry Hurt As Car Strikes Bike

INJURIES CRITICAL

13-Year-Old Boy Suffers Broken Leg, Arm And Fractured Skull

Arthur (Artie) Perry, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert F. Perry, 107 Mimosa Place, was critically injured last night at 6:15 o'clock when the bicycle which he was riding, was struck by an automobile.

He was taken to James Walker Memorial hospital where attaches said last night that he had not recovered sufficiently from shock to give any definite report on his condition.

The accident occurred one mile east of Oleander Courts ap. on the New Wrightsville highway. The car which struck the Perry boy, was being operated by Harmon Farrow, Route 2, Wilmington, officers said.

The Perry boy who was accompanied on another bicycle by Oliver Hutaff, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hutaff, 109 Mimosa Place, suffered a broken right arm and right leg and compress fractures of the skull.

According to patrolman Flowers of the State Highway department, Farrow said that the boys were apparently traveling east, and that when he first saw them the Perry boy who was riding to the rear was placed so that the front left fender of his machine struck young Perry, knocking him from the bicycle.

Young Perry also hit the headlamp, and the impact on the windshield knocked a hole in the left side. The bicycle was crushed under the car.

Farrow is also reported to have stated that his car was operating at about 35 miles an hour speed at the time of the accident. He said that when the car struck the Perry youth, he swerved it hard to left in time to avoid injury to the Hutaff boy.

The bicycle on which young Hutaff was riding, was struck by the car, Farrow stated.

Passengers in the Farrow car said that another car facing them caused poor visibility.

Farrow received a deep laceration on his chin, supposedly caused by broken glass from the windshield. No arrest was made.

WAR BOND DRIVE IN STATE FAILS TO REACH QUOTA

WINSTON-SALEM, Dec. 31.—(AP)—The Victory Loan Campaign closed tonight with North Carolina \$4,300,000 short of its "E" bond goal on the basis of tabulations thus far.

However, a deluge of remittances from bond issuing agencies reaching the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond today—and as yet uncounted—brought new hope that the quota may be reached, State War Finance Chairman Clarence T. Leinbach said.

Leinbach, in announcing "E" bond sales reported through December 29 totaled \$25,700,000 as against a quota of \$30,000,000, called on county chairmen to contact "every bond issuing agent and see that reports are sent in immediately."

Gordon Doran Named As Interim Coroner

Gordon Doran was sworn in as acting coroner of New Hanover county yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, in the offices of M. L. Meyland, clerk of superior court.

Doran will serve during the absence of deputy coroner, E. L. Strickland, who will leave Friday Jan. 4 to attend a three week business meeting in Chicago, Ill., and Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Hill Says He Will Return To Customs Office Here

The following statement by Col. John Bright Hill was released to the Star last night:

"I am still Collector of Customs on military leave without salary; millions of dollars have been collected in my name during my absence; Mr. Rawlins was acting Collector and Mr. Snead is now in charge and will be acting Collector until I am released from the Army. I was appointed for a term of four years in 1941 and on March 1st, 1942, I was called into the Army as a Major in the Reserve so would have approximately three years to serve. It is not necessary that I be reappointed as I only want to serve out the balance of my appointment which

PROBE REVEALS SHORT REPORT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—(U.P.)—Lt. Gen. Walter C. Short, 1944 Army commander in Hawaii, thought the first bomb dropped by Jap raiders on Pearl Harbor was a Navy exercise, but the second one convinced him "something was seriously wrong," it was disclosed tonight.

Short's testimony before the Roberts commission, and the separate inquiries conducted by special Army and Navy boards, not before disclosed—told his story of the disaster, and his disclaimer of responsibility for unpreparedness when the sneak attack came.

The voluminous reports were made available today to the joint Congressional Pearl Harbor inquiry, although Short, now a major general and retired, has not yet been called to testify.

Short disclosed that when the attack took place at 7:55 a.m. Honolulu time, Dec. 7, 1941:

"I was in my quarters. When I heard the first bomb explode, I thought that the Navy was probably carrying out some exercises that either they had not told us about, or that I had forgotten about.

