

### FAIR BLUFF FIRE RAZES BUILDING

FAIR BLUFF, Jan. 26. — Fire, which for a time threatened to destroy the whole of this town's business district, early today burned to the ground a portion of the Scott Motor company building, causing damage of many thousands of dollars.

Originating in the company's hardware department, the blaze had gained such headway when first reported at 3 a. m., that fire trucks from Chadbourn and Whiteville concentrated the greater part of their efforts on saving other nearby structures. Lost, besides the building which will have to be rebuilt almost entirely, were paint and hardware stores, plumbing fixtures, electrical appliances and the business offices of the Scott Motor company.

Stores occupied in adjoining buildings were evacuated of their furnishings and contents while firemen, utilizing the nearby Lumber river for water, battled the fire to keep it from spreading. Officials of the company said insurance would partially cover the loss. No estimate was made of damage done to stocks and building.

### THREE PLANES SET FLIGHT RECORD

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first thing I saw was the East river and Central Park."

Col. Council, 35-year-old native of Pittsburgh and a graduate of Carnegie Tech, has flown Lockheed jet-propelled fighters since their first flights. Last Aug. 1 he flew a P-80 from Dayton, O., to New York in 62 minutes—a speed of about 538 miles an hour.

He served as commanding officer at a P-38 group in the 13th air force at Guadalcanal, and flew 70 combat missions in the South Pacific as a fighter pilot, shooting down three enemy planes. He received the distinguished flying cross for a flight over the Solomons on Jan. 15, 1943 when he and three other pilots shot nine Japanese planes attempting block a bomber formation on a mission against five enemy destroyers.

The P-80 "Shooting Star" ships as were used today have a light engine known as the "super-jet" which produces 4,200 pounds of propulsion, Army spokesmen said. The engine weighs only 1,820 pounds, is 48 inches in diameter, 101.5 inches long and can be removed from the plane in less than 15 minutes.

Kerosene was the fuel used today. The Shooting Stars piloted by Captains Smith and Babel carried only two-gallon wingtip tanks in addition to a special 100-gallon nose tank.

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### Col. Hobbs Visiting Here



Col. and Mrs. Graham K. Hobbs, Raleigh, former Wilmington residents, are visiting friends and relatives here. The Colonel is recuperating from injuries suffered in an airplane accident when he was returning from the Philippines last November after three years overseas service. (Star-News Photo by Peter L. Knight).

### 148,000 WORKERS WILL GET RAISES

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union would expect more from GM than was obtained in the Ford settlement. "GM will have to go higher," said Thomas, because its present rates are lower than Ford's."

The General Motors average now is \$1.13. Said Reuther: "We will not settle with GM for less than 19 1/2 cents."

Both the Ford and Chrysler agreements must be submitted to the workers for ratification. Effective date of the Ford agreement was left to further discussions. The Chrysler contract, effective today, will run until Feb. 15, 1947.

The new contract, a joint Chrysler-union statement said, "recognizes the interest of both the union and management in peaceful settlement of differences through collective bargaining and also in high productivity."

"We negotiated in a friendly and a constructive spirit and both the union and the company earnestly intend to see to it that in our day to day relations these purposes are kept foremost in mind."

In the same spirit we agree that there should be no vilification of the other by either the union or the company."

The Chrysler wage negotiations dated back to last Sept. 25. Both sides made concessions, Chrysler spokesmen said, which "will im-

prove employe-management relations, better the procedures for handling grievances and raise productivity."

The Ford settlement was announced in the following joint management-union statement:

"An agreement on a wage increase of 18 cents an hour was reached today by the Ford Motor company and the UAW-CIO.

"The effective date of the wage increase still has not been decided. Details connected with fair, efficient and uninterrupted production will be discussed at an early date and we hope that the wage increase will become effective not later than Feb. 1.

"We have every confidence that there will be an early termination to all matters remaining to be negotiated."

The statement was signed by John S. Bugas, Ford industrial relations director, and Richard T. Leonard, National Ford director for the UAW-CIO.

The agreement will now be submitted to the UAW-CIO strike strategy committee and if approved by that body, will be passed on by the membership of the Ford UAW-CIO local.

It will increase the average wage rate of Ford hourly-rated workers to \$1.37 cents an hour.

Takes Initiative  
At a news conference following announcement of the agreement, Leonard said the union had taken the initiative in reaching the settlement.