"When the second explosion took place, I was out on my back porch

where I could get a look at Harbor, and I saw smoke. I came to the conclusion that something was serious.

"The chief of the next door, ran to my door and called to me. It is the real thing. We just had a message from Hickam Field.

"That was probably two or three minutes after 8 when he came in and notified me. By 8:10, all major Echelon commanders had been told to go into alert number 3, and everything was under way. The first plane of the enemy, I think, was brought down at 5 minutes after 8. So you can get an idea of the length of time it took to get into action."

Short said the anti-aircraft had skeleton crews at all of their guns. The three-inch guns had ammunition available 55 yards away. Four batteries were in position, but they hesitated to leave their ammunition in the open while the raid was on.

As soon as the attack took place Army intelligence (G-2) and the FBI began rounding up enemy agents, Short said. They rounded up 370 Jap agents, 98 German and 14 Italian. They could not find four.

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Hospital Plan For Vets May Be Started In City

OFFICIALS CONFER

Galloway, Representing Local Legion Post, To Attend Washington Meet

"Wilmington may become a 'trial community' under the Blue Cross plan, Ray Galloway, executive director of the local American Legion, wired the Star last night from Charlotte.

This information came following a meeting in Charlotte yesterday at which time Galloway met with members of the State Medical Society, state Legion officials and members of the Veterans Commission.

Galloway explained a meeting will be held in Washington, probably later in the week, with Veterans Administration officials at which time he, with two members of the State Medical Society and Wiley Pitken, director of the State Veterans Commission will ask for immediate action on the proposed plan.

The meeting was attended by Dr. Oren Moore, president of the State Medical Society; Dr. O. L. Miller, member of the society and president of the National Orthopedic Association and Dr. Preston White, also a member of the society.

Also attending were Robin Kryn of the state commission, Birwood Wilson, Gastonia, vice-commander of the state Legion, Pickens and Galloway. The meeting was held in the home of Dr. Moore.

According to Galloway the meeting was a complete success with all present being in accord with the proposed plan for medical treatment and hospitalization of veterans.

The group is requesting immediate adoption of the proposed plan in North Carolina with Wilmington being used as a "trial center."

It is the plan of the group to confer with Major Gen. Paul R. Hawley, acting surgeon-general of the Veterans Administration, who, in a reply to the local Post's proposal of the plan Sunday said he would welcome an immediate meeting with members of the group.

The local Legion, through Galloway and Don King, commander, contacted Gen. Omar Bradley, director of the VA last Friday night with the proposed Blue Cross plan as a trial community for the plan, which they suggested, could be used under a state-wide setup.

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FIRST PEACETIME BINGE SINCE 1941 WILDEST FOR U. S.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—(U.P.)—Wildest, noisiest and costliest New Year's Eve celebration swept across the Nation tonight with New York's famous Times Square bursting with a mass of delirious humanity as it never had before.

More than 2000 policemen were on hand in the Square to keep the revelry—first New Year's peacetime binge since 1941—in check.

Wet weather here and snow and slush in many cities called to dampen the roaring welcome for the New Year.

And in keeping with the weather. The merrymakers were running up probably the greatest drinking tab since the end of prohibition. New Yorkers by the thousands paid \$10 to \$35 in advance for the privilege of sitting down in a smoky night spot—with no drinks on the house.

A new night club opened for a near capacity house with the minimum tariff at \$75 a couple. From glittering, packed Broadway to Chicago's Loop and San Francisco's Market street, cash registers of night clubs, bars and just plain saloons played an accompaniment to hilarious voices and blaring horns. Usual OPA celling prices were lost in the rush.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Wage earners get a "pay raise" and big business a windfall tomorrow when new tax cuts become effective.

Under the \$5,900,000,000 (B) tax reduction bill passed in November, both big and little taxpayers benefit and about 12,000,000 people with very low incomes stop paying any taxes.

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For example, under the reduced tax rates, a man with no dependents who makes \$50 a week has had \$8.20 withheld for taxes. This weekly deduction will drop to \$6.80.

Persons in higher wage brackets and those not subject to withholding will feel the difference when they file statements of their 1946 taxes and make their quarterly payments which are due March 15.

The new law, first general tax-cutting measure passed by Congress in 18 years, is designed to reduce taxes of individuals by \$2,644,000,000 (B). Repeal of the automobile and boat use taxes in June will add another \$140,000,000 of relief.

At the same time, lower corporation tax rates and repeal of the excess profits tax are expected to reduce business taxes by \$3,136,000,000 (B).

The excess profits tax, which expires at midnight tonight, was imposed before Pearl Harbor and by 1943 had risen to a flat rate of 95 per cent. More than \$28,000,000 (B) has been collected through it.

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Truman Names New Board In Move To Avert Strike; Cut In Taxes 'Boosts Pay'

New Revenue Act To Help Wage Earner

BUSINESS AIDED \$5,900,000,000 Tax Reduction Measure Becomes Effective To Millions

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SALE OF BUILDING NEAR COMPLETION

Distributing Company To Purchase Old Willard Bag Co. Plant

Negotiations by State Distributing company for the purchase of the old Willard Bag company, 420 Martin street, from Howard A. Penton today were virtually complete, it was learned last night.

Allen M. Furman, a partner in the firm, said last night that the company, which distributes beer and wine, plans an expansion program here "as soon as materials are available."

The expansion planned, he said, applies not only to the company plant but also to the number and volume of products which will be distributed throughout the Southeastern district of North Carolina.

"Our company foresees a great future for this section of the State," Furman said.

Since Feb., 1941, State Distributing company has leased the Willard Bag company building, which has 6,500 square feet of floor space. The lot or which the one-story building stands, approximately 30,000 square feet in area, is also included in the sale of the property.

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Steel Union Sets Walkout For Jan. 14

700,000 AFFECTED President Asks OPA To Determine If Price Increases Are Justified

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—(U.P.)—President Truman tonight appointed a three-man fact-finding panel to investigate the wage dispute in the steel industry and ordered the Office of Price Administration to determine if any price increases are justified.

Moving to avert a walkout by the United Steel Workers (CIO) in their wage dispute with the United States Steel Corp., the President asked the OPA to report by Feb. 1, so that the findings of his steel panel can be made public by Feb. 1. The union has scheduled a walkout for Jan. 14.

The OPA is authorized by the President to review current steel prices to see if any increases would be "proper."

Benjamin J. Fairless, president of U. S. Steel, has refused two invitations from labor secretary Lewis B. Schwellenbach for conciliation conferences, saying it was "futile" to discuss wage demands without a guarantee of price increases to meet any pay boosts granted workers.

Appointed to the special panel were: 1. Associate Justice Roger I. McDonough of the Utah Supreme court, who has served on railroad emergency boards in the past.

2. Chief Justice James M. Douglas of the Supreme Court of Missouri.

3. Nathan P. Feinsinger, former public members of the expiring War Labor Board.

The union, headed by CIO President Philip Murray, has demanded a basic wage increase of \$2 a day. Negotiations broke down last October and U. S. Steel has refused to renew them until a price guarantee is received.

The nation's other 1,400 steel corporations also have rejected the \$2-a-day increase demand. The wage pattern for the industry usually is set by negotiations with U. S. Steel.

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USUAL OBEYANCE MARKS YEAR'S END

The year 1946 was ushered in last night along with chilly winds while Wilmingtonians celebrated in various ways throughout the city.

Many of the churches holding mid-night services with special music and programs drew large attendance last night as others welcomed the new year amid the usual din of firecrackers, horn-toting, whistle blowing and general ruckus of noise that traditionally ushers out the old year and greets the new.

Many private parties were held in the homes, clubs and night spots, where a warm greeting of the new year was celebrated.

With the first day of the year observed as a holiday, all city, county, state and federal offices will be closed today. Employees, however, will work Saturday to make up time.

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VETS PROTEST STUDENT FEES

Local Ex-Servicemen Brand Tuition Charge At UNC As "Inequality"

Four Wilmington veterans whose combined service with various branches of the armed forces totals almost nine years last night protested what they termed "inequality" in tuition fees of the University of North Carolina.