He said he believed it would have a "strong impact" on negotiations with other automobile manufacturers as well as in the steel industry.

Asked why the union had scaled down its wage demand from approximately 36 to 18 cents an hour, Leonard said:

"In nine weeks of negotiating we got to know more about the company's financial condition. We are convinced 18 cents an hour is all they can afford right now."

Company officials would add nothing to the prepared announcement.

The first major break in the five-month wage fight in the automobile industry, the settlement represents the largest agreement reached nationally since the close of the war. Rumors that it was imminent have persisted for more than a week when the negotiators began almost daily and sometimes twice-daily meetings.

Yet to be disposed of is the company's demand for a "company security" agreement. There was no disclosure in today's announcement whether that had been dealt with. Neither was there any mention of an earlier management stipulation that any wage agreement must be coupled with the attainment of volume production. The management originally stipulated it would agree to a wage increase only after output volume reached a minimum of 80,000 units a month. Current production is a rate of about half that volume. Ford's normal production is close to 100,000 units monthly.

MENACED BY STRIKE  
DETROIT, Jan. 26.—(AP)—The car industry's assembly lines which have made approximately 125,000 passenger vehicles since last July will come to a standstill within the next fortnight if the steel strike continues.

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### Obituaries

SARAH WRIGHT PETERSON  
Mrs. Sarah Wright Peterson, 94, died yesterday morning in the home of her daughter, Mrs. T. R. Debnam in Norfolk, Va. She had been ill for two weeks.  
Funeral services will be conducted this afternoon in Glenwood Park Presbyterian church, Norfolk, after which the body will be sent to the Ward Funeral home, Wilmington, for burial in the family cemetery, Point Caswell, Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.  
Active pallbearers will be Joseph Simpson, Frederick Simpson and Wister Simpson, all of Atkinson; Dick Caddell, Rocky Mount, and D. J. Black and H. N. Shumpert, Wilmington.  
Honorary pallbearers will include J. C. Pretlow, Dr. W. T. Smith, W. H. Smith, W. H. Lewis, all of Wilmington, and Dr. Harry Harrison, Norfolk.

Mrs. Peterson is survived by two daughters: Mrs. T. R. Debnam, Norfolk, and Mrs. Hyacinth S. Black, Wilmington; six grandchildren: Mrs. H. N. Shumpert and D. J. Black, Wilmington; Mrs. W. P. Wood, Richmond, Va.; Mrs. E. E. Scofield, Oak Ridge, Tenn.; Mrs. M. D. Caddell, Rocky Mount; Haywood P. Debnam, Norfolk, and 14 great-grandchildren.

ETHEL LOUISE PITTMAN  
Mrs. Ethel Louise Pittman, 68, 307 S. Sixth street, was found dead in bed yesterday morning at about 5:30 o'clock. She had been complaining of a bad cold and had suffered a slight heart attack recently according to members of her family. No coroner's inquest was held.

The deceased is survived by a son W. M. Pittman, Wilmington; a sister, Mrs. Alice Malpass, Mt. Olive, and a brother, Chancey Walker, Aikinson.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Yopp Funeral home. The Rev. C. E. Baker will officiate. Burial will be in Prospect cemetery.

Active pallbearers will be Clarence Spencer, Johnny Walker, J. Wesley Guthrie, Dallas Moore, Ernest Johnson and J. C. Davis.

Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Dr. John T. Hoggard, J. B. Sullivan, H. H. Spencer, P. R. Smith, Leon Padrick, P. B. Graham, Alex Buoy, J. W. Reeves, W. M. Abriam and Hubert Eason.

WILLIAM M. THOMPSON  
William M. Thompson, 63, died in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Albert Padrick of Carolina Beach road, Friday night.

Surviving are seven daughters, Mrs. Hans Bowers, Mrs. Chellie Jacobs, Mrs. Alvie Shipman, Mrs. Nettie Mae Melvin, and Mrs. Padrick, Wilmington; Mrs. Clarence Lewis, Wampee, S. C. and Mrs. John Lewis, Silver Spring, Md.; a brother, Reuben, Wampee, and a sister, Mrs. K. F. Thompson, also of Wampee; and 11 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held 3:30 o'clock Monday afternoon from the Harrell-Coble funeral home, the Rev. Walter B. Freed, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church officiating. Burial will be in Bellevue cemetery.

Honorary pallbearers include Dr. Robert B. Rodman, Dr. J. Watts Farthing, W. B. Potter, J. Siegfried, George Buss and J. P. Herring, Jr.