Pointing out that their education as returned veterans is costing more than it had entered as students without war service, the four expressed their conviction that the situation was being duplicated in state universities throughout the nation.

As returning veterans their education is paid for by the so-called G. I. Bill of Rights. Under the bill each returning veteran is allowed \$500 for tuition and \$65 per month for living expenses.

However, since their tuition and expenses are being paid by the federal government their fees are more than that of a native of North Carolina. Under the classifications adopted by the university, natives of the state pay a fee of \$26 per quarter, natives of states with which North Carolina has reciprocal agreements, \$58 a quarter and all other students, \$96.

"Because our fees are paid by the federal government," one of the veterans told the Star, "we are charged the highest figure even though our parents have lived here all their lives and have paid taxes to help support the university."

All four said at the rates demanded by the university it would be impossible for them to gain their education without some form of aid.

"We know it is legal," another of the veterans said. "Under the provisions of the bill there is nothing we can do, but we express our disfavor of a policy that penalizes a man because he served his country."

The four veterans who made their protest to the Star were: Charles T. Jordan, graduate of the New Hanover High school in 1942, 22, of 123 Brooks avenue; Kenneth R. Bland, graduated from NHHS in 1942, 22, of 209 Dock street; Charles E. Sasser, 19, graduate of NHHS in '44 and Emile E. Saleeby, 1922 Wolcott avenue, graduate of NHHS in '44 and Emile E. Saleeby, Jordan and Bland were second lieutenants in the air corps, Sasser a corporal in the Signal Corps, and Saleeby a staff sergeant in the troop carrier command.

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NOW GENE MARKEY ADDS MYRNA LOY TO BRIDAL LIST

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 31.—(U.P.)—Commodore Gene Markey, 50-year-old movie producer and Actress Myrna Loy, 38, got a marriage license today but said they couldn't set the date until they learn when Adm. William F. (Bull) Halsey can serve as best man.

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WEATHER

(Eastern Standard Time) (By U. S. Weather Bureau) Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m. yesterday.

Temperatures: 1:30 a.m. 51; 7:30 a.m. 56; 1:30 p.m. 56; 7:30 p.m. 48.9. Maximum 67; Minimum 44; Mean 53; Normal 47. Humidity: 1:30 a.m. 64; 7:30 a.m. 97; 1:30 p.m. 58; 7:30 p.m. 68. Precipitation: Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m.—0.12 inches. Total since the first of the month—6.60 inches. Hides For Today: (From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey) High: 8:28 a.m.; 2:59 p.m. Low: 8:37 p.m.; 3:35 p.m. Masonboro Inlet: 6:17 a.m.; 2:59 p.m. 6:20 p.m.; 12:32 p.m. Sunrise 7:18 a.m.; Sunset 5:14 p.m. Moonrise 3:37 a.m.; Moonset 3:50 p.m. River Stage at Fayetteville at 8 a.m. Monday. (No Report) feet.

Hirohito Tells Nippons He Really Isn't Divine

By RALPH TEATSORTH

United Press Staff Correspondent TOKYO, Tuesday, Jan. 1.—(U.P.)—Emperor Hirohito told his 80,000,000 Japanese subjects today that, contrary to what they have been taught all their lives to believe, he is not divine.

In his first major imperial recapture since the occupation of Japan began, he repudiated as a "false conception" the belief, embodied in state Shintoism and fostered by Japanese militarists, that the emperor is a divinity.

"The ties between us and our people have always stood upon trust and affection," he said. "They do not depend upon mere legends and myths.

"They are predicated on the false conception that the emperor is divine and that the Japanese people are superior to other races and fated to rule the world."

The emperor also admitted frankly that Japan had lost the war. "We feel deeply concerned," he said, "to note that consequent upon the protracted war ending in our defeat, our people are liable to grow restless and to fall into a slough of despond." He warned against a spread of "radical tendencies."

In calling upon his subjects to forget their "master race" ideas he summoned them to work toward a "thorough