Active pallbearers include Herbert Schaar, Edward B. Ward, Julian Padrick, Alton Lee, Owen Martin, and William Fennell.

JACKSON HAMMOND  
FAIR BLUFF, Jan. 26.—Funeral services for Jackson Hammond, 84, long a resident of the Hanson crossroads community, were conducted from the Crossroads Baptist church today with the Revs. B. G. Early and Pierce officiating. Burial was in Meares cemetery.

Mr. Hammond, who died Thursday night, is survived by two daughters: Mrs. Carey Grainger and Mrs. Chauncey Enzor, both of Fair Bluff, and three sons: Robert, Floyd and Edward, all of the home.

Pallbearers were French Noble, Don Watt, W. C. Chelly, Gordon Hammond, J. D. and A. Hill.

DAN ODYSSEA  
MYRTLE BEACH, S. C., Jan. 26.—(AP)—Dan Odyssea, who is said to have established and operated the first waterfront restaurant at Myrtle Beach, died last night at 11:30 o'clock in a Conway hospital. He was 56 years old.

Funeral will be held Wednesday at 2 p. m., in the Episcopal Church of the Messiah at Myrtle Beach. Odyssea, a native of Greece, had been in this country 40 years.

FURNIE H. THOMPSON  
DURHAM, Jan. 26.—Furnie H. Thompson of Clarkton died in Duke hospital this afternoon after a heart attack.

The son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Thompson of Bladen county, he had been employed by the Seaboard railway at Rocky Mount for 22 years before moving to Clarkton last year. He was a member of the Shady Grove Baptist church, the Red Men and the Junior Order.

He is survived by his wife, three daughters; Margaret, a student at the Woman's college of North Carolina, and Mary and Frances of Clarkton; two brothers, C. A. and Ira of Clarkton; a sister Mrs. Ed Norris of Bladenboro.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon.  
Some of the plants have been able to continue limited production with dwindling stocks of glass; in a few instances cars have been shipped from factory to dealer with card-board in the windshield frame and a notice that the plate glass could be installed later in the retailers' service departments.

### SHORT DENIES ARMY, NAVY OFFICERS WERE 'SLEEPING OFF JAG'

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Hawaiian military forces had been on an all-out alert the attack might never have been made. It was "quite probable," he said, that the Japanese raiding force might have learned of the state of readiness from spies and turned back for fear of heavy losses.

Declared he would have pleaded innocent on every one of 11 proposed counts had he been brought to trial before a court martial.

There was a ripple of applause from spectators as Short left after thanking the committee for the opportunity to tell his story publicly. He said that as a "loyal soldier" he had been forced to keep silent for four war years while bearing "the burden of public censure."

The committee now has questioned all major Army-Navy figures connected with the Pearl Harbor debacle.

On Monday, it will hear Capt. Ellis M. Zacharias and former Supreme court justice Owen J. Roberts. Zacharias, a naval intelligence officer, has been quoted as saying he predicted both the time and place of the Japanese attack in a talk with Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, Pacific fleet commander, in March, 1941.

Roberts headed a presidential commission which in 1942 made an investigation of the attack and con-

### Jacksonville Youth Held In Fatal Shooting

JACKSONVILLE, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Ralph Petteway, 17, was placed under \$2,000 bond today in connection with the fatal shooting of his father, Julius Pate Petteway, 51, at the Petteway home near here last night.

Officers quoted young Petteway as saying he fired eight times with an automatic rifle at his father after the latter had struck the youth's mother. Six bullets hit the elder man.

Petteway waived a preliminary hearing and was bound over for grand jury action.

Confectioners are the largest users of corn syrup in the nation, and this year will consume more than 800,000 pounds.

cluded there was "dereliction of duty" on the part of both Short and Kimmel.

Although Short had complained that the War Department failed to supply him with needed anti-aircraft weapons and planes, he testified in reply to questions from Rep. Keefe (R-Wis) that the major factor in the Japanese success was lack of information.

It was Keefe who brought up the question of whether drinking played any part in the disaster.

He told Short "the story has gone around the country that you were all drunk out there that Saturday night and were sleeping off a jag that Sunday morning."

### TRAINMEN RETAIN STRIKE VOTE PLAN

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for non-operating personnel. Decisions by the board of arbitration are binding on both parties.

Harry H. Schwartz, chairman of the mediation board which brought about the agreement, said this "was the first instance in which a group of employers of the magnitude of the American railroads and such a large number of employees have voluntarily submitted the issues of rates of pay to arbitration."

"About 1,300,000 employees are covered by the agreement.

"As the mediation board pointed out, 'this is another demonstration that collective bargaining is still functioning in this industry that has operated the railway labor act for the past 20 years.'

"I am highly gratified at this report from the national mediation board and congratulate the board and the parties concerned on their fine accomplishment."

An annual meeting of the South-west District, Wyoming Education Assn., slated for Jackson, Wyo., in October was called off because of the large amount of hunters and tourists in the area.

His statement follows:  
"I have just received a tele-

gram from the national mediation board, reporting on the conclusion of mediation proceedings in Chicago. A wage dispute between all the 134 principal railroads of the nation and the railroad labor unions had been in process of mediation for the past three weeks.

"The telegram informs me that an agreement to submit the dispute to voluntary arbitration in accordance with the railway labor act has just been concluded between the railroads and 18 of the 20 railroad labor unions.

"The president said in a statement that the board had telegraphed him reporting the results of mediation proceedings in Chicago involving wages of about 1,300,000 employees.

CONGRATULATED  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—(AP)—President Truman today congratulated the national mediation board, 134 railroads and 18 of the 20 railroad labor unions on an agreement to submit a wage dispute to voluntary arbitration.

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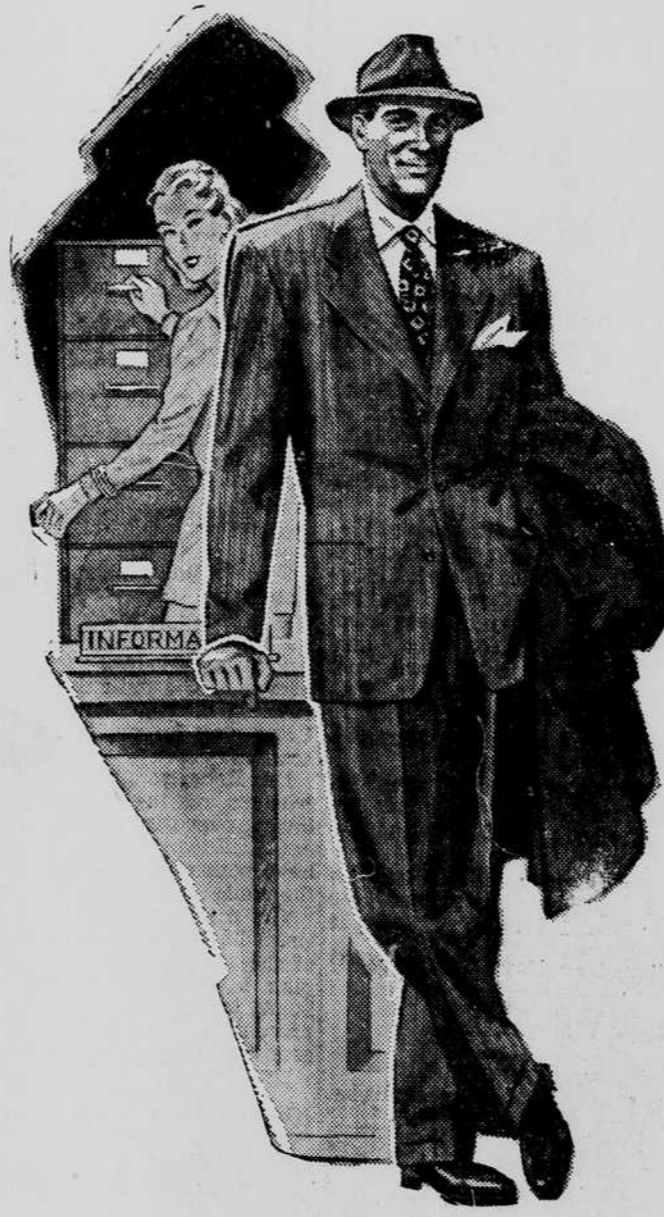
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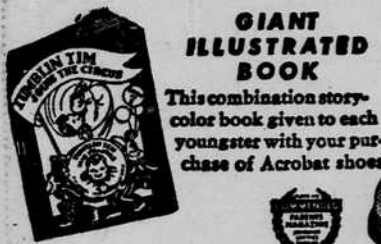
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